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SKI TOURING - GRAN PARADISO

Duration: 3 | Fitness: ▲▲▲▲▲ | Technique: ▲▲▲▲▲ | Price from: 650 €

GRAN PARADISO SKI TOURING ASCENT

The Gran Paradiso ski touring ascent is rich in contrasts, set within a **magnificent Alpine landscape**. Starting from Valsavarenche in the Aosta Valley, the larch forests covering the slopes of the valley gradually give way to vast rocky landscapes and then glaciers perfectly suited to skiing. The ascent continues on skis to the foot of the summit, where the final 50 metres require the use of mountaineering equipment and add a technical dimension to the climb. At the summit, the statue of the Madonna symbolizes the special place Gran Paradiso holds in the hearts of Italians, as the only 4,000-metre peak entirely within Italy. The Victor Emmanuel II Hut provides the ideal base for this ascent, which we offer over three days to fully enjoy the **exceptional beauty of the mountains of Gran Paradiso National Park.**

OUR SKI TOURS IN THE AOSTA VALLEY

To continue exploring the mountains of the Aosta Valley, we have developed a selection of ski tours allowing you to enjoy the **exceptional terrain of this region** and the quality of its mountain accommodation. Join our star-based ski tour at the Magia Hut to discover a hidden gem close to Aosta, enjoy a gentle introduction to ski touring in the Val Ferret, facing the southern side of the Mont Blanc massif, or explore the Val di Rhêmes, on the Italian side of the Haute Tarentaise, during a star-based ski tour.

ITINERARY

Day 1

Pont - Victor Emmanuel II Hut

We travel by minibus from Chamonix to Pont (1,960 m), in the Valsavarenche valley. From here, we begin our ascent to the Victor Emmanuel II Hut, following a steep trail through the larch forest. The gradient gradually eases as we leave the forest behind, and gentler slopes lead us to the hut, where we spend the night.
Elevation gain: 770 m

Day 2

Gran Paradiso - Victor Emmanuel II Hut

We climb Gran Paradiso (4,061 m) on a round trip from the hut, allowing us to take our time and fully enjoy the high mountain atmosphere. A steady ascent leads us onto the Gran Paradiso Glacier (3,200 m), then to the junction with the Lavaciau Glacier (3,600 m), before reaching the foot of the summit. The final 50 metres require crampons and a rope to reach the Madonna statue at the summit, where a magnificent panorama awaits. We then enjoy a superb ski descent back to the Victor Emmanuel II Hut.
Elevation gain: 1,350 m / Elevation loss: 1,350 m

Day 3

Col du Grand Etret - Pont

We climb towards the base of the northeast ridge of Ciarforon (2,935 m), before making a long descending traverse to reach the Grand Etret Glacier. We put our climbing skins back on for the ascent to the Col du Grand Etret (3,150 m), where we enjoy beautiful views over the Southern Alps. A long ski descent through the wild Grand Etret valley brings us back to Pont. We then return to Chamonix by minibus, arriving in the middle of the afternoon.
Elevation gain: 550 m / Elevation loss: 1,300 m

GROUP BOOKING

The group formula brings together several people who do not necessarily know each other. For a set programme, it allows you to benefit from an attractive price on fixed dates. This formula is ideal for those looking to enjoy the friendly atmosphere of a group.

Dates
See below for the group booking module

Price 2027
695€ per person, based on a minimum of 4 participants
Registration possible from the age of 18.

This price includes
- IFMGA English-speaking mountain guiding service
- Half-board in the hut (dinner, breakfast and overnight stay)
- Rental of a safety kit: avalanche transceiver/DVA, shovel, probe and harness
- Return transfer from Chamonix

This price does not include
- Packed lunches and daily snacks
- Repatriation and cancellation insurance
- Personal drinks
- Personal technical equipment

PRIVATE BOOKING

The private formula reflects the traditional relationship between a guide and their clients. It allows you to be alone or in a private group with a guide who can respond to your specific needs. It is undoubtedly the ideal formula for achieving your objectives, as it guarantees maximum comfort. You are free to choose your departure date (subject to hut availability), and the proposed itinerary can be adjusted according to your specific expectations.

Prices 2027
2 people : 1 405€ per person
3 people : 985€ per person
4 people : 775€ per person
5 people : 650€ per person

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- IFMGA English-speaking mountain guiding service
- Half-board in the hut (dinner, breakfast and overnight stay)
- Rental of a safety kit: avalanche transceiver/DVA, shovel, probe and harness
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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 to help you prepare for your trip.

Meeting Point
Meet at 08:30 at the Compagnie des Guides office in Chamonix. Transfer by minibus to the departure point. Return to Chamonix by minibus.

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 in various snow conditions, with good ski touring experience and the ability to perform kick turns. The terrain features wide slopes with occasional narrow sections and inclines of up to 35°, with sections

requiring the use of crampons.

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

Guiding Policy
4 to 5 people maximum per guide. *Registration possible from the age of 18.*

Accommodation
During the trip: half-board at the welcoming Victor Emmanuel II Hut. Before & after the trip: benefit from preferential rates with our hotel partners in Chamonix.

⚠ **Documentation**
Participants must have mountain sports insurance with repatriation cover. We strongly recommend that this also includes cancellation cover. You can take out insurance offering both types of cover when you sign up. Participants must also carry valid ID.

EQUIPMENT

We recommend that you pay particular attention to the choice of your equipment, as it contributes greatly to the success of your trip. Weight is a key factor; you should always consider the balance between weight and comfort in order to find the best compromise.

Equipment
- A 35L backpack with attachments for skis and an ice axe
- A pair of ski touring skis and boots, *rentable*
- A pair of climbing skins and ski crampons adapted to your skis, *rentable*
- A pair of poles with large baskets, *rentable*
- A pair of lightweight crampons and an ice axe, *rentable*
- A helmet suitable for ski touring / mountaineering is recommended
- A safety kit: harness, avalanche transceiver/DVA, shovel, probe (kit provided by your guide *under your responsibility*)

Clothing
- A warm hat
- A sun hat or cap
- A Buff-style neck warmer
- A long-sleeved thermal base layer
- A fleece jacket
- A waterproof jacket with hood (Gore-Tex or equivalent), *rentable*
- A light down jacket
- Thermal leggings
- Trousers suitable for ski touring, *rentable*
- A pair of ski touring socks
- A pair of thin leather or fleece gloves
- A pair of good-quality ski gloves or mittens
- Spare clothing as required

Accessories
- A pair of category 4 sunglasses
- A pair of ski goggles
- A headlamp with spare batteries
- A sleeping bag liner
- A water bottle of at least 1.5 L
- An insulated bottle
- A small personal first-aid kit including sun cream, lip balm, earplugs, blister kit, painkillers and toilet paper
- A waterproof bag containing your ID and euros

Our Rental Partners
You can rent your equipment at preferential rates from our partner shops: Millet (excluding crampons, ice axes and helmet), Ravanel & Co, Sanglard Sports & Concept Pro Shop

Our Equipment Partners
Millet, Dynastar, Julbo, Grivel & Monnet