

**Portrait Aurélie Bourquin, Happy Shoes,
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It is in nature, especially in the mountains, that I feel happy and most connected to myself. I spent my childhood in Leysin and I have now been lucky enough to live in the Valais for several years. I have made my home in Zermatt, an internationally renowned resort surrounded by 4000 m peaks and larch trees.

After many years working as a receptionist in hotels, tourist offices and most recently in ski schools and mountain guide offices, I decided that the time had come to start guiding tours myself. That's when I decided to enrol in the ASGM mountain leader training course, which I completed in 2022.

Since then, I have been living my choice to the full. I have already had the chance to take my first steps guiding on the Santiago de Compostela route as well as numerous hikes in our beautiful regions in Switzerland.

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