

INTERNATIONAL SKI CLUB OF GENEVA

TOUR DE L'ARGENTINE

SATURDAY 9 AUGUST 2025

13KM - ELEVATION GAIN/LOSS 1050M

DIFFICULT

Meadowland, fissured mountains, magnificent views and Alpine pastures, this very varied hike circles the Arête de L'Argentine mountain chain.

The hike starts on Solalex plateau, located at the end of a valley basin at the foot of the Diablerets massif and the impressive Miroir d'Argentine: this shimmering silver rock wall, literally smooth as a mirror, is a classic for all mountaineers. It is a fossilised coral reef, once submerged in the primeval Tethys Sea (200 million years ago). We then hike uphill via a difficult and slippery passage (equipped with chains and to be passed with caution) under Roc du Châtelet, towards Anzeinde. From there, we will have a stunning view of the steep rock faces beneath the glaciated Diablerets group of mountains. and from here on, the hike itself becomes increasingly Alpine. After crossing the Col des Essets we descend through a valley to Alp La Vare, and then the route climbs again via Sur Champ to La Motte. On reaching the top, an enchanting view of the Rhone and Lake Geneva opens up. Then comes a somewhat steeper descent to Solalex for a drink and the return home.

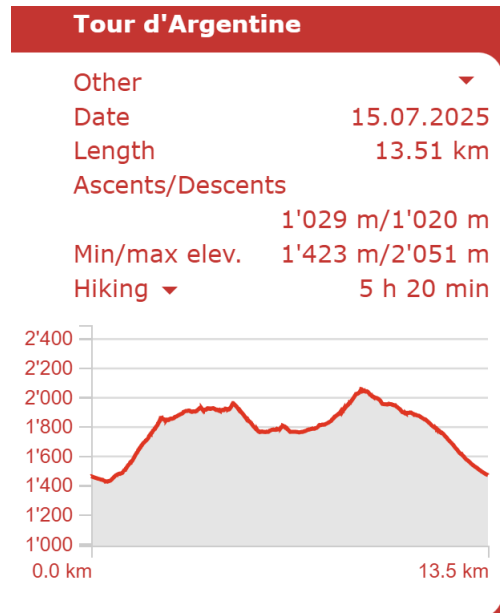


Inscription: by email to ctruesdell@hotmail.com before 18:00hrs 8 August.

Hike is limited to 12 people

I need to know:

- 1) Your first and last name
- 2) An email address you can be reached on the weekend
- 3) **Your mobile number**
- 4) Comparable hikes you have done this season; are you able to walk up and down hills for 5hrs. at normal speed?
- 5) Are you a SCIG member?



To Bring: good boots, hat, picnic lunch, drink, warm coat, rain gear, sunscreen, sunglasses, collapsible poles (optional)

Price: Train (**to be bought individually**) from Geneva to Gyron, Solalex abonnement 45.60 CHF (**Please note as of writing it is not possible to buy a ticket from Geneva to Solalex on the SBB app. You must either go in person to the ticket office, or you can buy a ticket to Aigle and buy a ticket from Aigle to Solalex on the TPC app, which you need to download, or you can buy the ticket at the TPC machine in Aigle**); plus ski club tax: 5 CHF (members) 15 CHF (Non-members);

Rendezvous: 6:08 departure at Cornavin station on the platform, currently platform 4. Train direction St-Maurice. Change in Aigle for the bus 144 Stop B at 07:50 to Villars-sur-Ollon. From Villars-sur-Ollon gare take bus 161 to Gyron, Solalex, arriving at 08:55.

Caroline will meet group in Aigle at bus stop B.

Return: Bus from Solalex departs at 15:02 and then at 18:02 to catch connection to Geneva. We will aim for the 15:02 which should get you to Cornavin at 19:21.

Leader: Caroline Truesdell ctruesdell@hotmail.com +41 79 290 5068

Walking time: About 5.5 hours **Transport:** train

Confirmation or cancelation of the hike: If the weather forecast is bad, I will cancel on Friday.

- By registering, you agree that you are fit for this level of hike and/or that you have previously participated in a hike with SCIG.
- By registering, you confirm that you carry insurance against accidents and mountain rescue, in particular 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.*