Treasures of Mont Blanc

BEAUTIFUL WALKS & CHARMING VILLAGES OF THE ALPS WITH KILLIAN BUCKLEY & TANIA MASI

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Overview





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TRIP DETAILS AT-A-GLANCE

| Length: | 11 days |
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| Arrive: | Talloires, France |
| Depart: | Chamonix, France |
| Lodging: | 10 nights hotels |
| Meals: | All meals included except 1 dinner |
| Activity: | Hiking & Trekking, Walking |

Trip Level: 1 2 3 4 5 6

Easy to moderate hikes, 3-4 miles most days, altitudes of 4,000 to 8,000 feet, van support

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy off-the-beaten-path hikes and French alpine culture in the traditional Tarentaise Valley
- Savor the comforts of alpine living with time to take advantage of the spas, museums, and delightful restaurants
- Walk high trails on mighty Mont Blanc, including two short hikes on the famed TMB trail
- Explore Italy's spectacular Aosta Valley, with a private cooking class
- Discover Courmayeur, the chic Italian mountain town at the foot of Mont Blanc
- Walk amid the chocolate-box chalet villages and flower-speckled meadows of the Swiss Valais
- Enjoy Chamonix, birthplace of alpinism

Introduction



Walk magnificent mountain trails in the Mont Blanc region, but instead of the challenging hikes of the classic Tour du Mont Blanc, we'll enjoy moderate hikes as we move from France to Italy to Switzerland. We begin in gorgeous Lake Annecy, then walk off-the-beaten-path trails in the sublime French Alps. Arriving in stylish Courmayeur, below Mont Blanc's Italian flanks, we hike below the alpine giants of the Aosta Valley. In Switzerland, we walk among ancient Swiss chalets and grazing cows, and finish in Chamonix, birthplace of alpinism, right at the foot of Mont Blanc. Jaw-dropping scenery, charming hotels, and cultural and culinary exploration make this a perfect alpine adventure.

TRIP DATES

June 19-29, 2024 September 11-21, 2024 June 18-28, 2025 July 2-12, 2025 August 13-23, 2025 September 10-20, 2025





Overnight: Abbaye de Talloires Set right on the Annecy lakefront, the Abbaye de Talloires is one of the region's historic hotels (Mark Twain stayed here in 1891 and Paul Cezanne painted some of his famous canvases here!). Guest rooms vary in size but are comfortable, and the hotel offers a spa and a fine-dining restaurant. The riverside deck is a great place for lake views and swimming.

Meals: L, D

Hiking Details: 4.5 miles, 3 hours, 1,300' ascent/1,100' descent. Optional afternoon hike: 1.8 miles, 1 hour, 1,100' descent

DAY 1 TALLOIRES, FRANCE / COL DU FORCLAZ / REFUGE DU PRE VEREL / PONT DU FEES

We meet this morning in the lobby of our hotel in the beautiful town of Talloires on the shores of mountain-ringed Lac D'Annecy in the historic region of Savoy. Our first hike brings us up to Rocher du Roux (8,133') for stunning panoramas over this spring-fed lake. We'll hike back down by way of the Chalet de L'Aulp, a farmhouse overlooking the lake, then have lunch at the Refuge de Pre Verel, a restored mountain chalet that offers homemade traditional Savoyard cuisine. For those who are up for an after-lunch hike, we'll take the pleasant downhill trail from Rovagny to Pont du Fees. There is time this afternoon to relax, swim in the lake, or enjoy the hotel's spa. This evening, we'll gather for our Welcome Dinner.

Note: You must arrive in Talloires, France, the night before the trip begins. If you are arriving in Europe via the Geneva Airport (GVA), we include a transfer from the airport to Talloires in your trip cost. We can book an extra hotel night for you at our group hotel in Lake Annecy (an "on your own" expense).



