

First Ascents

More than sixty notable first ascents were completed in 1865 in all corners of the Alps, some of which are listed below. Most of the visitors were British but nationality is indicated where otherwise. The guides' origins are listed the first time they appear in the list. Text: Claude Gardien.

>**PIZ PISOC, 3173 M (VAL MUSTAIR - GRISONS - CH):**
First ascent unknown.

>**WILDER FREIGER SPITZE, 3418 M (STUBAI - TYROL - A/I):**
F. Leiss with two unknown guides. Date unknown.

>**PIZ MEDEL, 3210 M (ALBULA - GRISONS - CH):**
Mses Deplaci and Stori with Baptiste Monn, 9 June.

>**GRAND CORNIER, 3969 M (VALAIS - CH):**
Edward Whymper with Christian Almer (Grindelwald), Franz Biner (Zermatt), Michel-Auguste Croz (Chamonix), 16 June via the east ridge.

>**GRANDE MÈSULE (GROSSER MÜSELER), 3478 M (ZILLERTAL - TIROL - A/I):** Douglas Freshfield, Francis Fox Tuckett with François Devouassoud (Chamonix) and Peter Michel (Grindelwald), 16 June.

>**LANGTAUFERE SPITZE, 3529 M (STUBAI - TYROL - A/I):**
Douglas Freshfield, Francis Fox Tuckett with François Devouassoud and Peter Michel, 24 June.

>**GRANDES JORASSES, POINTE WHYMPER, 4184 M (MONT-BLANC - F/I):** Edward Whymper with Christian Almer, Franz Biner and Michel-Auguste Croz, 24 June via the south side.

>**COL DU DOLENT, 3490 M (MONT-BLANC - F/I):**
Edward Whymper with Christian Almer, Franz Biner and Michel-Auguste Croz, 26 June, south-north traverse.

>**PIZ ROSEG, 3937 M (BERNINA - CH):** Adolphus W. Moore and Horace Walker with Jakob Anderegg (Meiringen), 28 June via the north-west ridge.

>**PIZZO TRESERO, 3602 M (ORTLÈS - I):**
J. H. Backhouse, G. H. Fox, Douglas Freshfield, Francis F. Tuckett, with François Devouassoud and Peter Michel, 28 June.

>**PUNTA SAN MATTEO, 3678 M (ORTLÈS - I):**
J. H. Backhouse, G. H. Fox, Francis F. Tuckett, with François Devouassoud and Peter Michel, 28 June.

>**AIGUILLE VERTE, 4122 M (MONT-BLANC - F):**
Edward Whymper with Christian Almer and Franz Biner, 29 June via the south-east face.

>**UNTERGABELHORN, 3392 M (VALAIS - CH):** Francis Douglas with Peter Taugwalder junior (Zermatt) and Peter Inäbnit (Grindelwald) : late June via the south-east ridge.

>**WELLENKUPPE, 3903 M (VALAIS - CH):**
Francis Douglas with Peter Taugwalder junior and Peter Inäbnit, 1 July.

>**TRIFTHORN, 3728 M (VALAIS - CH):**
Francis Douglas with Peter Taugwalder junior and Peter Inäbnit, 5 July via the south-south-west ridge.

>**LA RUINETTE, 3875 M (VALAIS - CH):** Edward Whymper with Christian Almer and Franz Biner, 6 July via the south-west ridge.

>**OBERGABELHORN, 4073 M (VALAIS - CH):**
Adolphus W. Moore, Horace Walker with Jakob Anderegg, 6 July via the east ridge.

>**OBERGABELHORN, 4073 M (VALAIS - CH):**
Francis Douglas with Peter Taugwalder junior and Joseph Vianin (Val d'Anniviers), 7 July via the north-west ridge. Second ascent of the summit but via a new and serious 1200 m route, known today as the *Arête du Cœur*.

>**PIGNE D'AROLLA, 3790 M (VALAIS - CH):**
Adolphus W. Moore, Horace Walker with Jakob Anderegg, 9 July via the east face (Zinal).

>**PIZ UMBRALL, 3033 M (ORTLÈS - I):**
Johann Wilhem Coaz, 11 July.

>**CERVIN/MATTERHORN, 4478 M (VALAIS - CH/VALLÉE D'AOSTE - I):** Francis Douglas, Robert Hadow, Charles Hudson, Edward Whymper with Michel Croz and Peter Taugwalder senior and junior, 14 July via the east-north-east (Hörnli) ridge.

>**PIZ BUIN, 3312 M (SILVRETTA - VORARLBERG - A/GRISONS - CH):**
Josef A. Specht (A), J. J. Weilenmann (CH) with Jakob Pfitscher and Franz Poll, 14 July.

>**MONT BLANC, 4810 M (MONT-BLANC - F/I):**
George S. Mathews, A. W. Moore, F. and H. Walker with Melchior and Jakob Anderegg, 15 July via the *Brenva spur*. A new, difficult and challenging route from the Italian side of Mont Blanc.

>**CRAS' AGÜZZA, 3854 M (BERNINA - CH):**
Josef A. Specht, J. J. Weilenmann, with Jakob Pfitscher and Franz Poll, 17 July.

>**MATTERHORN, 4478 M (VALAIS - CH/ AOSTA VALLEY - I):** Jean-Antoine Carrel and Jean-Baptiste Bich (Valtournenche), 17 July via the west-south-west (Lion) ridge. Second ascent but a new route. First ascent from the Italian side.

>**PIZ ELA, 3338 M (ALBULA - GRISONS - CH):** Alex Flury, Peter and Georg Jenny (Pontresina), 17 July.



>**CIMA TOSA, 3173 M (BRENTA - DOLOMITES - I):**
Giuseppe Loss di Primiero (I) and five companions, July 18.

