



Climate Change Close-up



29th June
6th July

From: Grenoble (F)
To: Zugspitze (DE)



The “We are Alps” tour is an initiative of the Permanent Secretariat of the Alpine Convention to promote specific alpine topics while using sustainable means of transport. The 2015 edition will focus on Climate Change, as a factor that is significantly changing the Alps and taking into consideration that the World Conference on Climate Change (COP-21) is taking place in December this year in one of the Alpine Countries (France).

Preparing the tour we selected projects and locations that highlight many different aspects of climate change in our region. During the tour we will present activities on climate change observation, adaptation and mitigation. We will facilitate first-hand experience in projects on glacier monitoring, climate change education, innovative mobility, energy efficiency, flood and natural risk prevention, changes in biodiversity, new approaches in agriculture and tourism; in other words we are endeavouring to present you with the whole story of climate change in the Alps – at least as much of it as is possible in a week's time.

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Secretary General of the Alpine Convention



We would like to sincerely thank all of our partners in this project:



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2015

Monday,
29th June

Grenoble

City and mountains

To kick-off the We are Alps tour 2015 we invite you to take part in the orientation meeting at the Maison de l’International. After that we will climb one of the rare urban Via Ferrata’s – the Via Ferrata at la Bastille. At the top of the city we will get a presentation of the actions for a more sustainable city (inclusion of nature, living with mountains and development of the sustainable district) located in the Alpine region.

Until 15.00	Individual arrivals to Grenoble
15.00	Meeting of the participants in the Maison de l’international (1 Rue Hector Berlioz)
16.00	Via Ferrata at “la Bastille”
18.30	Urban cable car to Bastille’s top and walk on the botanical path. Presentation of the mountain policy of Grenoble
20.00	Reception

Hotel Okko (23 Rue Hoche, Grenoble)

day 1



Tuesday,
30th June

Grenoble > Megève > Sallanches

Energy efficiency and Water management

Energy efficiency in the city has two major components: low-energy buildings and sustainable mobility. In the morning, we will get acquainted with both: low-consumption buildings at one of the 1st eco-districts developed in France – the former military buildings known as the Bonne Barracks – and sustainable mobility by visiting a mobility agency and a venturing test drive of e-cars. Traveling to a more rural area, we will have an illustration of how a mid-altitude ski resort adapts the use of water resources to the changed climatic conditions. We will conclude the day by becoming school-children and experiencing first-hand how climate change can be easily explained.

07.30	Breakfast
08.30	Bonne Barracks’ Tour, 1st eco-district in France
10.30	Stationmobile (mobility agency) and test drive of the e-car
12.30-16.25	Trains and bus to Megève
16.30-18.15	Visit of the Water management project in Megève
19.05-19.30	Bus to Sallanches
19.45	Visit of the “Center de la Nature montagnarde”, presentation of educational activities, dinner

Hotellerie les pres du Rosay, Sallanches (285, route du Rosay, Sallanches)

day 2



Wednesday,
1st July

Sallanches > Chamonix > Interlaken

Species moving upwards

Climate change has substantial impacts on biodiversity, especially in the Alps. With the help of experts, we will observe first-hand the changes in the flora, fauna and landscape. During lunch we will hear how climate change is tackled by an Alpine Town of the Year. Taking the picturesque ride with the Mont-Blanc express we will continue to Switzerland and get to know the Al-pine Pearls’ town of Interlaken.

07.30	Breakfast
08.50-09.50	Trains to Chamonix
09.50-13.00	Presentation of the Phenoclim Project at the CREA Observatory
13.00-14.30	Lunch with presentation of the Alpine Town of the year
14.50-18.30	Trains to Interlaken
19.30-20.30	Visit of Interlaken
20.30	Dinner and Presentation Alpine Pearls

Hotel Goldey (Obere Goldey 85, Interlaken)

day 3



Thursday,
2nd July

Jungfrauoch > Oberwald

Disappearing glaciers and appearing risks

Reaching the highest European train station, we will visit the Observatory of Jungfrauoch and see evidence of receding glaciers. After lunch, travelling to Oberwald via picturesque Grimselpass, we will see an example of climate change related risks.