Overnight: Abbaye de Talloires Meals: B, L, D Hiking Details: 3 miles, 2 hours, 650' ascent/descent

DAY 2 RESERVE NATURELLE DU ROC DE CHERE / ANNECY OLD TOWN

Our morning hike starts right from the hotel and brings us up to the nature reserve of Roc de Chere, set atop a small, forested peak overlooking the lake. This 250-acre reserve has been protected since 1977 and offers amazing views of turquoise Lake Annecy and the steep green mountains all around it. Hikers with sharp eyes may spot some of the local amphibians, numerous bird species, and small forest mammals along the trail, and the flora is diverse. We'll be collected down at Port de Menton St. Bernard for a speedboat ride to Annecy town, where we can roam the cobbled streets. Annecy has a lovely Old Town of arcaded streets crisscrossed by enchanting canals lined with colorful houses. After lunch in town, we'll boat back to our hotel. Tonight we'll dine at one of the acclaimed restaurants in the area.





Overnight: Hotel Le Monal This family-run former coaching inn in the Tarentaise Valley first opened in 1888. It offers a warm and welcoming atmosphere, a lovely bar, and a restaurant serving typical Savoyarde cuisine. Guest rooms are simple but comfortable.

Meals: B, L, D Hiking Details: 2.5 miles, 1.5 hours, 600' ascent/descent Driving Time: 1.5 hours

DAY 3 CORMET DE ROSELEND / REFUGE PLAN-MYA / SAINTE FOY

Our scenic morning drive to the village of Sainte Foy takes us over the high mountain pass called the Cormet de Roselend (6,453'), which has been a stage on the Tour de France nine times. This stunning road pass, first paved in the 1970s, takes us into a realm of vast alpine meadows and past the beautiful Roselend reservoir. We'll stop at the top of the pass for a hike to the iconic red British phone box that still stands here overlooking the lake, then enjoy lunch in a traditional chalet in an alpine meadow below the summit. Afterwards, we head down to the charming village of Sainte Foy in the Tarentaise Valley, with its pastoral landscapes and French Alps character. Generations of alpine herders moved their sheep and cattle in this area long before the world-renowned ski resorts arrived. Overnight in the family-run Hotel Monal, a traditional inn that opened in 1888.



Overnight: Hotel Le Monal Meals: B, L, D Hiking Details: 5 miles, 4 hours, 1,000' ascent/descent Driving Time: 30 minutes

DAY 4 MONAL VALLEY HIKE / ARPIN WOOL FACTORY

Today's hike brings us above Sainte Foy into the ancient farming hamlet of Le Monal at the mouth of the Le Clou valley in the high Tarentaise. The historic buildings here, built of wood and stone in the 18th and 19th centuries, were abandoned in the 20th century as people moved lower to work in towns. Our trail leads through larch forests and we'll enjoy views of Mont Pourri (12,398'), the Savoy's third highest peak, and its glaciers, with a picnic lunch en route. For those who want to hike farther, we'll continue up about 1,500 feet to the abandoned hamlet of Le Clou. This afternoon, we'll visit Arpin, a wool factory founded in 1817 and one of the last places where weaving and manufacturing is done from raw fleece. This historic factory produces fine woolen fabrics and clothing. Dinner tonight is at Chez Mérie in the neighboring hamlet of Miroir, where we can taste traditional Savoyard dishes such as spicy chestnut soup.





Overnight: Grand Hotel Courmayeur Mont Blanc

The 72-room Grand Hotel Courmayeur Mont Blanc, right at the foot of Mont Blanc, is a five-minute walk to the pedestrianized area of Courmayeur. The lobby bar on the first floor has a stunning view of Mont Blanc and the restaurant has a fine selection of regional wines. There is a pool, spa, and sauna.

Meals: B, L, D Hiking Details: 4 miles, 4 hours, 1,500' ascent/descent Driving Time: 1 hour

DAY 5 COURMAYEUR, ITALY / AOSTA VALLEY

Our morning hike brings us into the spectacular setting of the Aosta Valley, surrounded by more than 40 mountain peaks, including Western Europe's two highest peaks, Mont Blanc and Monte Rosa. We'll hike up towards the Ruitor Glacier, which dominates the valley, passing three magnificent waterfalls that give rise to the Dora River. After lunch in the mountain town of La Thuile, we'll have the afternoon free in the chic Italian mountain resort of Courmayeur, right at the foot of Mont Blanc. We can use this time for an optional spa treatment at the historic QC Terme or just explore on foot in Courmayer's car-free center, full of shops and cafes. Courmayeur has been "on the map" since 1786, when Mont Blanc was first conquered by two men from Chamonix, France. Not long after, Courmayeur became Italy's mountain climbing capital.



