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VALLEE BLANCHE - SKIING

Duration: 1 | Difficulty: ▲▲▲△△ | Price from: 175 €

AIGUILLE DU MIDI - 3,842 M

From the very first step onto the ridge at the Aiguille du Midi, you're immersed in an unforgettable adventure. With the highest peaks of the Alps all around you, the Vallée Blanche offers a 15 km descent and 2,000 vertical meters through the heart of the Mont Blanc glaciers — a legendary off-piste - backcountry experience that starts with a short ridge walk secured by fixed ropes, and finishes with a return by the Montenvers train or, with exceptional snow, skiing all the way down to Chamonix.

A LEGENDARY RUN — BUT NOT A PISTE

The Vallée Blanche is pure high-mountain off-piste - backcountry skiing. It is not a groomed slope, and enjoying it safely requires both skill and fitness.
• **Altitude & ridge:** The start at 3,842 m can challenge those sensitive to altitude. The 15-minute walk down the ridge, skis on your pack and crampons on your boots, already demands energy.
• **Moguls:** Heavy skier traffic shapes the snow into bumps, making parts of the descent as demanding as a steep, narrow black run.
• **Powder:** After a snowfall, expect deep, untracked powder — several dozen centimeters that can surprise even strong piste skiers.

ARE YOU READY FOR THE VALLÉE BLANCHE?

The Vallée Blanche is not comparable to a resort run. Think of it as a full backcountry adventure: unmarked, on glaciers, and at high altitude. A preparatory off-piste day is strongly recommended if you're unsure about your skills. To fully enjoy this descent, you should be able to:
• **ski a steep, mogulled black run in Europe** — equivalent to a sustained "double black diamond" in North America — while staying in control for several hours,
• **manage the physical effort** of a high-altitude outing.

⚠ **If your level is not sufficient, you will go back down by cable car — no refund possible**

GROUP BOOKING

Looking for a sociable experience at the best rate? Join a group with a mountain guide.

⚠ **Snowboarders not accepted in group booking - private only**

Dates for group booking
See online booking

Guiding policy for group booking
Group from 3 to 6 people. The number of participants per guide may vary depending on the glacier. 15 years old minimum accompanied by a parent

Meeting point for group booking

8:45 am at the Info Point (wooden chalet) by the Aiguille du Midi cable car

Route for group booking
Classic Vallée Blanche via the Glacier du Géant

2027 Price for group booking
- €175 per person without lift passes
- Aiguille du Midi & Montenvers lift pass: €104 per person (non-refundable if Montenvers is not used). Allow about 30 minutes of queuing if you buy it on your own

This price includes
- Guiding fees for the descent of the Vallée Blanche
- Glacier & avalanche safety gear
- Cable car booking
- Lift pass depending on the package (Ikon pass not valid)

This price does not include
- Ski gear (no snowboard or snowblades)
- Crampons fitted to your boots (mandatory)
- Backpack (mandatory)
- Lift pass depending on the package (Ikon pass not valid)
- Lunch

PRIVATE BOOKING

Want to share the Vallée Blanche only with your friends or family? Book a private guide and enjoy a tailor-made descent - Your guide, your pace.

⚠ **Snowboarders welcome only in private booking : telescopic poles mandatory**

Dates for private booking
See online booking

Guiding policy for private booking
Group from 1 to 6 people. The number of participants per guide may vary depending on the glacier. 12 years old minimum accompanied by a parent

Meeting point for private booking
Between 8:00 and 9:30 am at the Aiguille du Midi cable car. Exact time confirmed by your guide the day before
⚠ **If you are renting your equipment on the same morning, please indicate this when making your booking**

Route for private booking
Chosen according to your level and conditions; lunch stop at the Requin hut can be arrange with your guide the day before by phone (no booking required). To ski a second run or extend your exploration of the valley resorts, book through our Chamonix, Your Way offer and specify your preferences

2027 Prices for private booking
- Group from 1 to 2 people : 425€
- Group from 3 to 4 people : 465€
- Group from 5 to 6 people : 505€
- Aiguille du Midi & Montenvers lift pass: €105 per person (non-refundable if Montenvers is not used). Allow about 30 minutes of queuing if bought on your own

This price includes
- Guiding fees for the Vallée Blanche descent
- Glacier & avalanche safety gear
- Reservation of times (boarding times) for your places on the Aiguille du Midi cable car
- Lift pass depending on the package (Ikon pass not valid)

This price does not include
- Ski gear (no snowblades)
- Crampons fitted to your boots (mandatory)
- Backpack (mandatory)
- Lift pass depending on the package (Ikon pass not valid)

- Lunch

FURTHER INFORMATION

Find here all the information regarding this activity. For any further details, please contact our advisors (see contact information above).

Duration
Approximately 5 hours from the Aiguille du Midi cable car departure to the return to the valley

Required level
Normal conditions: ability to ski a steep, mogulled black run in Europe — equivalent to a sustained double black diamond in North America. Not recommended for people with heart conditions
⚠ **If your level is not sufficient, you will go back down by cable car — no refund possible**

Fresh snow
More technical descent in several dozen centimeters of untracked powder - Class 4/5 level. North American equivalent: Double black diamond + / all-conditions off-piste
⚠ **Suitable skis required**

Formalities
Individual liability insurance required, covering skiing without restriction of area or altitude, including assistance, search, rescue, and repatriation

EQUIPMENT

A standard outfit for piste skiing in cold weather is suitable for the Vallée Blanche descent
⚠ **It is recommended to rent your equipment the day before**

Equipment
- All-mountain or off-piste skis depending on conditions. Check your bindings before departure.
- One backpack per person to carry skis - mandatory
- Crampons adjusted to your ski boots - mandatory

Accessories
- Ski helmet
- Sunglasses or ski goggles
- Sunscreen
- Snacks and packed lunch

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