Walking Tour: Aletsch Glacier

This high-Alpine walk is a nature-gone-wild spectacle of moors, jagged mountains and deeply crevassed glaciers.

Start Fiescheralp
End Bettmeralp
Distance 17km
Duration 5 to 6 hours

1 Northeast of Fiescheralp cable-car station (2212m), fine views unfold immediately along the flat dirt trail.

2 Wind above the Fieschertal, cross Unners Täli gully, and climb to a small wooden cross.

3 Cross rocky ledges to the tiny Märjela valley, continuing to the Gletscherstube mountain hut (2363m).

4 Make your way to the Märjelensee (2300m), dramatically bordered by the Aletsch Glacier’s icy edge.

5 At Roti Chumma (2369m), fork right onto a magnificent route above a seemingly endless sweep of ice.

6 From Biel saddle (2292m), head southwest along a tarn-speckled ridge and grassy slopes to Moosfluh (2333m).

7 From the ridge, descend to the inky-blue Blauese (2204m), then continue to Bettmersee and Bettmeralp.

Classic Photo
The spectacular meeting of stark grey rock and bluish-white glacial ice at Märjelensee.