# Compagnie des Guides de Chamonix

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## SKI TOURING - VANOISE HAUTE ROUTE

Duration: 5 | Fitness: ▲▲▲▲▲ | Technique: ▲▲▲▲▲ | Price from: 1 200 €

**In the spirit of the famous Haute Route Chamonix-Zermatt**, we offer you the opportunity to embark on a roaming ski tour through exceptional landscapes, ensuring a deep immersion in the high mountains and a complete change of scenery. Nestled in the heart of the Savoie region, between the valleys of the Maurienne and Tarentaise, lies the vast mountain range that houses France's very first national park: the Vanoise National Park. Here, you can ski in a well-preserved wildlife sanctuary and marvel at the extraordinary mountain landscapes it offers. With terrain perfectly suited for ski touring and a network of comfortable mountain huts, this adventure embodies the essence of alpine perfection.

**Many mountain ranges in the Alps** offer opportunities for multi-day traverses in the style of the Haute Route Chamonix-Zermatt. The Swiss Alps, in particular, provide options for such ski tours with logistics based on local public transportation. Feel free to contact us to benefit from our suggestions and favorites.

## ITINERARY

### Day 1

**Moutiers - Refuge Peclet Polset**

Transfer by local bus from Moutiers to Val Thorens (1 hour). From Val Thorens, we ride the lift to get to Thorens Pass (3 114 m). After putting our ski-touring skins on, we skin up to Gébroulaz Pass (3 434 m), and enjoy a superb run down the Gébroulaz glacier. We continue towards Lac Blanc and Peclet Polset hut, which was entirely rebuilt recently.
*Vertical ascent: 320m / Vertical descent: 960m*

### Day 2

**Refuge Peclet Polset - Refuge de la Dent Parrachée**

Several options can be approached to get to Parrachée Hut. The guide will select the route most adapted to snow conditions and group progression. Two possibilities: Brèche de la Croix de la Rue (2 883 m) or Aussois mountain Pass (2 916 m). We ski close to the Fond d'Aussois hut and we skin up to the cosy Parrachée mountain hut (2 511 m).
*Vertical ascent: 630m / Vertical descent: 600m*

### Day 3

**Refuge de la Dent Parrachée - Refuge de l'Arpont**

Our day begins with a beautiful tour up Labby glacier to reach Labby pass (3 328 m). Once at the foot of Dent Parrachée we ski down Mahure glacier, and above Arpont lake, to arrive to the Arpont hut (2 309 m), with its typical stone roof.
*Vertical ascent: 820m / Vertical descent: 1020m*

### Day 4

Refuge de l'Arpont - Refuge Félix Faure

We ski tour up to Dôme de Chasseforêt (3 586 m), part of the Vanoise Dômes group. We traverse to the Sonailles Dôme (3 361 m), then to the Pelve pass (2 992 m), and put our skins back on our skis to get to the Dard pass (3 135 m). A beautiful ski run down Roche Ferran glacier takes us to the Vanoise pass and Félix Faure mountain hut (2 516 m)
*Vertical ascent: 1420m / Vertical descent: 1220m*

### Day 5

Refuge Félix Faure - Champagny le Haut

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The Grande Casse mountain pass and glacier allows us to reach the Grande Casse North face (3 855 m). We admire the dramatic looking Couloir des Italiens. We take an easier route to ski to the valley and the hamlet of Champagny le Haut (1 470 m), followed by a taxi ride to Moutiers.
*Vertical ascent: 580m / Vertical descent: 1630m*

## PRIVATE BOOKING

A private booking is the historical relationship that binds a guide to his/her client. It allows you to be alone, or in a constituted group, with your guide that meets your specific needs. It is undoubtedly the ideal formula to realize your projects because it guarantees you a maximum of comfort. You are free to choose your departure date (depending on the availability of the huts) and the itinerary can be adjusted, according to your specific expectations

