

The Matterhorn

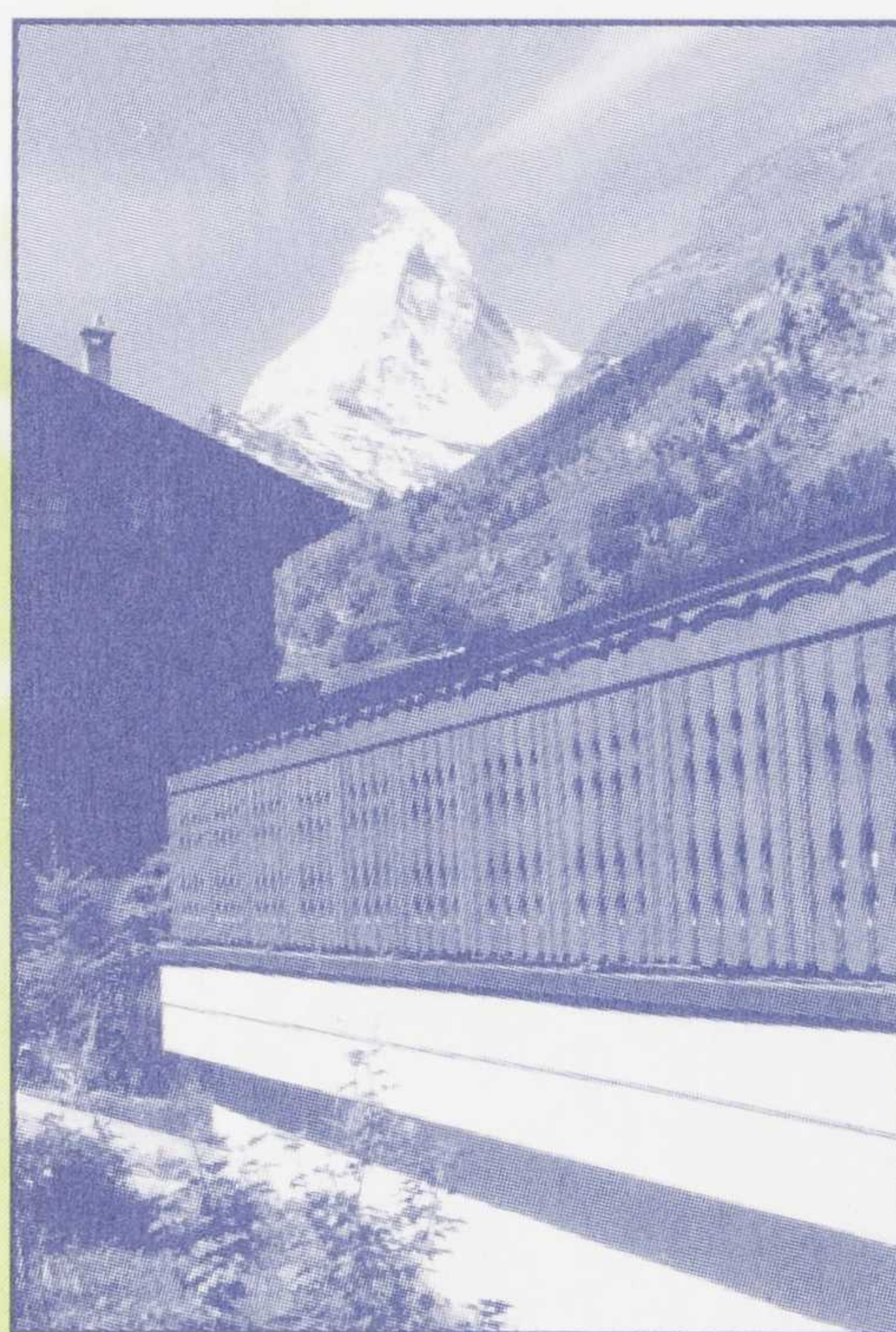
