



Timeline

- 218 BC:** Hannibal crosses the Alps.
- 121 BC:** Roman conquest begins.
- 443:** The Roman general Aetius establishes the Federation of the “Burgundian” Germans.
- 534:** Demise of the Burgundian Kingdom.
- 888:** Rudolf I becomes King of Transjurane Burgundy (with lands stretching from the Jura to the Grand–Saint–Bernard).
- 1032:** Rudolf III dies. Savoy falls under the sway of the Holy Roman Empire.
- 12th C:** Savoy becomes “Gatekeeper to the Alps.”
- 13th to 15th C:** Savoy vastly expands its territory.
- 1401:** Purchase of the County of Geneva.
- 1416:** Savoy becomes a Duchy.
- 1536:** Geneva embraces the Reformation and wins its independence.
- 1559:** Savoy establishes a Senate.
- 1563:** Capital of Savoy transferred from Chambéry to Turin.
- 1550 à 1600:** Saint Francis of Sale begins to win back Savoy for Catholicism.
- 1713:** The House of Savoy secures a royal title. Signature of the Treaty of Utrecht.
- 1786:** First ascension of Mont Blanc.

- 1792:** French Department of Mont Blanc established.
- 1815:** Restoration of the Sardinian monarchy. Congress of Vienna.
- 1848:** Charles–Albert of Savoy (father of Victor Emmanuel II) grants a Constitution to Savoy as the latter increasingly goes its separate way from Piedmont.
- 1860:** Savoy is incorporated into France.
- 1924:** Olympic Games held in Chamonix.
- 1940:** French Alpine troops (“chasseurs alpins”), based in Savoy, land in Narvik. The French Army of the Alps resists the Italians and Germans.
- 1944:** French Resistance establishes stronghold on the Glières Plateaux.
- 1965:** Mont Blanc Tunnel inaugurated.