

# Compagnie des Guides de Chamonix

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## **SKI TOURING - MONT BLANC**

Duration: 3	Fitness: 🔺 🔺 🔺 🔺	Technique: 🛦 🛦 🛦 🛦	Price from: 1 635 €

**Skiing Mont Blanc is a dream shared by many skiers**; this exceptional journey takes you through glacier-covered landscapes, promising unforgettable moments. Ski touring to the summit of Mont Blanc in spring demands far more effort than a summer climb. It requires serious physical preparation and expert skiing skills. To ensure the best conditions for your ascent, we offer a 3-day trip with two overnights at the Grands Mulets hut. This option, which breaks up the descent, allows you to better manage both physical exertion and the effects of altitude. A 2-day ascent is also possible, depending on conditions and your experience. We also offer a one-day ascent; please contact us for more information. Regardless of the option, reservations can only be made by phone or email.

## Day 1 : Ascent to the Grands Mulets hut

Departure for the cable car of the Aiguille du Midi - we stop on the first stretch: the Plan de l'Aiguille (2 310m). We begin the crossing on the old trail in the direction of the old "glaciers cable car". We continue our progress until the junction between the glacier of Bossons and the glacier of Taconnaz. The refuge of the Grands Mulets appears in this majestic setting, nestled on a rocky promontory in the heart of the high mountain. Overnight at the Grands Mulets refuge (3 051m). *Vertical ascent: 950m* 

## Day 2 : Summit then back to the Grands Mulets hut

At first light, we start from the hut. Classic route "Des plateaux" or depending the conditions, the north face of Dôme du Goûter (slopes up to 40°) to reach the normal route. Ski up until Abri Vallot (4 362m). From there, depending on conditions, go and back by foot to reach the summit through Arête des Bosses. If the conditions are good, we can be skied on the north face. Then, in any way, we continue to go down through Grand & Petit plateau to reach the hut. *Vertical ascent:1 750m - Vertical descent: 1 750m* 

#### Day 3 : Second part of the descent

We have a late start and go back to Plan de l'Aiguille or ski down to the Mont-Blanc tunnel if snow is sufficient. Vertical descent: 850m or 1 750m

## **PRIVATE BOOKING**

**Dates 2025 :** On request from April to early June, depending on weather and snow conditions. In recent years, the best conditions have often been observed around mid-May.

Prices 2025 : On 3 days : 1635€ for 1 pers, 1800€ for 2 pers

This prices includes :

- IFMGA English speaking mountain guiding service
- rental of full safety kit (avalanche transceiver/DVA, shovel, probe)

This price does not include :

- half-board in Mountain hut (dinner, breakfast and night)
- take out lunches and daily snacks
- ski lift access
- personal drinks and other personal expenses
- personal technical equipment

In this section, find all the information about this activity. For further information, please contact our advisor (contact details above).

**Fitness level :** For individuals regularly engaging in intensive endurance activities. Vertical ascents of up to 1800m per day. Expect 9 to 10 hours of exercise daily. Backpack will include mountaineering equipment (crampons and ice axe) along with carrying skis. Altitudes will exceed 4000m.

**Technical level :** For experienced ski tourers. Includes several technical sections and short exposed passages (slopes up to 40°). Requires excellent technique in all snow conditions, as well as mastery of basic mountaineering skills, such as walking with crampons and an ice axe, and executing kick turns.

Guiding policy : 1 to 2 persons per guide depending on conditions

Accommodation : 2 half-board in hut (les Grands Mulets). *Before & after the trip:* We have some hotel partners in Chamonix with special prices for our customers.

Preparing for the trip : One week before the trip, the mountain guide will be in contact to answer any questions you may have.

## 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 35I on which you could fix your skis & ice-axe,
- Ski touring skis & shoes,
- Adhesive climbing skins & ski knifes adapted to your skis,
- A pair of poles with large discs,
- A security pack including harness, DVA, shovel & probe this pack will be lend by your guide.
- A pair of light crampons & an ice-axe.

#### Clothing

- Waterproof and windproof, non-insulated parka with hood (Gore-tex or equivalent),
- Waterproof and windproof, non-insulated pants,
- 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.

**Partners** : There is the possibility to rent your equipment at a preferential price from one of our partner sports shops. Sanglard Sports, Ravanel & Co & Concept Pro Shop