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SKI TOURING - THE WONDER OF THE VALLEE D'AOSTA

Duration: 3 | Fitness: ▲▲▲△△ | Technique: ▲▲▲△△ | Price from: 670 €

STAR-BASED SKI TOUR FROM THE MAGIA REFUGE NEAR AOSTA

Just a stone's throw from the city of Aosta in Italy, Val Saint-Barthélemy is a small, secluded valley and one of the **Aosta Valley's best-kept secrets**. The comfortable Magia Refuge, located at the edge of the larch forest at an altitude of 2,000 metres, is the ideal base for exploring this local gem. During this star-based ski tour, you'll enjoy a peaceful atmosphere while staying in particularly comfortable accommodation. The itineraries alternate between forests and wide-open spaces, with magnificent views of the surrounding peaks. This trip is part of a special selection of itineraries we have chosen to allow you to embark on a multi-day ski tour **from the beginning of winter**. There's no need to wait until March: the area is perfectly suited to ski touring from the first snow, whether you are looking for a gentle introduction to multi-day touring or simply an excellent way to start your ski touring season.

OUR SELECTION OF SKI TOURS IN THE AOSTA VALLEY

To continue exploring the mountains of the Aosta Valley, we have developed a selection of ski tours that allow you to enjoy the diversity of the region's terrain and the quality of its mountain refuges. Enjoy a gentle introduction to ski touring in the Val Ferret, facing the south side of the Mont Blanc massif, explore Val de Rhèmes, on the Italian side of the Haute Tarentaise, on a star-based ski tour, or venture into Gran Paradiso National Park and climb Gran Paradiso itself, at 4,061 metres.

ITINERARY

Day 1

Transfer from Chamonix to the small hamlet of Porliod (1,790m) in the Val Saint Barthélémy via Aosta and Nus. We ascend to the Col de Beauregard (2,382m) via a comfortable traverse at the foot of Mont Rion. We then descend through alpine pastures and the larch forest to reach the Magia refuge (2,007m). The refuge, completed in 2016, is particularly comfortable, offering showers and small dormitories. Overnight at the refuge.
Elevation gain: 600m / Elevation loss: 400m

Day 2

Departure towards the end of the Val Saint Barthélémy and the mountains bordering the neighboring Valpelline. We first reach the plateau of Lac de Luseney, then ascend to the Col de Livournéa (2,841m). We descend by the same route and spend the night at the refuge.
Elevation gain: 850m / Elevation loss: 850m

Day 3

We leave the refuge for the Pointe de Chaleby (2,683m). We descend via the Col du Salvé to the alpine pastures of Fontaney and Chavalry, creating a beautiful loop that takes us back to the Porliod parking lot. Return to Chamonix in the mid-afternoon.
Elevation gain: 700m / Elevation loss: 700m

GROUP BOOKING

The group option brings together participants who may not know each other. It is ideal for those looking for the friendly

atmosphere of a group and an attractive price.

Group dates
See the group booking module below

2027 group price
695€ per person based on a minimum of 4 participants
Registration possible from age 16 when accompanied by an adult

This price includes
- IFMGA English-speaking mountain guide
- Half-board accommodation in the mountain hut (dinner, breakfast and overnight stay)
- Transfers as per programme
- Rental of a full safety kit (avalanche transceiver/DVA, shovel, probe)

This price does not include
- Personal drinks in the hut and other personal expenses (we recommend bringing euros)
- Picnic lunches and daily snacks
- Transport to the meeting point in Chamonix
- Personal technical equipment

PRIVATE BOOKING

The private option allows you to travel with a group of your choice, accompanied by a mountain guide. More flexible, it allows you to choose your departure date according to hut availability and adapt the programme to your level, expectations and objectives.

2027 private prices
2 people: 1570€ per person
3 people: 1120€ per person
4 people: 895€ per person
5 people: 760€ per person
6 people: 670€ per person

This price includes
- IFMGA English-speaking mountain guide
- Half-board accommodation in the mountain hut (dinner, breakfast and overnight stay)
- Transfers as per programme
- Full safety kit provided by your guide (avalanche transceiver/DVA, shovel, probe)

This price does not include
- Personal drinks in the hut and other personal expenses (we recommend bringing euros)
- Picnic lunches and daily snacks
- Transport to the meeting point in Chamonix
- Personal technical equipment

FURTHER INFORMATION

In this section, you will find all the practical information about this activity. To prepare for your trip, refer to the guides' tips, where our guides share their expertise and recommendations.

Meeting point
Meet at 8.30am at the Compagnie des Guides de Chamonix. Transfer by minibus to the departure point and return to Chamonix by minibus.

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

Technical level
Suitable for skiers who are confident skiing off-piste in all snow conditions and have previous ski touring experience. Wide slopes with occasional narrow sections and inclines of up to 35°.

Fitness level

For participants who engage in regular physical activity. Up to 1,000 m of ascent and 5 to 6 hours of effort per day.

Group size
Group of 4 to 6 participants per mountain guide.
Registration possible from age 16 when accompanied by an adult.

Accommodation
Half-board accommodation at the Magia Refuge. Before and after your trip, benefit from preferential rates with our hotel partners in Chamonix.

⚠ **Formalities**
Mountain sports insurance with repatriation cover is mandatory. We strongly recommend cancellation cover. Insurance can be purchased when you register.
Valid ID is mandatory.

EQUIPMENT

We recommend paying particular attention to the choice of your equipment, as it contributes greatly to the success of your trip. Weight is an important consideration: you should always find the right balance between weight and comfort.

Equipment
- A comfortable 35-litre backpack with ski attachments
- Ski touring skis and boots, *available to rent*
- Climbing skins and ski crampons adapted to your skis, *available to rent*
- A pair of ski poles with large baskets, *available to rent*
- A safety kit including harness, avalanche transceiver, shovel and probe (provided by your guide)

Clothing
- A waterproof and windproof jacket with hood (Gore-Tex or equivalent), *available to rent*
- Waterproof and windproof trousers, *available to rent*
- A warm fleece jacket or equivalent
- A lightweight down jacket
- A long-sleeved top
- Medium-weight thermal underwear (top and bottoms, which can also be used as pyjamas)
- Warm ski socks
- A warm ski hat and a sun hat or cap
- Warm ski gloves or mittens
- A pair of lightweight gloves (leather or fleece)
- A neck warmer
- Spare thermal underwear (for sleeping and changing)

Accessories
- Category 4 sunglasses
- Ski goggles
- A 1.5 L water bottle
- An insulated bottle
- A small personal first-aid and toiletry kit including sunscreen, lip balm, painkillers, blister treatment, earplugs and toilet paper
- A headlamp with spare batteries
- A cotton or silk sleeping bag liner, compulsory in mountain huts (blankets and slippers or clogs are provided)
- A waterproof pouch containing your ID and euros for personal expenses

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

Our equipment partners
Millet, Dynastar, Julbo, Grivel & Monnet