**Dates :** On request, depending on the availability of the refuges
From mid-March to April

**Prices 2027 :**
2 people : 2 735€ per person
3 people : 1 970€ per person
4 people : 1 585€ per person
5 people : 1 355€ per person
6 people : 1 200€ per person

Included in the package:
- IFMGA English speaking mountain guiding service
- half-board in mountain huts (dinner, breakfast and night)
- ski lift access as per programme
- transfers as per programme
- rental of full safety kit (avalanche transceiver/DVA, shovel, probe)

Not included in the package :
- take out lunches and daily snacks, *you can buy it in huts*
- personal drinks in huts and other personal expenses (we recommend you bring Euros and Swiss Francs)
- cost of getting to meeting point and cost of getting back to Chamonix
- personal technical equipment

## FURTHER INFORMATION

In this section, find all the information about this activity. To prepare your trip effectively, refer to the guides' tips. They share their expertise and recommendations, ensuring you have a great experience.

**Meeting point :** On Day 1, in Moutier, train station. Your guide will precise you the timetable

**Itinerary :** This is provided as a guideline and may be adjusted according to the group's level and mountain conditions

**Technical Level :** Suitable for skiers skilled in off-piste skiing across various snow conditions and with advanced ski touring experience, including the ability to perform kick turns. The terrain features wide slopes with occasional narrow sections and inclines of up to 35° with sections that may require boot packing with crampons and ice axe.

**Physical Level :** Designed for individuals who regularly engage in physical activity. Expect a positive elevation gain of up to 1,300 meters per day and an effort of 7 to 8 hours each day.

**Guiding policy :** Maximum 6 people per guide.

**Accommodation :** Half-board in huts. *Before & after the trip:* We have some hotel partners in Chamonix with special prices for our customers.

**Documentation :** Participants must have mountain sports insurance with repatriation cover. We strongly recommend that this also includes cancellation cover. You can take out insurance when you sign up. Participants must also take valid ID with them.

## EQUIPMENT

We recommend you to pay particular attention to the choice of your equipment. It contributes greatly to the success of your stay. Weight is decisive: you always have to evaluate the ratio weight/comfort, to find the best compromise.

**Equipment**

- Comfortable frameless rucksack of 35l on which you could fix your skis & ice-axe,
- Ski touring skis & shoes, *rentable*
- Adhesive climbing skins & ski knifes adapted to your skis, *rentable*
- A pair of poles with large discs, *rentable*
- A security pack including harness, DVA, shovel & probe - this pack will be lend by your guide.
- A pair of light crampons & an ice-axe. *rentable*

**Clothing**

- Waterproof and windproof, non-insulated parka with hood (Gore-tex or equivalent), *rentable*
- Waterproof and windproof, non-insulated pants, *rentable*
- Thick polar-pile fleece jacket or equivalent,
- A light down jacket,
- 1 long-sleeve shirt,
- Medium weight thermal underwear (top + bottoms, silk or polypro, double as pyjamas),
- Warm ski socks,
- Warm ski hat and light sun hat with brim,
- Warm ski gloves or mittens,
- A pair of thiner/finer gloves (in leather or fleece),
- Neck protection,
- Spare thermal underwear (for sleeping and change).

**Accessories**

- High-altitude sunglasses (grade 4 is recommended),
- A pair of goggles,
- 1.5L water bottle,
- An isotherm bottle,
- A mini toilet bag including: sun block for face and lips, aspirin, elastoplast, 2nd skin kit, earplug, toilet paper,
- A headlamp with spare batteries,
- A cotton or silk sleeping sheet: compulsory in every hut. - Hut provide blankets, slippers or clogs
- A plastic bag containing your ID card & Euros for extras.

**Our Rental Partners :** You can rent your equipment with our rental shops partners and benefit from special price Millet (excluding crampons, ice axes and helmet), Sanglard Sports, Ravanel & Co & Concept Pro Shop
**Our Equipment Partners :** Millet, Dynastar, Julbo, Grivel & Monnet