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↑ Chamonix Denis Hicks

The Crochues-Berard traverse is a classic day tour in the Aiguilles Rouges mountains above Chamonix, and with fresh snow and clear skies this made a great day out for our small group of friends. After ascending to

the Flegere ski area, we skinned up first to the Col des Crochues, then after a traversing descent (pictured) up again to the Col du Berard. From here we enjoyed the fantastic descent down the Berard valley to the village of Buet where, before catching the train, we downed a couple of well-earned lagers. All in all, a perfect day out!



↓ Elbrus Peter Watson

After 12 hours of climbing, we approached the summit of the highest mountain in Europe at 5642m. The view was, of course, magnificent. Surrounded by a serene sea of clouds, pierced only by the occasional Caucasus peak, I found myself humbled and overcome. With little else to do, I dropped to my knees, removed my glasses and succumbed to the view. As with most summits, celebrations were shortlived. After a few photos and fist bumps it was time to turn and descend the way we'd come. Three-and-a-half hours later, we limped back into our refuge, exhausted but elated.



↑ Snowdonia Ben Bowra

Myself and my climbing partner Steve were hoping to catch the last of the good winter conditions, and Snowdonia didn't disappoint! The picture is taken on Crib Goch, as we had a fab afternoon reversing the horseshoe, with great opportunities to develop ice axe technique sections. It was a great trip! John, nor myself will forget.