

Barre de Ecrins 4101 m

First ascent by Michel Croz, Christian Almer, A. W. Moore and Edward Whymper in 1864, involving delicate step-cutting over the north face and the upper section of the east ridge.

Difficulty:

AD (fairly difficult)
Exposed climbing at UIAA grade 2
Snow slopes up to 40°

Effort:

Ascent: 2350 hm, approx. 9 h
Descent: 2350 hm, approx. 5 h

Appreciation:

The ascent from Refuge Cézanne through the untouched landscape of the Vallée de St. Pierre in the Écrins National Park offers a steadily intensifying mountain experience. Its unspoiled setting and gradual build-up to the summit create the foundation for a deep and lasting sense of alpine fascination.

Day 1

Meeting point around 12 noon. The route leads past the runoff of the Torrent du Glacier Noir, steadily gaining steepness towards the north until reaching the Plateau du Glacier Blanc. Passing the ruins of the Refuge Tuckett, we continue to Refuge Glacier Blanc. Optionally, we can ascend further along the right edge of the Glacier Blanc to the Refuge des Écrins.

Day 2

Depending on the starting point, the route begins relatively flat along the northern edge of the glacier and leads into the Col des Écrins. From there, keeping left, the path steepens past the imposing rock towers of the Clochetons de Bonne Pierre and the seracs above them, approaching point 3791m on the east ridge. Continuing westward along the base of the bergschrund, we reach the Brèche Lory. From here, we climb over the bergschrund and a steep slope to reach the narrow and exposed ridge. After a short saddle, the ridge becomes exposed again and leads us to the far eastern summit at 4101m. We return along the same route and end this intense mountain experience with a heartfelt farewell.

Price:

1 person € 1500,-
2 people € 950,- per person