Overnight: Grand Hotel Courmayeur Mont Blanc Meals: B, L Hiking Details: 7 miles, 5 hours, 1,800' ascent/descent

DAY 6 PUNTA HELBRONNER / VAL VENY HIKE / RIFUGIO ELISABETTA / TOUR DU MONT BLANC TRAIL

The impressive Skyway Monte Bianco Cable Car gives us a memorable ride up the steep flanks of mighty Mont Blanc, passing right along its glaciers. At the top, we step off at Punta Helbronner (11,358'), which offers jaw-dropping views (weather permitting) from its 360-degree observatory. We'll descend back to Courmayeur to enjoy an afternoon hike on a beautiful section of the Tour du Mont Blanc trail leading up the Val Veny, where the spires and rocky faces of Mont Blanc's south side tower above us. Blue glaciers, deep green pastures, and the orange granite of the overhanging peaks merge to make this one of Europe's most spectacular places. Our hike starts on a paved road but we'll soon be on an old jeep track as we head up to the welcoming Rifugio Elisabetta for lunch. The refuge has a beautiful perch overlooking this glorious valley. We follow the same trail down and return to Courmayeur. Dinner is on your own this evening in Courmayeur. The Trip Leaders are happy to make recommendations, depending on how local or fancy you want to go.





Overnight: HB Aosta Hotel The recently renovated HB Aosta enjoys a wonderful location, set at the beginning of the main pedestrian zone in Aosta's historic city center.

Meals: B, L, D Driving Time: 1 hour

DAY 7 VITTORIO EMANUELE II HUNTING LODGE / AOSTA / COOKING CLASS

We'll take a break from hiking today as we head to the charming town of Aosta. Our first stop is the hunting lodge of the first king of Italy, Vittorio Emanuele II, used by the king and his sons for hunting ibex in the surrounding valleys—the lodge's walls are decorated with thousands of ibex horns. The family eventually donated the lodge and the valleys around it to the Italian state, and in 1922 it became Gran Paradiso National Park, Italy's first national park. On arrival in Aosta, which has pizzerias and Roman ruins side by side, we'll take a walking tour to see some of the sites, including the grand Roman theater, then delve into the region's culinary scene with a cooking class with a local chef.





Overnight: Montagne Alternative This eco-friendly mountaintop retreat is located in the small "chocolate box" hamlet of Commeire high in the Swiss Valais. Guest rooms were created from century-old barns and renovated with style, making the most of the original wood and stone. Meals are fresh, locally sourced, and served in a common dining area. This hotel is an example of a so-called "diffused hotel," where guest rooms, breakfast area, and other hotel facilities are sprinkled around the whole hamlet, giving visitors the experience of living in a typical Swiss mountain village.

Meals: B, L, D Hiking Details: 4 miles, 3 hours, 1,800' ascent/descent Driving Time: 1.5 hours

DAY 8 GRAND ST. BERNARD PASS / LACS DE FENÊTRE / COMMEIRE, SWITZERLAND

This morning we drive up and over the historic Grand St. Bernard Pass at 8,100 feet on the Swiss-Italian border. This famed mountain pass has been an important link between northern and southern Europe since the Bronze Age. Romans crossed it with Julius Caesar in 57 BC and the French with Napoleon in 1800. While we're up here, we'll enjoy a hike to the three gleaming Lacs de Fenêtre for sweeping views across the Swiss Alps. After lunch, we'll head to our authentic mountain hotel, the Montagne Alternative, which has guest rooms created from century-old wood-andstone barns in the tiny hamlet of Commeire. There are breathtaking vistas over the valley here, and quiet walks in the early morning and just before sunset are a great way to experience the alpine ambiance of our unique lodging.



