Compagnie des Guides de Chamonix

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STEEP SKIING - PERFECT TURN COURSE

Duration: 3 | Fitness: ▲▲▲▲▲ | Technique: ▲▲▲▲▲ | Price from: 1 395 €

Thanks to the expertise of its steep skiing division, composed of exceptional riders, the Compagnie des Guides de Chamonix supports you from your first steps to the legendary lines of the Mont Blanc massif. The steep skiing basics & steep skiing perfect turn courses will equip you with the essential skills needed to tackle the routes of your dreams. The Steep Skiing Perfect Turn course is the natural progression after the steep skiing basics. Its main goal is to give you the opportunity to ski your first steep lines in Chamonix. Personalized tips and advice from your guide, combined with great flexibility, ensure a high-quality experience.

Aims of the steep skiing perfect turn course
- Mastery of steep-slope turn techniques
- Use of an ice axe during descents with your skis on
- Use of self-belaying techniques : rope, ice screws

ITINERARY

Day 1

Vallée Blanche Area
Depart from the Aiguille du Midi towards the Col d'Entrèves. This route, in the upper section of the Vallée Blanche, will allow you to practice safety techniques on glacial terrain. You'll descend the southern side via the Glacier de Toule, then take the Skyway cable car back up, followed by a return to Chamonix through the Vallée Noire.

Day 2

Argentière Basin
Depart from Lognan to reach the Glacier d'Argentière, with the objective of skiing a couloir in a round trip near the Argentière refuge. The ascent using crampons will fully immerse you in the world of alpine skiing.

Day 3

Argentière Basin
To conclude this session, you will choose a route in the Argentière Basin with your guide.

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.

Prices 2027 :
1 people: 2 540€ per person
2 people: 1 395€ per person

Included in the package:
- IFMGA English speaking mountain guiding service

- one day in half-board in Argentière hut (Day 2)
- ski lift access as per programme
- rental of full safety kit (avalanche transceiver/DVA, shovel, probe)

Not included in the package :
- take out lunches and daily snacks
- nights in the valley
- personal drinks in huts and other personal expenses (we recommend you bring 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. For further information, please contact our advisor (contact details above).

Meeting point : arranged wih your guide

Technical level : For experienced ski tourer with a solid technique in all snow conditions. Several technical sections. Slope up to 45° (technical difficulty 4.2/4.3).

Phycical level : Vertical ascent of up to 1 200m per day. Six to seven hours of exercise per day. Backpack includes mountaineering equipment (crampons and ice axe). Carrying skis.

Itinerary : Ski mountaineering requires the ability to constantly adapt to the conditions. The itinerary is a guide only, as your mountain guide may have to change it on the day. In any case, the actual line taken will meet the group's aims.

Guiding policy : 1 - 2 people per guide. The Compagnie des Guides de Chamonix's guiding policy is one of the strictest. It guarantees the most balanced groups as possible as well as high-quality personalised advice.

Accommodation : one half-board in hut

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 pair of crampons & an ice-axe. *rentable*
- A helmet. *rentable*
- A security pack including harness, DVA, shovel & probe - this pack will be lend by your guide.

Specific equipment
- 2 ice-pins & 2 climbing quickdraws,
- 1 snap screws,
- Some climbing cams,
- 1 « Abalakof »,
- 1 lazerman (screwdriver),
- Glacier security pack: 2 straps of 120cm, 1 micro traction, 1 ti- bloc)

Clothing
- Waterproof and windproof, non-insulated parka with hood (Gore-tex or equivalent), *rentable*
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- 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 adjusted gloves (in leather or fleece),
- Neck protection,
- Spare thermal underwear (for sleeping and change).

Accessories
- High-altitude sunglasses (grade 4 is recommended),
- A goggle,
- 1.5 quart 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 contains 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