>**GRAN PILASTRO 3510 M (ZILLERTAL - TIROL - A/I):**
Paul Grohmann (A), with Josele Samer and Peter Fuchs, 24 July.

>**AIGUILLE DE BIONNASSAY, 4052 M (MONT BLANC - F):**
E. N. Buxton, Francis Crawford Grove, Reginald S. MacDonald, with Jean-Pierre Cachat and Michel Payot (Chamonix), 28 July via the north-west face. New descent via the south side.

>**LAUTERBRUNNEN BREITHORN, 3780 M (OBERLAND - CH):** Edmund von Fellenberg (CH), with Peter Michel, Peter Egger (Grindelwald), Johann Bishoff (Lauterbrunnen), Peter Inäbnit, followed ten minutes later (!) by the competing party of J. J. Hornby, T. T. Philpott with Christian Almer and Christian Lauener (Lauterbrunnen), 31 July via the west ridge.

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>**ORTLER/ORTLÈS, 3902 M (ORTLÈS - I):** Edmund Mojsisovics (A) with Johann Pingerra (Solden), 31 July, via the north ridge (Tabaretta), now the normal route.

>**JUNGFRAU, 4158 M (OBERLAND - CH):** J. J. Hornby, T. T. Philpott with Christian and Ulrich Almer, Johann Bishoff and Christian Lauener, 6 August via the Silberhorn.

>**GRÜNHORN, 4043 M (OBERLAND - CH):** Edmund von Fellenberg with Peter Michel and Peter Inäbnit, 7 August via the west face.

>**CARRÉ ALTO, 3463 M (ADAMELLO - I):** S. T. Taylor, H. F. Montgomery, 8 August.

>**BRENTA ALTA, 2960 M (DOLOMITES - I):** John Ball, W. E. Forster with Matteo Nicolasi, 9 August.

>**CIMA DI SOLDA, 3387 M (ORTLÈS- I):** Julius von Payer (Bohemia) with Velt Reinstadler (Solda), 23 August.

>**WETTERHORN, 3692 M (OBERLAND - CH):**
Christian Almer and five companions, 25 August via the Gleckstein.

>**TOFANA DI MEZZO, 3238 M (DOLOMITES - I):**
Paul Grohmann with Angelo Dimai (Cortina d'Ampezzo), 27 August.

>**CIMA VERTANA, 3545 M (ORTLÈS - I):** Julius von Payer with Johann Pingerra and Velt Reinstadler, 28 August.

>**JUNGFRAU, 4158 M (OBERLAND - CH):**
Hereford George, George Young, with Christian and Ulrich Almer and Johann Baumann (Grindelwald), 29 August via the Guggi route. First ascent of the Wengernjungfrau, 4060 m.

>**ORTLÈS, 3902 M (ORTLÈS - I):**
Julius von Payer with Johann Pingerra, 4 September, first north-south traverse.

>**TSCHINGELHORN 3562 M (OBERLAND - CH):**
Heinrich Feuz, W. H. Hawker, with Christian and Ulrich Lauener, 6 September.

>**LA RUINETTE, 3875 M (VALAIS - CH):**
J. J. Weilenmann with Jean-Maurice Rossoz (Val de Bagnes), 7 September via the south-east ridge.

>**MONTE CEVEDALE, 3769 M (ORTLÈS - I):** Julius von Payer with Johann Pingerra and Josef Reinstadler, 7 September via the north-west face.

>**FINELLSPITZE, 3514 M (ÖTZTAL - TIROL A/I):**
Franz Senn with Cyprian Granbichler and Josef Gstrein, 8 September.

>**ROSABLANCHE, 3336 M (VALAIS - CH):**
J. J. Weilenmann with Maurice-Justin Fellay (Val de Bagnes), 10 September via the south ridge.

The Obergabelhorn seen from the north. Two routes were opened on this beautiful peak in as many days, by the Moore, Walker and Anderegg party on 6 July and by Lord Douglas and his two guides the following day!

Photo Mario Colonel.

>**MONT BLANC DE CHEILON, 3858 M (VALAIS - CH):**
J. J. Weilenmann with Maurice-Justin Fellay, 11 September via the west ridge.

>**CRISTALLO, 3221 M (DOLOMITES - I):** Paul Grohmann, with Angelo Dimai and Santo Severino Siorpaes (Cortina d'Ampezzo), 14 September.

>**AIGUILLE VERTE, 4122 M (MONT-BLANC - F):**
R. Fowler with Michel-Ambroise Ducroz and Michel Balmat, 17 September via the *Grande Rocheuse spur*. Third route opened on this peak in the same year.

>**NESTHORN, 3820 M (OBERLAND - CH):**
Hereford George, A. Mortimer, with Christian and Ulrich Almer, 18 September via the west ridge.

>**BRUNEGGHORN, 3833 M (VALAIS - CH):**
G. F. Cobb, W.D. Rawlins, R. B. Townsend with François Devouassoud and Antoine Clément (Champéry), 19 September via the south-west ridge.

>**CHARDONNET, 3824 M (MONT BLANC - F):**
R. Fowler with Michel-Ambroise Ducroz and Michel Balmat, 20 September via the west side.

>**COGLIANS, 2780 M (CARNIC ALPS - FRIUL - I):**
Paul Grohmann with U. Sottocorona and Franz Hofer, 30 September.

>**TOURNELON BLANC, 3702 M (VALAIS - CH):** Joseph Gillioz (Val de Bagnes), exact date and climbing companions unknown, via the south-west ridge.

>**PIC RUSSELL, 3206 M (PYRENEES, F):**
Henry Russell, date unknown, via the east face.



The Ortler and the Payerhütte, by Edward Theodore Compton. Julius von Payer made numerous first ascents in the Ortler-Cevedale range. Vertical Archives.