Overnight: Montagne Alternative Meals: B, L, D Hiking Details: 4.5 miles, 3 hours, 2,200' ascent/descent Driving Time: 1 hour

DAY 9 MONTAGNE DE MOAY HIKE / MARTIGNY / CLASSIC MUSIC PERFORMANCE

This morning, we hike right from our hotel up a track through forest that contours along the slopes of Montagne de Moay. Along the way, we'll pass a working farm and enjoy exceptional vistas of the Mont Blanc massif. Once we get up on the ridge at 7,000 feet, a full 360-degree view of alpine splendor is all around us. We'll have a picnic lunch amid this beauty then descend to our hotel. In the afternoon, we'll take a chairlift down and drive to the superb Pierre Gianadda Museum in Martigny, which has hosted exhibitions of works by Van Gogh, Picasso, Klee, Goya, Rodin, Giacometti, and Chagall, among others. The museum's extensive sculpture park features works by Miró, Rodin, and others, as well as a rare Renoir sculpture. This evening we'll enjoy an outdoor classical music performance at our hotel followed by a Swiss-style outdoor BBQ dinner at our "chocolate box Swiss village" hotel.





Overnight: Grand Hotel des Alpes (or Hotel Le Morgane)

A truly wonderful hotel that WT groups have enjoyed for years, the elegant Grand Hotel des Alpes is right in the center of Chamonix, set back on a lovely plaza facing a pedestrians-only street. The quiet garden terrace along the river is a great place for a drink in the evening or a breakfast buffet in the morning.

Meals: B, L, D Hiking Details: 3.5 miles, 2-3 hours, 1,300' ascent/descent

Driving Time / Train Time 1 hour / 45 minutes

Meals: B

DAY 10 VALLORCINE / COL DE BALME / TOUR DU MONT BLANC TRAIL / CHAMONIX

We drive into France to the village of Vallorcine in the splendid Chamonix-Mont-Blanc Valley. For our final hike, we'll be tracing a classic section of the famed Tour du Mont Blanc circuit. We start with a chairlift ride up to the Col de Posettes, and from there, hike up to the Col de Balme on the border between France and Switzerland, accompanied along the trail by grazing cows, with their ringing bells, and enjoying iconic views of the entire Chamonix Valley and Mont Blanc—a fitting finale, and we'll toast with champagne at the top. We'll have lunch in Vallorcine before catching a train to Chamonix. We'll gather for our festive Farewell Dinner tonight.

DAY 11 DEPART Depart for homeward-bound flights.

Pricing

TRIP COST

Prices are per person, based on double occupancy 2024

\$7,995 (11-14 members)
\$8,795 (6-10 members)
Single supplement: \$1,320
Please contact us for future years' pricing

To offer the lowest possible cost, our trips are priced according to the number of participants on the trip. All costs are per person, based on double occupancy. If you wish to have a single room, you must pay the single supplement fee. Please note that Wilderness Travel staff, or guests of Wilderness Travel such as travel writers, photographers, or leaders-in-training, are not included in the tier pricing count.

PAYMENT TERMS

At time of reservation: \$600 90 days prior to departure: Balance

CANCELLATION & TRANSFER FEE SCHEDULE

Up to 91 days prior to departure: No Charge! 61-90 days prior to departure: 25% of trip cost 46-60 days prior to departure: 50% of trip cost 45 days or less: 100% of trip cost

TRAVEL INSURANCE

We highly recommend you purchase travel insurance. You can take advantage of a comprehensive Travel Protection Plan designed for Wilderness Travel by Travelex, or purchase other insurance on your own. See our website for details: www.wildernesstravel.com/insurance

TRIP COST INCLUDES

- Expert leadership of a Wilderness Travel Trip Leader and local guides
- Accommodations in hotels and local inns
- All meals included as indicated in Detailed Itinerary
- A glass of wine or beer with dinner
- All ground transportation and baggage handling from meeting until departure
- All activities as indicated in Detailed Itinerary

TRIP DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Travel to and from the arrival and departure location as indicated in Detailed Itinerary
- Additional hotel nights outside the trip's scheduled dates
- Optional gratuities to Trip Leaders or staff
- Optional travel insurance
- Other expenses of a personal nature (some alcoholic beverages, laundry, etc.)

CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATE

Because the prices published for our program are set so far in advance of the trip dates, we are occasionally faced with exceptional cost increases and/or currency fluctuations that affect the actual cost of running the trip. In most years, no price changes are necessary. However, we do reserve the right to raise or lower the trip price if there is a significant change in costs or exchange rates. If this is the case, your final invoice will reflect the difference in trip cost.

Arrival & Departure

ARRIVAL & MEETING PLACE

Suggested Airport: Geneva Airport (GVA) **Suggested Date & Time:** Any time prior to Day 1

Meeting Place: You will meet your Trip Leader on Day 1 at 8:30 am in the lobby of the Abbaye de Talloires.

If you are arriving at Geneva Airport, a transfer from Geneva Airport to our hotel in Talloires, France, is included in the cost of the trip. It is a van service that will meet you at your requested flight—even if you arrive a few days ahead of the actual trip start date. Please note this is a public van transfer service and it is likely that other passengers may join the same transfer. The journey is roughly 1.5 hours with this service.

DEPARTURE

Suggested Airport: Geneva Airport (GVA) Date & Time: Day 11, anytime

If you are departing via Geneva Airport, we will provide an airport transfer service on any day to take you back to the Geneva Airport from Chamonix, even if you stay extra nights in Chamonix after the trip ends.

INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAVEL

You are responsible for making your own arrangements for flights to and from France.

There are many online consolidators for booking travel, but for more personal help arranging air transport, you can contact Exito Travel at 1-800-655-4053 in the US or 1-800-670-2605 in Canada. They are very adept at putting flight itineraries together, to even the most farflung places. More information can be found on Exito's website at <u>www.exitotravel.com</u>.

Depending on your routing, it is necessary to depart from the US one or possibly two days prior to Day 1 of the trip itinerary. The name on your airline ticket must match the name on your passport exactly, and your passport must be valid for at least six months after your date of return to the US.

Please do not purchase your tickets until you are

confirmed on the trip. Once tickets are purchased, please forward a copy of your email flight confirmation from the airline. It is your responsibility to ensure your flight times coordinate with the arrival and departure logistics for this trip.

Trip Leaders

Wilderness Travel Trip Leaders have a passion and a joy for creating an unforgettable journey. We are extremely proud of them and the incredible travel experiences they make possible. For more information, including client comments about them and which specific trips they will be leading, please visit <u>wildernesstravel.com/leaders</u>.



KILLIAN BUCKLEY

Killian Buckley grew up in Killarney, Ireland. His parents, a harpist and a poet, instilled in him a great appreciation for the beautiful things in life, and once he found the mountains, it didn't take long for him to become addicted to the wild beauty he found there. He began hiking and climbing regularly, and what began as a hobby soon became a way of life that led him on extraordinary adventures, including climbing some of the Alps' famous north faces and an ascent, with fellow WT guide Naoise O Muiraheartaigh, of Yosemite's El Capitan. In 2021, on his birthday, Killian and his partner Maggie welcomed their first daughter Henia into the world. The three of them live in Chamonix, France. Currently, he is adjusting to fatherhood and figuring out how much risk he is willing to take in the high mountains, but still enormously passionate about sharing his love and knowledge of the Earth's wildest reaches.

What to Expect

WHAT THE TRIP IS LIKE

This trip is rated **Level 3**, **Moderate**, according to our trip grading system. It is an active journey with hikes and walks that can be enjoyed by anyone in reasonably good health who has recent hiking experience. You will need to be comfortable hiking six miles in a day and being on your feet for 3-5 hours a day. Trail conditions, weather, and the group's level of fitness can affect hiking times and pacing.

Average Hiking Day

- 4 miles
- 3-4 hours
- 1,400' ascent/descent
- Altitudes range 4,000 to 8,000 feet

Challenge Day

• Day 6: 7 miles, 5 hours, 1,800' ascent/descent

TERRAIN At lower elevations, the trails are usually packed dirt, but at higher elevations they are often much rockier. While we've worked hard to find smooth hiking paths with gentle elevation gains, we will experience some rocky and uneven terrain on a few hikes. There will also be a bit of elevation gain and loss (roughly 2,200 feet at most), but generally in the mid-hundreds), but at a moderate pace and often with an option for a shorter hike.

