



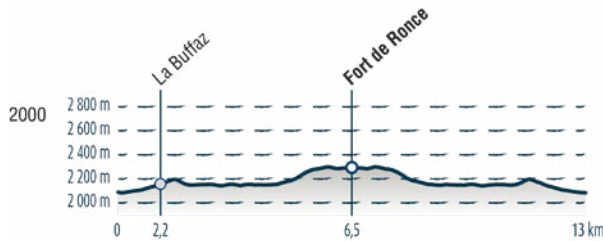
Access to start point

Val-Cenis, Col du Mont Cenis.

From Lanslebourg, follow the RD1006. Parking nearby.



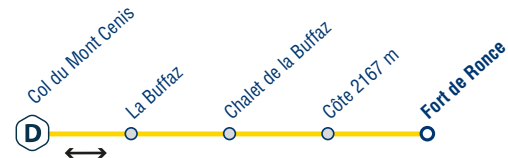
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Go back in time!



The time machine takes you back to the past of Italian soldiers. Grab front row seats on this terraced trail with breathtaking views. Seek out the best photo angles and take your time diving into the history of this emblematic site.



Along the way

Saint-Pierre chapel marks the beginning of your journey.

The sounds of the alpine herds echo the marmots' whistles in the distance.

The terrace of the 2000 trail seems to trail off to infinity. In the background, the regal Roche d'Étache cuts the horizon. The stage is set for retracing the military history of Col du Mont Cenis. Give in to the temptation of taking various scenic breaks, made easy by the gentle terrain.

Gain a little more height as you overcome the only difficulty of the day and then, take your seat! At almost 2,300 m of altitude, this circular fort is an infallible observation post! Though peace and quiet have reigned here for over half a century, you can still feel the weight of history.

As far as the eye can see, ridges draw jagged lines across the sky, reflected in the turquoise waters of the lake. There's no doubt about it: the horizon is all yours!

Life around here



Ronce Fort is one of many constructions built between 1877 and 1908 by Italy to defend the border. It controlled all access to Col du Mont Cenis and served Mussolini's armies until 1935.

Immerse yourself in history and walk the interpretive route that describes Mont Cenis' military history.