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SKI TOURING - VALLEE BLANCHE

Duration: 2 | Fitness: ▲▲△△△ | Technique: ▲▲△△△ | Price from: 520 €

TWO DAYS OF SKI TOURING IN THE HEART OF THE VALLÉE BLANCHE

Discover the high mountains in the spectacular setting of the Vallée Blanche. This 2-day ski tour focuses on exploring the glacier landscapes and taking the time to appreciate the unique atmosphere of the area. Starting from the Aiguille du Midi, we cross the Vallée Blanche before reaching the Col d'Entrèves, which offers magnificent views over the Aosta Valley and the Southern Alps. We spend the night at the legendary Requin Hut, overlooking the impressive icefall of the Géant Glacier. The following day, we ski tour up the Leschaux Glacier to the foot of the north face of the Grandes Jorasses, surrounded by some of the most spectacular scenery in the Mont Blanc massif.

EXPLORE THE OTHER GLACIERS OF THE MONT BLANC MASSIF

The Mont Blanc massif, with its rocky peaks and vast glaciers, offers numerous opportunities for ski touring. To continue exploring the area, we also offer itineraries on the Argentière Glacier and the Tour Glacier, as well as the famous Col du Passon crossing. Each offers a different way to discover the Mont Blanc massif on skis.

ITINERARY

Day 1

Aiguille du Midi - Col d'Entrèves - Requin Hut
We start from the top of the Aiguille du Midi cable car (3,700 m). After descending the exposed summit ridge on foot, we ski towards the Col du Rognon and continue beneath the east face of Mont Blanc du Tacul. At the foot of the Combe Maudite (3,150 m), we put on our climbing skins and make our way through the crevasses towards the Col d'Entrèves (3,527 m). From the pass, we enjoy magnificent views over the Aosta Valley and the Southern Alps. We then ski down towards the Géant icefall before reaching the Requin Hut (2,512 m), where we spend the night.
Elevation gain: approximately 400 m / Elevation loss: approximately 1,550 m

Day 2

Leschaux Glacier - Grandes Jorasses - Chamonix
We continue our descent of the Vallée Blanche until we reach the junction with the Leschaux Glacier. Here, we put on our climbing skins and head up the glacier towards the north face of the Grandes Jorasses. After passing below the Leschaux Hut, we continue to approximately 2,700 m, close to the impressive north face of the Grandes Jorasses. We take time to appreciate the unique atmosphere of this legendary mountaineering destination. A gentle descent then brings us back towards the Vallée Blanche. Depending on snow conditions, we either ski all the way down to Chamonix or return via the Montenvers train.
Elevation gain: 600 m / Elevation loss: 1,400 m (Montenvers) or 2,050 m (Chamonix)

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

555€ per person, based on a minimum of 4 participants
Registration possible from the age of 16. Minors must be accompanied by an adult.

This price includes
- IFMGA English-speaking mountain guiding service
- Half-board at the Requin Hut (dinner, breakfast and overnight stay)
- Lift tickets required for the itinerary
- Rental of a safety kit: avalanche transceiver/DVA, shovel, probe and harness

This price does not include
- Packed lunches and daily snacks
- Repatriation and cancellation insurance
- Personal drinks (no drinking water available at the Requin Hut; bottled water can be purchased)
- Personal technical equipment
- Personal expenses

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 : 1 075€ per person
3 people : 795€ per person
4 people : 660€ per person
5 people : 575€ per person
6 people : 520€ per person

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- Lift tickets required for the itinerary
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- Personal technical equipment
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FURTHER INFORMATION

In this section, you will find all the practical information you need to prepare for your ski tour. We recommend reading our guides' tips for advice on equipment and preparation.

Meeting point
8:30 am at the Aiguille du Midi cable car ticket office in Chamonix.

Itinerary
The itinerary is provided as a guideline and may be adjusted according to the group's ability and mountain conditions.

Technical level
You must be a confident off-piste skier, comfortable skiing in a variety of snow conditions. Previous ski touring experience is recommended but not essential.

Physical level
This tour is suitable for people who exercise regularly. Expect up to 700 m of ascent and approximately 4 to 5 hours of activity per day. You must also be able to carry your skis while descending the Aiguille du Midi ridge.

Guiding policy

Groups of 4 to 6 participants, accompanied by an IFMGA-certified mountain guide. Minors aged 16 and over must be accompanied by an adult.

Accommodation
Half-board at the Requin Hut, including dinner, overnight accommodation and breakfast. For accommodation before or after the tour, our partner hotels in Chamonix offer preferential rates to our clients.

Insurance and documents
Mountain sports insurance covering rescue and repatriation is mandatory. Cancellation insurance is strongly recommended. Insurance options are available when booking. All participants must carry valid identification.

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, *rentable*
- An ice axe (optional), *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