



# Compagnie des Guides de Chamonix

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## VALLEE BLANCHE SKIING

Duration: 1

Level: ▲▲▲▲▲

Price from: 145 €

Aiguille du Midi summit - 3,842m. Panoramic views of Mont-Blanc and 4,000m peaks: Grandes Jorasses, Dent du Géant, Aiguille Verte... A breathtaking landscape featuring glaciers and rocky peaks. The descent from Aiguille du Midi, equipped with fixed ropes in the winter season, provides access to the Vallée Blanche ski route: 23 kilometers and 2,000 meters of elevation gain in an exceptional glacial environment. Skiing across slopes and bowls, you'll navigate through seracs and crevasses. Optionally, take a lunch break at Refuge du Requin, facing the impressive serac fall of Glacier du Géant. At the snout of Mer de Glace, two options for returning to Chamonix exist. Traditionally, the cable car from the glacier connects you to the Montanvers train, then Chamonix. With excellent snow conditions, skiing down to the valley is possible. A walk of about 25 minutes with an elevation gain of 200 meters is required to reach Mottets Hut at 1,650m before continuing on skis.

The Vallee Blanche is undoubtedly, the most famous off-piste ski itinerary in the French Alps taking place on glaciers at high altitude. The Vallée Blanche is skiable from mid-December to early Mai. It requires the ability to ski black slopes and some experience of skiing on the edges of the pistes to fully enjoy what is on offer. Enjoy with our Mountain Guides a proper alpine adventure! Season after season, global warming profoundly alters the morphology of glaciers. The Vallée Blanche is no exception; if you've skied this route before, you're likely to be very surprised. The crevasses are more present than before and wide slopes have given way to cramped passages. The level required to ski the Vallée Blanche has therefore significantly increased overall in recent years.

### GROUP BOOKING

The group session joins together people who do not necessarily know each other. It is ideal for people looking for the friendliness of a group at an attractive price. **No snowboarders in group booking, only in private booking**

**Dates (group booking) :** See online booking

**Guiding policy (group booking) :** Group from 3 to 6 people. The number of participants per guide may vary depending on the glacier. 15 years old minimum accompanied by a parent

**Meeting point (group booking) :** 8.45am at the bottom of the Aiguille du Midi (Info Point)

**Route (group booking) :** Vallee Blanche classic

**Prices 2024 (group booking) :**

- 145€ per person without lift pass.

- 83€ per person for the lift pass including Aiguille du Midi and Montanvers cog train. No refund if you do not take the Montanvers train. If you buy your lift pass on your own on the same day, you need to be at the Aiguille du Midi lift station at least half an hour before the appointment time as there is often queuing at the ticket office

This price includes :

- the guiding fees for the descent of the Vallée Blanche
- the safety equipment (harness and avalanche transceiver)
- the lift pass depending on the package
- reservation of your places in the Aiguille du Midi cable car

This price does not include :

- your personal gear (ski poles, skis, boots...)
- the lift pass depending on the package

- the lunch
- a **backpack** on which you can attach your skis is obligatory
- a pair of crampons **set for your ski boots**

## PRIVATE BOOKING

A private booking is the historic relationship between a guide and their clients. It allows you to be alone or in a group of friends with your guide where the guide organizes your outing to suit your specific needs. It is undoubtedly the ideal formula to ski the route of your choice.

**For snowboarders :** Due to the natural configuration of the glaciers, the classic route of the Vallée Blanche is not very steep and therefore is not recommended for snowboarders. Several steeper variants (Petit et Moyen Envers du Plan for example) are better adapted for snowboarders. The level required for these variants is equivalent to that of a black slope in off-slope conditions (changing and deep snow). **Telescopic poles are mandatory** to help your descent on the final part of the glacier.

**Dates (private booking) :** See online booking. No online booking in early season - [Contact us](#)

**Route (private booking) :** La Vallée Blanche offers several routes (Classic, Petit Envers, Moyen Envers, etc.). The route will be chosen based on conditions and your expectations. This reservation includes only the descent of Vallée Blanche. Typically, the return to Chamonix takes place in the early afternoon. If you wish to extend your exploration of the Valley with your guide, please make a reservation through our [off-piste skiing page](#), specifying that you want to ski Vallée Blanche and then explore another site.

**Meeting point (private booking) :** Between 8:00 AM and 9:30 AM at the Aiguille du Midi cable car station. Your guide will contact you by phone around 6:30 PM the day before to confirm the exact time. We strongly advise you to rent your equipment in advance. If you need to rent your equipment on the same morning, please inform us when making your reservation

**Guiding policy (private booking) :** Group from 1 to 6 people. The number of participants per guide may vary depending on the glacier  
12 years old minimum accompanied by a parent.

### Prices 2024 (private booking) :

Group from 1 to 2 people : 385€

Group from 3 to 4 people : 405€

Group from 5 to 6 people : 425€

You can buy your ski passes (Aiguilles du Midi + Montenvers train) from the Compagnie des Guides. No refund if you do not take the Montenvers train

The price includes :

- the guiding fees
- the safety equipment (harness and transceiver)
- reservation of the Aiguille du Midi cable car

The price does not include :

- your personal gear (ski poles, skis, boots...)
- the lifts
- the Lunch
- a **backpack** on which you can attach your skis is obligatory
- a pair of crampons **set for your ski boots**

## FURTHER INFORMATION

Find in this section, all the information about this activity. For any further information please contact our advisors (contact details above).

**Duration :** Aiguille du Midi lift in Chamonix - Back to the Valley : from 4 to 5 hours.

**Ability level :** The descent of the Vallée Blanche is for skiers who can control their speed and know how to skid and make turns **determined by the route**. The technical difficulties are comparable to those of a **black run ungroomed**. In case of fresh snow, the descent of the Vallée Blanche is similar to off-piste skiing in powder snow. It therefore requires adequate experience. 15 years old minimum accompanied by a parent

**Formality :** Make sure you have valid individual liability insurance for the practice of this activity without any location or altitude

restrictions, including assistance, search and rescue, and repatriation

## EQUIPMENT

We recommend you to pay particular attention to the choice of your equipment. It contributes greatly to the success of your stay. In a general way, it is better to pile up several light coats rather than wear one big clothing.

### Equipment

- The normal ski gear is sufficient. Have the bindings checked before departure.
- A **backpack** on which you can attach your skis is obligatory.
- A pair of Crampons adjust on your ski boots

### Clothing

- Clothing should be adapted to the cold and wind that we often have at the start. Gloves, hats, sunglasses and sunscreen with a high degree of protection are essential.

### Do not forget :

- Sunglasses or goggle
- Sunscreen
- Power food / lunch
- Camera

### Considering the meeting time, it is advisable to rent your gear the day before

- 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](#)
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