07.00	Breakfast
07.52-10.22	Trains to Jungfrauoch
11.00-13.00	Visit and presentation of the Jungfrauoch observatory
13.00-14.00	Lunch
14.00-17.07	Train to Meiringen
17.10-20.30	Travel to Oberwald via Grimselpass (Spreitgraben)

Hotel Ahorni (Hinterdorfstrasse 3, Oberwald)

day 4



Friday,
3rd July

Oberwald > Liechtenstein

Biking for a better climate

We will experience what public and private sectors, together with civil society can do to convince cross-border commuters to use more sustainable means of mobility.

07.00	Breakfast
08.44-13.00	Trains and Bus to Liechtenstein
13.00-14.00	Lunch
14.00-15.30	Visit of a Power Plant
15.30-16.00	Biking tour to Schaan (ca. 5 km)
16.00-16.30	Refresment and presentation of communter’s topic
16.30-16.45	Biking tour to Hilti (ca. 3 km)
16.45-18.15	Visiting commuter’s infrastructure and aperitive
18.30-19.15	Train/Bus to Feldkirch
	Free evening

Hotels Gutwinski (Rosengasse 4-6, Feldkirch) and Bären (Bahnhofstraße 1, Feldkirch)

day 5



Saturday,
4th July

Grosses Walsertal

Nature, tourism and climate change

Presenting the pallet of actions a small valley in the middle of the Alps can perform in relation to nature, tourism, biodiversity, forestry, agriculture and their adaptation to climate change.

07.00	Breakfast
08.00-09.00	Bus to Thüringerberg
09.00-10.00	Welcome and Presentation of “UNESCO Biosphere Park Grosses Walsertal”
10.00-12.00	Forest Management: short hike and Information
12.19-12.24	Bus to St. Gerold and short walk to “Propstei St. Gerold”
12.30-13.30	Lunch
13.30-14.45	Information about the Project KlimTourV and free time to walk “Weg der Sinne”
15.00-15.56	Information about the Passivhouse community center
15.52-15.56	Bus to Blons
16.00-16.50	Visit of the avalanche community center , walk in the village and break with refreshments
16.58-17.18	Bus to Buchboden
17.45-19.00	Visit the sulfur spring (swimming)
19.30	Dinner (herbs menu) and presentation of Mountaineering villages

Bergsteigerdoerfer: Hotel Gasthof Kreuz (Buchboden 1, Sonntag)

day 6



Sunday,
5th July

Sonthofen > Garmisch-Partenkirchen

Wetlands regeneration and future generations

Sonthofen is a very active Alpine town with comprehensive action towards climate change and an active involvement of youth in the decision making processes. The Youth Parliament of the Alpine Convention will present their activities and resolutions from 2015 meeting over lunch. In the afternoon we will visit a regeneration of a wetland area which contributes to mitigation of climate change by reducing emissions.

08.00	Breakfast
09.30-13.30	Hike to Baad
13.30-14.40	Bus and Train to Sonthofen
15.00-19.00	Visit Wetlands Sonthofen with Youth Parliament presentation
19.02-22.03	Trains to Garmish- Partenkirchen

Hotel Garmischer Hof (Chamonixstraße 10, Garmisch-Partenkirchen)

day 7



Monday,
6th July

Zugspitze

High altitude high level meeting

The highlight of the tour is the meeting with the president of the Alpine Conference, German environmental minister, Ms Hendricks and the Bavarian environmental minister Ms Scharf at the highest mountain of Germany. We will visit the famous Schneefernerhaus Environmental Research Station on the topic of glacier and permafrost in the modern time.

09.00	Breakfast
10.15-10.45	Train to Eibsee
10.45-11.00	Meeting with Federal Minister Barbara Hendricks and Bavarian Minister Ulrike Scharf; press statement
11.15-12.00	Train to the Zugspitze
12.00-15.00	Presentation of the Schneefernerhaus Environmental Research Station and lunch
15.15-16.00	Train to Eibsee
16.00-17.00	Farewell aperitif
	Individual returns home

