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SKI TOURING - INTRODUCTION IN THE ITALIAN VAL FERRET

Duration: 2 | Fitness: ▲▲△△△ | Technique: ▲▲△△△ | Price from: 390 €

AN INTRODUCTION TO SKI TOURING IN VAL FERRET

On the Italian side of the Mont Blanc massif, Val Ferret offers spectacular views of Mont Blanc, the Grandes Jorasses and the Dent du Géant. Its peaceful atmosphere and gentle slopes make it an ideal setting for your first ski touring experience. Accompanied by your guide, you will learn the essential techniques of ski touring, from using climbing skins and performing kick turns to avalanche safety and improving your downhill skiing. This two-day introduction combines accessible terrain, breathtaking mountain scenery and a comfortable overnight stay at the welcoming Bonatti hut.

OUR SKI TOURING TRIPS IN THE AOSTA VALLEY

The Aosta Valley offers a wide variety of ski touring opportunities, combining exceptional mountain scenery with the warm hospitality of its mountain huts. Discover our other trips in the region, including ski touring from the Magia hut, a ski touring adventure in Val de Rhêmes, or an ascent of Gran Paradiso in the heart of the national park.

ITINERARY

Day 1

Planpincieux - Lavachey - Bonatti Hut
Transfer from Chamonix to the Italian Val Ferret through the Mont Blanc Tunnel. We put on our skis in the hamlet of Planpincieux (1,580 m), then make our way up Val Ferret to Lavachey (1,642 m). The ascent continues through the forest to the Malatra alpine pastures, where we catch sight of the Bonatti hut (2,025 m). The afternoon is dedicated to learning the essential ski touring techniques, particularly kick turns, as well as mountain safety and avalanche rescue
Ascent: 445 m

Day 2

Malatra Valley - Col d'Entre deux Sauts or Col de Malatra
We follow gentle slopes through the alpine pastures to a shepherd's hut, then enter the wide Malatra valley. Depending on conditions and the group's preferences, we can head for either the Col d'Entre deux Sauts (2,524 m) or the Col de Malatra (2,928 m). An enjoyable descent takes us back to the hut and then down into the valley. Transfer to Chamonix, arriving in the middle of the afternoon
Col d'Entre deux Sauts: ascent 500 m / descent 950 m
Col de Malatra: ascent 900 m / descent 1,350 m

GROUP BOOKING

Our group trips bring together participants who may not know each other. They offer an attractive price for a set itinerary on fixed departure dates. This option is ideal for those who enjoy the friendly atmosphere of a group

Dates
See the group booking section below

Price 2027
440€ per person, based on a minimum of 4 participants. *Participants aged 16 or 17 must be accompanied by an adult*

The price includes
- IFMGA-certified mountain guide

- Half-board at the mountain hut (dinner, breakfast and overnight stay)
- Transfers mentioned in the itinerary
- Use of an avalanche safety kit: transceiver, shovel and probe

The price does not include
- Drinks at the hut and personal expenses (bring euros)
- Lunches
- Travel to the meeting point
- Personal technical equipment
- Assistance and repatriation insurance and cancellation insurance

PRIVATE BOOKING

Private guiding is the traditional way to explore the mountains with a guide. Whether you are travelling alone or with your own group, your guide can adapt the experience to your specific needs. You are free to choose your departure date (subject to hut availability), and the itinerary can be adjusted to suit your expectations

Prices 2027
2 people: 960€ per person
3 people: 675€ per person
4 people: 530€ per person
5 people: 445€ per person
6 people: 390€ per person

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FURTHER INFORMATION

In this section, you will find all the practical information about this trip. To help you prepare, please refer to our guides' tips for expert advice and recommendations

Meeting point
8:30 am at the Compagnie des Guides office in Chamonix. Minibus transfer to the starting point and return to Chamonix by minibus

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

Technical level
For skiers confident skiing off-piste in all snow conditions. No previous ski touring experience is required

Fitness level
For people who take part in regular physical activity. Up to 900 m of ascent per day, with 4 to 5 hours of physical effort each day

Group size
4 to 6 participants per guide. *Participants aged 16 or 17 must be accompanied by an adult*

Accommodation
During the trip: half-board at the comfortable Bonatti hut, known for its warm welcome and traditional cuisine. Before and after the trip: preferential rates at our partner hotels in Chamonix

⚠ **Insurance and documents**
Assistance and repatriation insurance is mandatory. If you are not insured, we offer repatriation and cancellation insurance

when booking. A valid identity document is required

EQUIPMENT

We recommend paying particular attention to your choice of equipment, as it plays an important role in the success of your trip. Weight is a key consideration: aim to find the right balance between comfort and the weight of your pack

Equipment
- A 35-litre backpack with ski attachments
- Ski touring skis and boots, *available to rent*
- Climbing skins and ski crampons compatible with your skis, *available to rent*
- Ski poles with large baskets, *available to rent*
- An avalanche safety kit: transceiver, shovel and probe (provided by your guide and *under your responsibility*)

Clothing
- A warm hat
- A sun hat or cap
- A neck warmer or Buff
- A long-sleeved technical base layer, *available to rent*
- A fleece jacket
- A waterproof hooded jacket, such as Gore-Tex, *available to rent*
- A lightweight down jacket
- Thermal leggings
- Ski touring trousers
- Ski touring socks
- Lightweight leather or fleece gloves
- Warm ski gloves or mittens
- Spare clothing as needed

Accessories
- A sleeping bag liner, *available to rent at the hut (3€)*
- Category 4 sunglasses
- Ski goggles
- A headlamp with spare batteries
- A water bottle with a capacity of at least 1.5 litres
- An insulated flask
- A small personal first-aid and toiletries kit, including sunscreen, lip balm, earplugs, blister plasters, headache medication and toilet paper
- A waterproof pouch for your identity document and euros

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

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