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SKI TOURING - TOUR GLACIER

Duration: 3

Level: ▲▲▲▲▲

Price from: 595 €

At the northern end of the Mont Blanc Massif, the mountains between the villages of the Tour in France and Trient in Switzerland, offer wild and unusual descents in easy reach from the Glacier du Tour. Thanks to this cleverly designed itinerary, you can make the most of this forgotten side of the massif. We ski on the Argentière Glacier, then on the Glacier du Tour, before spending our last day on the remote Bron and Grands glaciers. During this trip, we will access some unusual, outstanding viewpoints on the mountains of the Chamonix Valley. We will also discover a few slopes renowned for their snow quality.

The unique setting of the Mont-Blanc massif, with its rocky peaks and glaciers, has always defined the reputation of the Chamonix valley and its mountains. To fully immerse yourself in this dramatic environment, we have set a series of ski tours that complete this trip. These experiences will enable you to explore the [Argentière Glacier](#) and the [Col du Passon](#), or venture to the renowned [Vallée Blanche](#).

ITINERARY

Day 1

Following the fire that hit the cable car of les Grands Montets in 2018, the classic itinerary is modified. We start from Bochart lift (2 766m), we join Lognan glacier (2 700m). We skin up to Rognons glacier (3 050m) through the Rachasses pass. We ski down to Argentière glacier. The Argentière glacier is mostly flat at this stage, making the ski tour to the refuge short and easy. We stay overnight at the Argentière hut (2 771m). The view over the impressive north faces rising high above Argentière glacier is stunning!

Vertical ascent : 575m / Vertical descent 750m

Day 2

Our day starts with a short descent to the Passon moraine (2 380m). We cross the moraine on foot and we may require crampons. The climb continues on skis. The slopes here are wide up until the col, which we reach using crampons and roped together via a couloir about a hundred metres high. The views from the col (3 028m), over not only the Argentière basin but also the Le Tour basin, are simply breath-taking. Then, we will ski under the North face of Chardonnet. We put skins back on to cross the gorgeous Glacier du Tour to Col Supérieur du Tour (3 100m). Then, we ski down a gentle slope following the Glacier du Tour, all the way to the refuge Albert 1er (2 700m), through a short uphill slope. We spend the night at the mountain hut.

Vertical ascent : 800m / Vertical descent 700m

Day 3

From our mountain hut, we ski up to the overlooking crest (3 094m) that we will climb with crampons. On the other side, the sunny, gentle slopes of the Glacier des Grands will welcome us. We will ski down in a wild landscape through the Grands and Bron glaciers, all the way to the Combe de la Chaux des Grands (2 400m), at the foot of the Grandes Autannes (2 680m). We will reach the summit by ski and then by foot. We will then hit the famous north side descent to the Herbagères (2 033m). Finally, we go up to Col de Balme (2 200m) which gives us access to the Tour-Vallorcine ski area, that we will follow to the village of Le Tour. Return to Argentière by public transport in the mid-afternoon.

Vertical ascent : 850m / Vertical descent 1750m

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 : 640€ 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 as per programme
- rental of full safety kit (avalanche transceiver/DVA, shovel, probe)

Not included in the package :

- take out lunches and daily snacks
- personal drinks in huts and other personal expenses (we recommend you bring Euros)
- cost of getting to meeting point
- 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.

Prices 2024 :

2 people : 1270€ per person

3 people : 935€ per person

4 people : 765€ per person

5 people : 665€ per person

6 people : 595€ per person

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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 : Meet at 09:00 in front of the Grands Montets (Argentière) ticket office. In order to limit traffic in the valley, we recommend using [public transport](#) (bus or train)

Fitness level : For people who regularly exercise/take part in sports and who have good ski touring experience. Vertical ascent of up to 900m per day. Five to six hours of exercise per day. Backpack potentially includes mountaineering equipment (crampons and ice axe). Altitudes of under 3500m.

Technical level : For advanced ski tourers. Wide slopes with short sections of narrow passages (up to 35°). Ability to ski in all snow conditions required. Several ascents with crampons, experience with crampons needed. Ease with kick turns required.

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 offering both of these types of cover 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 knives adapted to your skis, *rentable*
- A pair of poles with large discs, *rentable*
- A pair of light crampons & an ice-axe, *rentable*
- A security pack including harness, DVA, shovel & probe - this pack will be lend by your guide

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 containinig your ID card & Euros for extras

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Our Equipment Partners : [Millet](#), [Dynastar](#), [Julbo](#), [Grivel](#) & [Monnet](#)