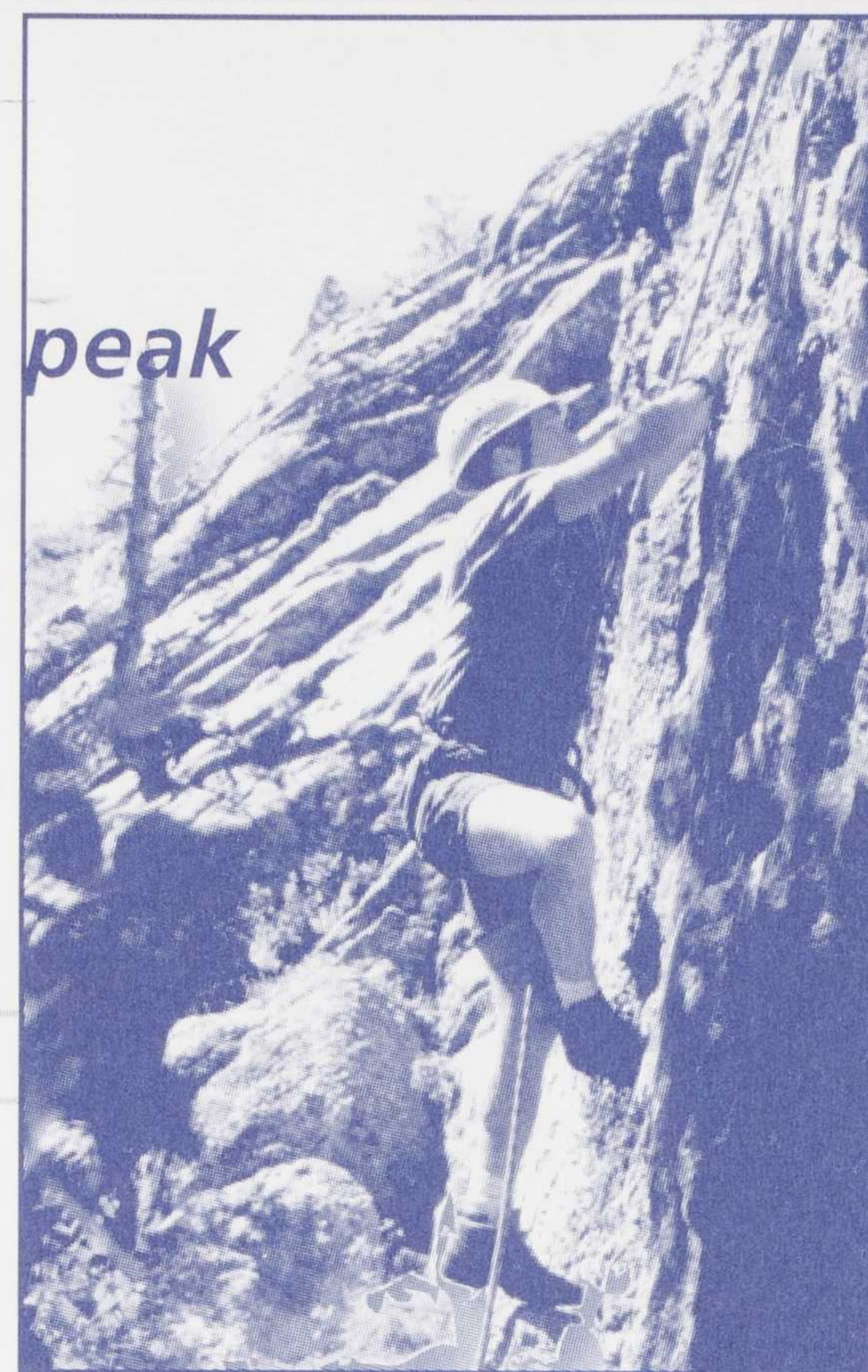
Climb the famous Alpine peak

