

# GROSSGLOCKNER

## Way of first climbers

The common hike from Heiligenblut to the Grossglockner. Out of the different climbs to the Grossglockner this one maybe is the most worthwhile way, not only because of its scenic variety and loneliness, but also due to its historical significance.

### - General tour-descriptions

#### Arrival:

Drive on the toll road "Grossglockner Hochalpenstraße" in direction to the "Franz-Josefs-Höhe" to the Glocknerhaus (parking is available).

#### Glocknerhaus to Salmhütte (ca. 3,5 hours, 700 altitude difference)

Hike from Glocknerhaus (2.136m) over the dam crest of the Margaritzen-reservoir (2.000m) to the "Stockerscharte" (2.442m) and over the hiking trail "Wiener Höhenweg" to the Salmhütte (2.644m). The short rocky passage at the Stockerscharte is a little bit exposed. In general the path is well maintained, a trained mountain hiker should have no problems with it und doesn't need the accompaniment of a mountain guide. So in most cases the meeting point with the mountain guide is at the Salmhütte.

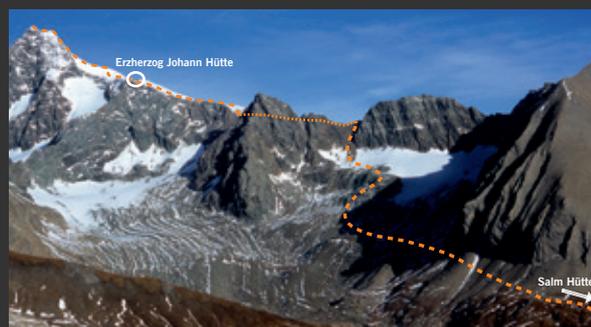
#### Salmhütte to Erzhzog-Johann-Hütte "Adlersruhe" (ca. 3,5 hours, 850 altitude difference)

From Salmhütte (2.644m) you'll get to the Hohenwartkees (a glacier) after 1 hour over a hiking trail, passing it upward to a steep rock stage. You'll reach the Hohenwartscharte after a short climbing part, secured on the mountain guide's rope. After crossing the Hofmannskees to the Salmkamp you'll reach the Erzhzog-Johann-Hütte (3.451m).

#### Erzhzog-Johann-Hütte to the top of Grossglockner (ca. 2 hours, 350 altitude difference)

Roped to your guide you will be led to the „Glocknerleitl“, a very steep glacier. Thereafter begins the climbing part, passing the Kleinglockner (Small Glockner) and climbing down to the "Glocknerscharte", where the most difficult climbing part begins. After that the way is free for your summit and you will stand on the top of Austria, the Grossglockner!

The way back is the same.



### - Requirements in company of a mountain guide

The only requirements are a good stamina and acclimatisation. You should be able to hike slowly for about 8 hours per day. All technical requirements like walking with crampons will be described and taught by the mountain guide during the tour.

### - Equipment

Touring rucksack, mountaineering boots, anorak with hood (Gore-Tex), weather-proof attire, cap, gloves, sunglasses (with UV-light protection), sun cream, lip balm, changing clothes, water bottle.

For the hut: headlight or torch, thin sleeping bag

If available: gaiters, crampons and sit harness. We recommend using walking sticks.

- Don't take too much equipment with you, especially not too much to eat, for you will be on a hut every 3 hours.
- Special equipment like crampons, ropes and sit harnesses will be provided by your mountain guide.
- Begin a mountain tour with good equipment. Recognise, that sun doesn't always shine and that on the summits the wind can be strong cold.

### - Best time

The best time for this climb is from middle of June to end of September.

### -Info

- For the night in the hut including breakfast and dinner you must count on 50€ more.
- The reservation for the hut will be done by your mountain guide.
- In most cases we can build a group, if you wish that, so that the price of the tour decreases for each person.
- For every successful ascent every "summit winner" gets a climbing certificate.
- Für die erfolgreiche Besteigung bekommt jeder Gipfelsieger eine Besteigungsurkunde.

