Summer hike to the ice caves on the Aletsch Glacier

Every Thursday from mid-June to mid-October or on request

Travel by large gondola at 09:03 from Mörel to Riederalp-Mitte, arriving at 09:15.

Meeting point and start time

The meeting point is at around 9:30 a.m. at the valley station of the Moosfluh gondola lift.

Trip to Moosfluh (2333 m above sea) and descent to the Aletsch Glacier (1900 m above sea). The view of the ice giant is fantastic. We arrive at the glacier at around 11:30 a.m. and spend lunchtime exploring the edge of the glacier with its deep crevasses, icefalls, and ice caves. The ice is currently melting very quickly and the caves are also melting away or becoming smaller. It is impossible to predict how the glacier's edge will change from week to week. What is possible will be assessed on site. If there is a high residual risk, we will not enter any caves, but will photograph them from the outside. The view under the ice and the photos are always fascinating. The edge of the glacier is always very attractive.
We take a different route for the return journey. The ascents past the “Alten Stafel” or the “Chalchofu” to the ridge are very varied, somewhat longer but less steep. We then hike from the ridge on flat ground directly to the idyllic Blausee lake, with the best view of the highest mountains in Valais. From there, we take the gondola back to Riederalp. Those who wish to can also walk to Riederalp (approx. 1/2 hour).

Guests staying in Bettmeralp will say goodbye at Blausee and make their own way back to Bettmeralp. We will reach Riederalp at around 4:30 p.m.
The pure hiking times are approx. 1½ hours downhill (from 2,330 to 1,900 meters above sea level) and approx. 2½ hours back to Blausee. During the hike, the hiking guide will entertain guests with interesting facts and stories about glaciers.

Normal hiking equipment is sufficient, sturdy sports shoes with good tread are also acceptable if participants (e.g., young people) are sure-footed. Bring food, beverages and don’t forget the camera. Guests purchase their own gondola tickets. GA and Half-Fare card holders receive a discount on the Moosfluh gondola. Participants with a guest card also receive a discount. Groups of 10 or more can purchase group tickets.
Hiking poles are recommended (they relieve strain on the knees and hips). Depending on the weather, rain gear is advisable and useful, and possibly a sweater to go with your jacket.

Adults CHF 50.-, children up to 16 years CHF 20.-, families including all children up to 16 years CHF 110.-.
Further information can be found at www.draussenVS.ch or at Aletsch Tourism under Tour Aletsch Glacier Ice Caves (aletscharena.ch).
I am happy to answer any further questions. Welcome to the Aletsch Arena.

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