

# Compagnie des Guides de Chamonix

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# SKI TOURING - THE SAAS FEE 4000M PEAKS

Duration: 3 Level: ▲ ▲ ▲ ▲ A Price from: 760 €

The Saas Fee valley is dominated by an impressive amount of high summits. From the Lagginhorn to the Dirruhorn, 13 summits are over 4000 meters. The group Allalinhorn - Rimpflischhorn - Alphubel -particularly good for ski touring - offers exceptional descents in a breath taking setting. This programme offers you the occasion to enjoy fully this region and its snow, which is often fresh thanks to the altitude and the exposure. You will also appreciate a stunning view on the mountains of Zermatt, from the Matterhorn to the Pointe Dufour. This programme is designed for people wishing to experience ski touring at high altitude and ski several summits at over 4000m. In order to enjoy the trip, a good preparation is required.

This tour is part of a series of ski tours that we have carefully set for you to explore the majestic mountains of the Swiss Valais region. Each of these tours promises an outstanding skiing experience in the heart the breathtaking Alpine scenery. Spend an extraordinary night at the Dent du Midi bivouac, set against a stunning backdrop. Revel in the Monte Rosa 4,000-meter peaks, or explore the mountains between Verbier and Zermatt.

# **ITINERARY**

#### Day 1

Transfer from Chamonix to Saas Fee. Start from Saas Fee, we reach Mittelallalin (3 456m) by ski lift. Quickly, we leave the ski domain to start the way up to the Allalinhorn (4 027m). The way up is mostly by ski. According to the conditions, a few sections could require the use of crampons. Stunning view on the close 4000s, in particular on the Rimpfischhorn (4 199m), our objective of the following day. We ski down to the resort, then to the Egginerjoch (2 988m). Short way up to Britannia mountain hut (3 027m). Night at the hut.

Elevation gain: 700m / Elevation loss: 600m

#### Day 2

We ski down a sort section to get to the Allalingletscher (2 940m), and then we continue through a gentle ascent to the Allalinjoch (3 556m). We circumvent the Rimpfischhorn (4 199m) through the West side and get to its southern shoulder (4 009m). From the shoulder, the view on the Mont Rose Massif and in particular on the Pointe Dufour (4 634m, second-highest summit in the Alps after the Mont Blanc) is stunning. Way down to Mellichgletscher towards Feechopf. A short ascent takes us to the Alphubergletscher and then down again to Täschhütte on a nice slope. Night at the mountain hut.

Elevation gain: 1150m / Elevation loss: 1700m

# Day 3

Way up to Alphubeljoch (3 772m), to reach the Feegletscher. We follow the Alphubel to reach the slopes that take us to the easy final section and finally, to the summit (4 206m). This time, we enjoy a stunning view on the Zmuttgletscher and the Matterhorn (4 478m). We start the way down to the Feegletscher, presenting glacial characteristics, just before reaching the skiresort. Way back to Saas-Fee in the beginning of the afternoon. Transfer back to Chamonix, arrival in the late afternoon. *Elevation gain: 1500m / Elevation loss: 1400m* 

## **GROUP BOOKING**

Group session associates several people who don't know each other. It allows for a planned program to benefit from an attractive price on fixed dates. This formula is ideal for people looking for the friendliness of a group.

Dates: See below for the group booking module

Price 2024: 820€ per person based on minimum of 4 participants

Included in the package:

- IFMGA English speaking mountain guiding service
- half-board in mountain huts (dinner, breakfast and night)
- ski lift access
- transfer from and back to Chamonix
- rental of full safety kit (avalanche transceiver/DVA, shovel, probe)

#### Not included in the package:

- personal drinks in huts and other personal expenses (we recommend you bring Euros and Swiss Francs)
- take out lunches and daily snacks
- personal technical equipment

## **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.

For groups of maximum 3 people, it is possible to climb the Rimpflishhorn (4 199m) on Day 2.

#### Prices 2024:

2 people : 1505€ per person 3 people : 1130€ per person 4 people : 945€ per person 5 people : 835€ per person 6 people : 760€ 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
- rental of full safety kit (avalanche transceiver/DVA, shovel, probe)

#### Not included in the package:

- personal drinks in huts and other personal expenses (we recommend you bring Swiss Francs)
- take out lunches and daily snacks
- transfer from and back to Chamonix
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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, ensuring you have a great experience.

Meeting point: 7.30am at the Compagnie des Guides office - 190 place de l'Eglise, 74400 Chamonix

**Fitness level:** For people who regularly exercise/take part in sports and are experienced ski tourers. Vertical ascent of up to 1500m per day. Seven to eight hours of exercise per day. You will carry your backpack, including mountaineering equipment (crampons and ice axe) and your skis. Several ascents over 4000m.

**Tecnical level :** For advanced ski tourers. Varied slopes, a few technical sections (slopes up to 35°). Strong technique in all snow conditions required. Ease with basic mountaineering techniques (walking with crampons and ice axe) and kick turns needed.

Note: This trip is not appropriate for splitboarding. Consequently, we don't accept splitboarders and advise you the trip in

#### Argentiere area.

Guiding policy: 4 to 6 people.

**Accommodation:** During the trip: half-board in huts. No drinking water.

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 35I 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 pair of light crampons with anti-balling plates & an ice-axe, rentable
- A security pack including harness, DVA, shovel & probe this pack will be lend by your guide.
- We recommend an helmet for ski touring / mountaineering

#### 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 thinner/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 Sanglard Sports, Ravanel & Co & Concept Pro Shop

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