

TOUR OVERVIEW

On the eve of the climb, you'll take the gondola from Zermatt (1,620 m) to Schwarzsee (2,583 m), then hike to the Hörnlihütte (3,260 m), a 2-hour journey. Don't rush—the hut opens at 14:00. After dinner, you'll meet with me, your mountain guide, for a briefing and gear check. Early to bed—we rise at 4:00 a.m.

With harness, boots, and helmet on, we join the front of the line—an important safety measure. The climb along the Hörnli Ridge is demanding but incredibly rewarding. At the summit, the views span Mont Blanc, the Bernese Alps, and the Italian ridges—a memory to treasure.

⚠️ Safety is paramount. If conditions or physical readiness compromise the climb, I reserve the right to turn back at any point.

PREPARATION TOURS

Not quite sure if you're ready for the Matterhorn? If you have experience on 4,000 m peaks, are fit, and know your way around crampons and alpine rock—but want a little more assurance—we can add 1 or 2 training climbs. I'll tailor them to you and give you an honest green light (or red flag).

Just let me know your preferences, and I'll send you a detailed proposal.

FACTS & FIGURES

- Matterhorn Climb Duration: ~8 hours (4h up, 4h down)
- Training Climbs: ~4–5 hours
- Best Season: July–September (conditions permitting)
- Group Size: Matterhorn 1:1 | Training: 1–2 participants
- Difficulty:
 - Technical: ++++
 - Endurance: ****

💡 You should be acclimatised and able to climb ~650 vertical metres/hour. Multi-day hikes with 1000–1500 m elevation gain are ideal prep.

RATES

- With 1 Training Tour: from CHF 2,985
 - With 2 Training Tours: from CHF 3,345
- (Includes a non-refundable CHF 150 deposit)

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Matterhorn ascent with me as your private guide
- Training climbs (Riffelhorn and/or Pollux, depending on availability)
- Diploma and Matterhorn pin upon successful summit

EXTRA COSTS

- Return lift passes:
 - Zermatt–Schwarzsee: CHF 57
 - Zermatt–Klein Matterhorn: CHF 114.50
 - Zermatt–Rotenboden: CHF 92 (depending on training tour)
- Gear rental: CHF 50–70 (available in Zermatt shops)
- Hörnlihütte overnight (you and your guide): CHF 150 each

IMPORTANT NOTES

- Minimum group size required for shared training climbs
- I only take one client to the Matterhorn summit—for safety
- Please inform me about your previous alpine experience (Kilimanjaro and Mont Blanc are not comparable)
- Accident and evacuation insurance is your responsibility

 Bonus: Successful climbers receive a personalised diploma and pin!

READY TO CLIMB?

Please check in with me 2–3 days before your climb to go over weather and final details.

Book now, and let's summit your dream together.

—Jeremías Varela, UIAGM Mountain Guide