

Hohe Tauern

ALPINE MOUNTAINEERING WEEK

Großvenediger (3666 m): First ascent in 1841 via the Obersulzbachtal, organized as an expedition by Ignaz von Kürsinger. Of 40 participants, 26 reached the summit.

Großglockner (3798 m): First ascent in 1800 via the Salm Hut by an expedition led by Archbishop Franz Xaver von Salm-Reifferscheid of Carinthia.

Difficulty:

AD (fairly difficult)

Rock up to UIAA grade 2

Snow slopes up to 40°

Effort:

Multi-day stages of up to 1200 hm and 8 km

Appreciation:

Following in the footsteps of the first ascensionists across two distinct mountain landscapes. The Großvenediger, with its rugged glaciers, forms the largest contiguous glaciated area in the Hohe Tauern. In contrast, the Großglockner impresses with its compact chlorite schist and greenstone, forming a dramatic summit unlike any other.

Day 1

Meeting point around 12pm at the Hopffeboden car park. From there, we take the hut taxi to the material cableway. A 600 hm hike leads us to the Kürsinger Hut. In the afternoon, we prepare for the ascent of the Großvenediger.

Day 2

Before dawn, we set off by headlamp toward the glacier tongue. We rope up and cross crevasses en route to the Venediger Scharke — the steepest part of the tour. Along the way, we catch the first glimpse of our next goal: the Großglockner. The final part of the ascent follows a snow ridge to the summit of the Großvenediger.

Descent is via the same route to the Kürsinger Hut, with a final refreshment stop before hiking back to the cableway, where the hut taxi awaits.

We spend the night in the valley, processing the day's experience.



Day 3

This day is reserved as a contingency day or for transferring to the Salm Hut. We travel via the Großglockner High Alpine Road to the Glocknerhaus. After a short descent to the Magritzen reservoir, we hike up via the Stockerscharte to the Salm Hut. On the terrace, we enjoy views of the Großglockner and plan the next day.

Day 4

We start early again, heading to the Hohenwartkees glacier, where we rope up. The route continues over a snow slope and up to the Hohenwartscharte. We then cross the Hoffmannskees glacier and the Salmkamp to Adlersruhe – the highest mountain shelter in the Eastern Alps.

From there, we reach the East Ridge via the Glocknerleitl and follow it to the shoulder. In a breathtaking setting, we continue to the Kleinglockner. A short descent leads to the upper Glocknerscharte. Above it lies steep and slabby climbing and finally, the highest point in Austria. The panoramic view is stunning – the crevassed Pasterze Glacier and surrounding peaks provide an unforgettable backdrop.

Descent is via the same route back to the Salm Hut, where we spend the final evening reflecting on the tour.

Day 5

After breakfast, we return via the Wiener Höhenweg and the Stockerscharte to the Glocknerhaus. From there, our paths part – but the memory of this experience will remain.

Price:

1 person	€ 1900,-
2 people	€ 1080,- per person
3 people	€ 900,- per person