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VALLEE BLANCHE - OVERNIGHT AT THE COSMIQUES HUT

Duration: 1.5 | Difficulty: ▲▲▲△△ | Price from: 410 €

COSMIQUES HUT - 3 613 M

Located by the Col du Midi and at the foot of Aiguille du Midi, at 3613 meters above sea level, the Cosmiques hut is one of a kind. Second highest mountain hut in France after the refuge du Goûter (3 815m), it once was a laboratory for the study of cosmic rays. The current structure was built in 1991 and is now operated by the Compagnie des Guides de Chamonix. In its basement, the refuge still hosts research activities carried out by the National Centre for Scientific Research. A night at the refuge des Cosmiques guarantees a **total immersion in the mounatains**, where the sunrise and sunset are unforgettable.

A LEGENDARY RUN

From the very first step onto the ridge at the Aiguille du Midi, you're immersed in an unforgettable adventure. With the highest peaks of the Alps all around you, the Vallée Blanche offers a 15 km descent and 2,000 vertical meters through the heart of the Mont Blanc glaciers — a legendary off-piste experience that starts with a short ridge walk secured by fixed ropes, and finishes with a return by the Montenvers train or, with exceptional snow, skiing all the way down to Chamonix.

ITINERARY

Day 1

On the way to the Cosmiques Hut
Walk down the Aiguille du Midi ridge, skis on the pack and crampons on your feet. Short ski descent to reach the base of the Cosmiques Hut, then about a 20-minute walk to reach the hut.

Day 2

Vallée Blanche descent
Morning departure, returning to Chamonix by late morning.

GROUP BOOKING

The group formula associates people who do not necessarily know each other. It is ideal for people looking for group friendliness and attractive prices.

⚠ **Snowboarders not accepted in group booking - private only**

Dates for group booking
Sunday to Monday, see on-line booking
⚠ **The date should be read as referring to the night at the Cosmiques hut**

Guiding policy for group booking
Group from 4 to 6 people. 16 years old minimum accompanied by a parent

Departure for groupe booking
Departure with a minimum of 4 people

Meeting point for group booking
3.30pm at the bottom of the Aiguille du Midi (Info Point)

2027 Price for group booking
470€ per person

This price includes
- Mountain guiding service
- Glacier & avalanche safety gear
- Lift passes
- Hut fees (diner - night and breakfast)

This price does not include
- Ski gear (no snowboard or snowblades)
- Crampons fitted to your boots (mandatory)
- Backpack (mandatory)
- drinks at the hut
- snack
- sleeping bag liner

PRIVATE BOOKING

Want to share the Vallée Blanche only with your friends or family? Book a private guide and enjoy a tailor-made descent - Your guide, your pace.

⚠ **Snowboarders welcome only in private booking : telescopic poles mandatory**

Dates for private booking
Except Friday and Saturday evening and subject to availability at the refuge
To book, thank you to send an email

Guiding policy for private booking
Group from 1 to 6 people. The number of participants per guide may vary depending on the glacier. 16 years old minimum accompanied by a parent

Meeting point for private booking
3.30pm at the bottom of the Aiguille du Midi (Info Point)

Route for private booking
Chosen according to your level and conditions

2027 Prices for private booking
2 people : 725€ per person
3 people : 570€ per person
4 people : 490€ per person
5 people : 445€ per person
6 people : 410€ per person

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- Guiding fees
- Glacier & avalanche safety gear
- Lift passes
- Hut fees (diner - night and breakfast)

This price does not include
- Ski gear (no snowblades)
- Crampons fitted to your boots (mandatory)
- Backpack
- drinks at the hut
- snack
- sleeping bag liner (mandatory)

FURTHER INFORMATION

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

⚠ **A night at high altitude can cause discomfort such as headache, nausea, or insomnia**

Duration
From mid-afternoon to late morning the next day

Required level
Normal conditions: ability to ski a steep, mogulled black run in Europe — equivalent to a sustained double black diamond in North America. Not recommended for people with heart conditions

Fresh snow
More technical descent in several dozen centimeters of untracked powder - Class 4/5 level. North American equivalent: Double black diamond + / all-conditions off-piste
⚠ **Suitable skis required**

Formality
Participants must have mountain sports insurance with repatriation cover. We strongly recommend that this also includes cancellation cover. You can take out insurance when you sign up

EQUIPMENT

A standard outfit for piste skiing in cold weather is suitable for the Vallée Blanche descent

Equipment
- All-mountain or off-piste skis depending on conditions. Check your bindings before departure.
- One backpack per person to carry skis - mandatory
- Crampons adjusted to your ski boots - mandatory

Clothing
- Standard ski clothing for cold weather
- Spare clothing at your discretion

Accessories
- Ski helmet
- Sunglasses or ski goggles
- Sunscreen
- Snacks
- Sleeping bag liner
- Pills against headach
- Toilet set (No shower / water at the hut)

Our Rental Partners : You can rent your equipment with our rental shops partners and benefit from special price Millet (excluding crampons, ice axes and helmet), Sanglard Sports, Ravanel & Co & Concept Pro Shop
Our Equipment Partners : Millet, Dynastar, Julbo, Grivel & Monnet