

INTERNATIONAL SKI CLUB OF GENEVA (SCIG)

GLACIER D'ARGENTIÈRE

SUNDAY 2024 JULY 14 - MOYEN - HAUTE SAVOIE

This is one of a small number of hikes which allow the inexperienced hiker to walk onto the edge of a spectacular glacier.

We drive to Argentière, take the cable car to the Plan Jordan mid-station (2134), and walk down to the Refuge de Lognan (2067), where we will have a quick coffee. We follow a dirt road up to an impressive close-up view of the house-sized seracs above an icefall. We continue up a trail to the Point de Vue (2339). At the Point de Vue we have a close-up view of the Argentière glacier. With a short rock scramble, you can walk onto the edge of the glacier, if you wish. There is a view up-the glacier to the point where the French, Swiss and Italian borders meet on the summit of Mont Dolent. There are also excellent views of the magnificent Aiguille de Chardonnet and Aiguille d'Argentière, looming above the glacier, and of the Aiguilles Rouges across the valley. We will have our picnic at Point de Vue. We return to Plan Jordan and descend the cable car to our cars. **The last cable car descent is at 17:00.**



Inscription: On or before July 11 by email to bill_larson@bluewin.ch

I need to know:

- Your first and last name
- Your mobile number.
- An email address you can read on the weekend.
- Do you have a car? If so, how many can it hold, **including yourself?**
- If I do not know you, are you fit enough to walk for 4 hours at normal speed? what hiking or other sports have you done this year?
- Are you a SCIG member? (Membership is June 1 to May 31.)

Rendezvous: Time: 7:45 for an 8:00 departure

Place: Parking lot of the Salle Communale de Chêne-Bougeries, route du Vallon 1.

By car: take the Route de Chêne towards Chamonix. Following the signs for Chamonix, turn right onto Route du Vallon. The parking area is on the left in 100 m.

By tram: take tram 12. Get off at Grange-Falquet. Walk 100 m away from Geneva; turn right onto Route du Vallon. The parking area is on the left in about 100 m.

To Bring: Boots, hat, picnic lunch, water, sweater, rain gear, sunscreen, sunglasses, **Euros**, passport, and visa if necessary. (**The hike is in France.**)

Price: 5 CHF club tax (15 CHF for non-members.)

Plus cable car 22.00€ AR (18.70€ for 65 years or more).

Plus (170 km × 0.2 = 35 CHF) 40 CHF to be paid per person directly to your driver. The driver will pay the freeway tolls 13.20 € RT.

Maximum participation: 24 people

Maximum altitude: 2360 m

Elevation gain & loss: ±600 m

Walking time: About 4 hours

Transport: private cars & cable cars

Leader: Bill Larson 079 373 4686 bill_larson@bluewin.ch



In case of rain: If the forecast is bad, we will cancel. I will send an email with a decision about midday the day before the hike.

Advice to drivers: Take the autoroute to Chamonix. Continue past Chamonix, following signs for Martigny. About 10-15 minutes after Chamonix, park in the large parking lot at the Argentière/Grands Montets ski station.



- By registering, you agree that you are fit for this level of hike and/or that you have previously participated in a similar hike with SCIG.
- By registering, you confirm that you carry insurance against accidents and mountain rescue, including helicopter rescue operations. (See REGA: <https://www.rega.ch/en/home.aspx>) Check with your employer to see if you are properly insured.
- The hike leader and SCIG disclaim any and all liability for accidents related to this hike.

