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Mount Elbrus · 9 days

Elbrus from the South

Climb Mount Elbrus from the south on the classic route, with acclimatization, mountain hut nights, cable-car logistics, and a guided summit attempt.

Currently unavailable

TAF Travel is currently unable to operate Mount Elbrus tours because of the current political situation in Russia and related cross-border travel conditions in the Caucasus. Departure dates have been removed, and we are not accepting reservations for these programs at this time.



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Mount Elbrus overview

About the Elbrus from the South

The southern route is the most popular and relatively easy way to climb Mount Elbrus. It starts with the landscapes and cuisine of the Baksan Valley, builds altitude through Mount Cheget and Devichi Kosi waterfall, and uses the cable car to reach the mountain hut before the summit push.

- ✓ Mount Cheget acclimatization hike
- ✓ Devichi Kosi waterfall and Observatory
- ✓ Crampon and rope training on Elbrus
- ✓ Summit attempt at Europe's highest peak

At a glance



Duration

9 days



Difficulty

1/3 · Moderate



Group size

6 people minimum · up to 8 people · 2 guides



Best season

April–October

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Price from

1,550 EUR

This route is not currently operating. We will review availability when conditions allow.

Mount Elbrus itinerary

The Elbrus from the South itinerary

The itinerary follows the source-based Elbrus program, presented in the TAF Travel format for future reference.

Day 1

01

Arrival and transfer to Elbrus

Meet at Mineralnye Vody Airport, or arrive through Tbilisi the day before. Transfer to the local office for equipment distribution, a group briefing, and the journey to the Elbrus region. Overnight in a hostel or 3-star hotel according to the selected tariff.

Day 2

02

Mount Cheget

Hike Mount Cheget with light daypacks and a packed lunch. Your instructor introduces walking and breathing techniques, and the summit area opens views over Mount Elbrus and the Baksan Gorge. Descend by cable car to preserve energy.

Day 3

03

Devichi Kosi waterfall

Continue acclimatization with a walk to Devichi Kosi waterfall, lunch, and an optional refreshing dip. The route continues toward the Observatory before returning to the hotel in the evening.

Day 4

04

Mountain hut and skills training

Take the funicular up the snowy slope of Elbrus and settle into the mountain hut. The guides teach rope-traverse technique and walking in crampons on snow and ice.

Day 5

05

Acclimatization to 5,000 m

Make the main acclimatization ascent, gaining about 1,200 metres toward 5,000 metres. Reaching at least 4,700 metres is required for a normal summit attempt; the guide will adapt the plan to the group and conditions.

Day 6

06

Rest and summit preparation

Rest before the climb, practice self-arrest with an ice axe, review the mountain skills, and prepare packs for the ascent. The day may be used for the climb instead if the weather window requires it.

Day 7

07

Summit day

Start around midnight for the summit attempt. The group climbs roped and in crampons with ice axes, helmets, headlamps, hot drinks, and snacks. The ascent generally takes 8–10 hours, followed by a 3–4 hour descent to the mountain hut.

Day 8

08

Descent to the valley

Descend by cable car and return to the hotel. The group coordinates the rest of the day on site, with options such as a forest walk or Russian banya at an additional cost. The day can also serve as a reserve summit day.

Day 9

09

End of the tour

After breakfast, transfer toward Essentuki and stop at Narzan Meadows. Continue by individual transfer to the airport; return flights should be booked after the recommended departure times.

Mount Elbrus tour inclusions

What is included in the Elbrus from the South

- ✓ Tour manager assistance in English or Spanish
- ✓ Tourist invitation and flight-ticket assistance when required
- ✓ Two mountain guides for a group of up to 8 people
- ✓ National park entrance and all program transfers
- ✓ Eight nights in a hostel or 3-star hotel and mountain hut
- ✓ Three meals each day and chef service in the mountain hut
- ✓ Cable-car and funicular ascents and descents
- ✓ Group equipment, safety registration, satellite phone, GPS, and emergency oxygen
- ✓ Certificate of successful Elbrus ascent

Not included

- Flights to Mineralnye Vody, Tbilisi, or Kutaisi
- Personal gear and clothing
- Accommodation and meals before or after the tour
- Transfers from Tbilisi or Kutaisi unless arranged
- Mandatory mountaineering insurance

Mount Elbrus availability

Current availability for Elbrus from the South

Departure dates and reservation prompts have been removed while this operating pause is in effect.

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We will review Elbrus from the South when conditions change.

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TAF Travel terms for mountain, trekking, and ski tours

Preliminary Remark

All tours and courses are carefully prepared by us. Many offers involve adventure, risk, and uncertainty, which gives them a special appeal. Despite our best intentions, we cannot guarantee subjective travel expectations or individual preferences. Especially in mountain sports, there is an increased risk of accidents, which cannot be completely ruled out. Customers must exercise considerable personal responsibility and caution. Services included in the price are part of the contract. The scope of services is based solely on the travel confirmation and the advertisement in the brochure or online.

Travel Contract / Registration

Cancellation by the Customer and Payment Obligation

- If a cancellation occurs 15 days or less prior to the tour start date, the participant is obliged to pay 75% of the total tour price stated on the invoice. Once the invoice is sent to the participant, these terms are considered accepted.

- This deposit is non-refundable. The prepayment percentage you pay serves as the penalty deducted in case of tour cancellation:
 - A: Deposit without flight ticket: 25%
 - B: Deposit with flight ticket: 50%

!!! Prepayment percentages are strictly non-refundable.

For flight services, the airline's commercial and cancellation conditions apply. Paid flights will not be reimbursed by TAF Travel; the customer must seek any possible (partial) reimbursement directly from the airline.

Tour group policy. Solo travelers may join Mount Ararat and Kilimanjaro tours. Mount Ararat 6-day and 7-day departures require at least 4 participants; both Kilimanjaro routes require at least 3. Other tours are available only to existing groups of at least 6 people; TAF Travel does not assemble open groups for those tours.

Changes in Service and Price After Contract Conclusion

In case of a subsequent price change, the tour operator will immediately inform the customer. The main reason may be currency risks due to fluctuations in the € rate. Price increases within 20 days before departure are ineffective. In case of a price increase exceeding 5%, the customer is entitled to withdraw from the travel contract without charge or request participation in a tour of at least equivalent value, if the tour operator can offer such a tour without additional cost. These rights must be asserted immediately upon notification of the price increase.

Cancellation and Termination by the Organizer

The organizer may terminate the contract in the following cases:

1. If the customer persistently disrupts the event, fails to meet advertised requirements despite warnings, endangers the planned execution, or breaches the contract to an extent that justifies immediate termination. In such a case, the organizer retains the right to the travel price and offsets saved expenses.
2. Up to 2 weeks before departure, if the minimum number of participants is not reached. The organizer must immediately notify the customer and refund the travel price.
3. The organizer / course leader reserves the right to change or cancel the program for safety or unforeseen reasons. Saved expenses will be reimbursed.

Limitation of Liability

1. Our contractual liability is limited to three times the travel price, unless damage is caused intentionally or by gross negligence, or solely by a service provider's fault.
2. We are not liable for third-party services, luggage damage (including theft), delays due to traffic, or timetable changes.
3. Liability is excluded or limited to the extent permitted by law.
4. In case of unforeseeable or uncontrollable events, the customer has no claim for compensation or impaired service.

Invalidity of individual provisions does not render the entire contract invalid.



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