Compagnie des Guides de Chamonix

190 place de l'église - 74400 Chamonix – France - Tél : + 33 (0)4 50 53 00 88
www.chamonix-guides.com - e-mail : info@chamonix-guides.com

SKI TOURING - FULL IMMERSION IN THE MOUNTAINS

Duration: 2 | Fitness: ▲▲△△△ | Technique: ▲▲▲△△ | Price from: 435 €

NE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL REFUGES IN THE SWISS ALPS

In the spirit of our trips offering a night close to the stars, we invite you to discover the Fenestral hut, considered one of the most beautiful refuges in the Swiss Alps. Located at an altitude of 2,453 m in Valais, the hut was completely rebuilt in 2015 with the ambition of allowing visitors to immerse themselves in the mountain environment. Its large south-facing window offers a spectacular view. Comfortably settled inside, you feel as though you were bivouacking in the heart of the mountains, with the Mont Blanc massif as a backdrop. From the family-friendly resort of Ovronnaz, set out to discover a little corner of paradise, ideal for ski touring at the beginning of the season. The particularly varied terrain offers a wide choice of routes perfectly suited to ski tourers with some prior experience.

OUR EARLY-SEASON SKI TOURS

This trip is part of a selection of itineraries we have specially chosen to allow you to embark on a ski tour from the very beginning of winter. Discover the Dents du Midi and Fenestral huts, offering extraordinary experiences, explore a hidden gem in the Aosta Valley, or dive into the heart of the Mont Blanc massif.

ITINERARY

Day 1

Departure from Chamonix to the resort of Ovronnaz, located above Riddes in the Swiss Valais. There is an option to meet at the Riddes train station. We take the ski lifts to La Forcle (2,166 m), from where we ski down to Les Grands Prés (2,100 m). We then put on our skins to ascend to the Fenestral Pass and the hut (2,453 m). After a break, we ski towards Lac Supérieur de Fully (2,150 m) before returning to the hut for the night.
Elevation gain: 590 m | Elevation loss: 360 m

Day 2

We head towards the Grande Dent de Morcles (2,969 m). The ascent starts with a traverse and then opens up to wide slopes leading to the summit. After a brief descent, we reach Tête Noire (2,871 m), which provides access to a magnificent couloir that leads back to the resort. We descend to Ovronnaz either via the slopes or off-piste, depending on the conditions.
Elevation gain: 600 m | Elevation loss: 1,600 m

GROUP BOOKING

The group option brings together participants who may not know each other. It allows you to enjoy an attractive price for a set programme on fixed dates. This option is ideal for those who enjoy the friendly atmosphere of a group.

Dates
See below for the group booking module.

Price 2027
460€ per person, based on a minimum of 4 participants.
Registration possible from the age of 18.

Included in the package
- IFMGA English-speaking mountain guiding service

- Half-board in a mountain hut (dinner, breakfast and overnight stay)
- Ski lift access and public transport as per programme
- Safety kit (avalanche transceiver/DVA, shovel and probe)

Not included in the package
- Packed lunches and daily snacks
- Cancellation and assistance-repatriation insurance
- Personal drinks and other personal expenses
- Cost of getting to the meeting point
- Personal technical equipment

PRIVATE BOOKING

A private booking is the traditional relationship between a guide and their clients. It allows you to be alone or with your own group, accompanied by a guide who can adapt to your specific needs. It is undoubtedly the ideal option for carrying out your projects, offering maximum flexibility and comfort. You are free to choose your departure date depending on hut availability, and the itinerary can be adjusted according to your specific expectations.

Prices 2027
2 people : 1015€ per person
3 people : 725€ per person
4 people : 580€ per person
5 people : 495€ per person
6 people : 435€ per person

Included in the package
- IFMGA English-speaking mountain guiding service
- Half-board in a mountain hut (dinner, breakfast and overnight stay)
- Ski lift access and public transport as per programme
- Safety kit (avalanche transceiver/DVA, shovel and probe)

Not included in the package
- Packed lunches and daily snacks
- Cancellation and assistance-repatriation insurance
- Personal drinks and other personal expenses (we recommend bringing euros)
- Cost of getting to the meeting point
- Personal technical equipment

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 to help you prepare for your trip.

Meeting point
8:30 AM at the Compagnie des Guides de Chamonix - 190 Place de l'Église, 74400 Chamonix. Option to meet at Riddes train station around 10:00 AM.

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

Technical Level
Suitable for skiers skilled in off-piste skiing in a variety of snow conditions and with prior experience in ski touring. The terrain features wide slopes with occasional narrow sections and inclines of up to 35°.

Physical Level
Designed for individuals who regularly engage in physical activity. Expect a positive elevation gain of up to 750 m per day and 5 to 6 hours of effort each day.

Guiding policy
4 to 6 people per guide.
Registration possible from the age of 18.

Accommodation
Half-board in a staffed mountain hut, with drinks available for purchase. Before and after the trip, benefit from special rates with

our hotel partners in Chamonix.

⚠ **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 types of cover when you sign up.

EQUIPMENT

We recommend that you take particular care when choosing your equipment, as it contributes greatly to the success of your trip. Weight is an important factor; you should always consider the balance between weight and comfort in order to find the best compromise.

Equipment
- A 35L backpack with attachments for skis and an ice axe
- A pair of ski touring skis and boots, *rentable*
- Touring skins and ski crampons adapted to your skis, *rentable*
- A pair of ski poles with large baskets, *rentable*
- A safety kit: avalanche transceiver (DVA), shovel and probe (provided by your guide *under your responsibility*)

Clothing
- A waterproof and windproof jacket with hood (Gore-Tex or equivalent), *rentable*
- Waterproof and windproof trousers, *rentable*
- A fleece jacket or equivalent
- A light down jacket
- A long-sleeved base layer
- Thermal underwear (top and bottoms)
- Warm ski socks
- A warm hat and a sun hat or cap
- Warm ski gloves or mittens
- A pair of thinner gloves (leather or fleece)
- A neck warmer
- Spare clothing as required

Accessories
- High-altitude sunglasses (category 4)
- A pair of ski goggles
- A headlamp with spare batteries
- A sleeping bag liner
- A water bottle of at least 1.5L
- An insulated bottle
- A small personal first-aid kit including at least sunscreen, lip balm, earplugs, blister treatment, headache medication and toilet paper
- A waterproof pouch containing your ID and euros

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

Our Equipment Partners
Millet, Dynastar, Julbo, Grivel & Monnet