Sharpen your climbing skills in fresh Alpine air, then climb the Matterhorn

Sept. 2 to 9, 2000 — \$1,650.

Single Supp.: \$275

Based at Zermatt, Switzerland.



Price includes

- Seven nights lodging (6 nights in a comfortable Swiss apartment with kitchen, plus one night, with dinner, in mountain hut)
- Opening-night reception, orientation, and buffet dinner
- Breakfast and mountain picnic on our first climbing day
- Experienced guides for two days of climbing practice and Matterhorn ascent
- Tram and cog railroad tickets on 3 days (2 practice days, plus cablecar ride to Schwarzsee, to begin the climb)
- Closing-night dinner at a superb local restaurant

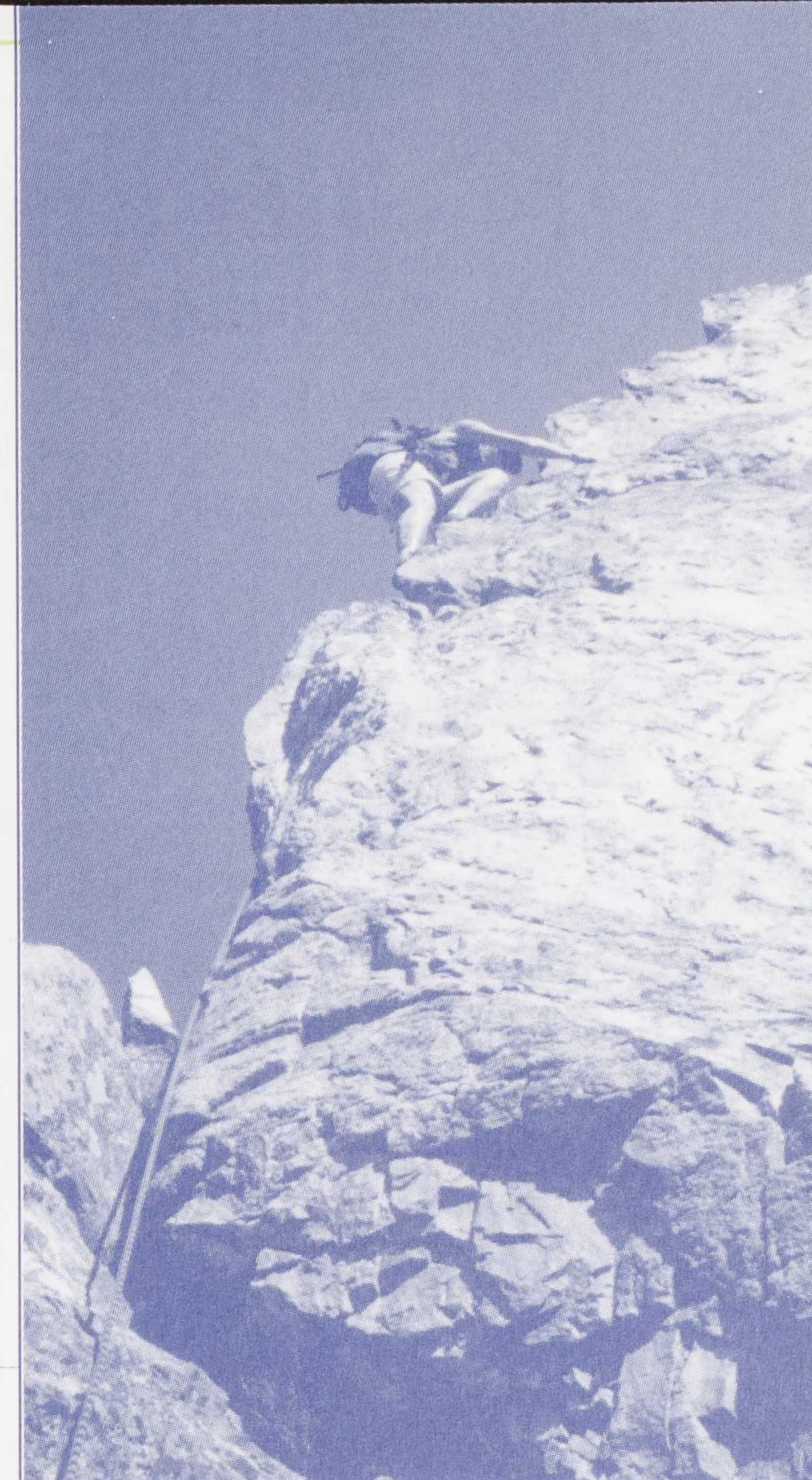
Not included

- Transportation to and from Zermatt, (easily accessible via excellent public transportation)
- Meals not listed here
- Personal climbing equipment (such as crampons, harness, boots), which may be rented in Zermatt

The Matterhorn, proudly soaring a mile from the Swiss valleys below, is the most distinctive mountain image in the world. Surprisingly, its jagged ridges can be climbed by those with only a moderate degree of climbing background. Our trip, intended for people with some climbing experience (such as our Grand Teton ascent) offers two days of climbing practice, two unscheduled days on which to hike or climb independently, and a two-day guided ascent of the Matterhorn.

Highlights

- Practice your climbing skills with friends, and experienced Alpine instructors.
- After a day of climbing, enjoy a hearty dinner of raclette, fondue, or rosti and knockwurst. Hike, climb, or take a paragliding lesson, on our two free days.
- Stand atop the world's most recognizable mountain: The Matterhorn.



Is This the Right Trip for You?

Although the Matterhorn is not a technically difficult climb (rating is about 5.4 – 5.5), it is a strenuous climb and not appropriate for novices. You should be in very good physical and aerobic condition, with some climbing experience (such as our Grand Teton ascent). We will be led by experienced local guides; nonetheless, mountaineering of any sort involves inherent risks caused by weather, rockfall, and other factors that cannot be predicted. After the training, if you or your instructor feel you should not attempt The Matterhorn, you'll be able to substitute another climb.