GETTING IN SHAPE We strongly urge you to train for your trip, as your enjoyment will be highly dependent on your level of fitness. The best training for a hike is to hike, especially over hills or rough terrain. Next best are running, swimming, bicycling, or other cardiovascular exercises. Stair-climbing machines are excellent preparation for hiking uphill. Your feet should also be well prepared—make sure your hiking boots are sturdy, comfortable, and thoroughly broken-in. Altitude is generally not a problem on this trip. However, some people still experience a few problems when they first reach high altitude. Slight headache and sleeplessness are the most common symptoms.

WEATHER Temperatures during the day will likely be in the high 60s°F. At night, they will drop quite a bit, depending on the altitude. Mountain weather can be fickle, and it can range from blue skies with temperatures in the 70s°F to cloudy, wet, and cold days on which rain gear and warm garments are necessary. The early-season departures may encounter snow on the trails. There is a chance that we will need to choose alternate hikes if weather conditions are poor.

ACCOMMODATIONS Overnights are in mountain towns and alpine villages with great charm and character. They are comfortable hotels but not five-star resorts. The rooms are clean and comfortable, but are not always of uniform size or amenities. Our leaders do their best to assign rooms in a fair way so that all participants experience an equal advantage throughout the trip as a whole.

What to Expect

CUISINE Lunch will usually be in a local café or perhaps at a picnic spot amid the beauty of the surrounding mountains. Evening meals are at small restaurants of character, often featuring the cuisine the region is known for. Please note that in Europe, the dinner hour is considerably later than what it is in the US. We do our best to secure early reservations for our groups, but most often the evening meal will be at 7:30 pm.

TRANSPORTATION Our support vehicle will transport the group's luggage, so you only need to carry a daypack (rain gear, sweater, camera, water bottle, etc.).

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|-----|--------------|------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--|--|--|
| DAY | MILES | HOURS | ELEV. ASCENT/DESCENT | HOURS | | | |
| 1 | A) 4.5 miles | 3 hours | 1,300' ascent / 1,100' descent | | | | |
| | B) 1.8 miles | 1 hour | 1,100' descent | | | | |
| 2 | 3 miles | 2 hours | 650' ascent/descent | | | | |
| 3 | 2.5 miles | 1.5 hours | 600' ascent/descent | 1.5 hours | | | |
| 4 | 5 miles | 4 hours | 1,000' ascent/descent | 30 mins | | | |
| 5 | 4 miles | 4 hours | 1,500' ascent/descent | 1 hour | | | |
| 6 | 7 miles | 5 hours | 1,800' ascent/descent | | | | |
| 7 | | | | 1 hour | | | |
| 8 | 4 miles | 3 hours | 1,800' ascent/descent | 1.5 hours | | | |
| 9 | 4.5 miles | 3 hours | 2,200' ascent/descent | 1 hour | | | |
| 10 | 3.5 miles | 2-3 hours | 1,300' ascent/descent | 1 hour / Train Time: 45 mins | | | |

| AVERAGE DAILY MAX/MIN °F | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | ост | NOV | DEC |
| Chamonix | 43/25 | 46/27 | 55/32 | 59/37 | 69/46 | 75/51 | 79/54 | 79/54 | 70/48 | 62/41 | 49/32 | 42/27 |
| RAINFALL - INCHES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Chamonix | 3.5 | 3.3 | 2.9 | 2.2 | 2.7 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.6 |

Additional Information

CHOOSING THE RIGHT TRIP

Adventure travel often involves exotic destinations, unusual levels of physical exertion, or activities you may not have participated in previously. We work hard to help you choose the right trip for you, paying attention to your individual interests, abilities, and needs. If you have questions about the level of comfort or any of the activities described in this itinerary, please call Wilderness Travel at 1-800-368-2794 or email us at info@wildernesstravel.com.

REFERENCES

We'd be happy to put you in touch with a past client that has traveled with us.

ABOUT NEW TRIPS

This is a new adventure and one that we are particularly excited about offering. However, as with all new departures, flexibility and a spirit of adventure are always appreciated! Activities are described in the itinerary but they can vary, sometimes considerably, depending on weather conditions, the group, and other factors.

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TERMS & CONDITIONS

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