



Compagnie des Guides de Chamonix

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SKI TOURING - ARGENTIERE GLACIER

Duration: 2 days

Level: ▲▲▲▲▲

Price from: 375 €

The unique setting of the Mont Blanc massif, with its rocky peaks and glaciers, has made the reputation of the Chamonix valley and its mountains. The Compagnie des Guides de Chamonix has developed a series of ski tours & trips to discover this unique universe.

- Night on the Vallée Blanche, 2 days: in the heart of the Mont Blanc massif in an outstanding setting
- Night at Lognan, 2 days: panoramic crossing between the village of Argentière and le Tour, by the Col du Passon
- Night in the Argentière Basin, 2 days: vertiginous settings in a unique environment
- Ski tour between Argentière and Le Tour, 3 days: the forgotten slopes of the Mont Blanc Massif

The Argentière area is a unique place. Easily accessible from the Grands Montets ski area, it is surrounded by several summits creating a stunning atmosphere. On the northern side, from the Verte to the Dolent, vertiginous and icy slopes exceed one thousand meters of height. On the southern side, the Chardonnet and the Aiguille d'Argentière take centre stage over sharp rocky ridges. The refuge d'Argentière is the ideal basecamp to enjoy the atmosphere and the huge potential of this area.

ITINERARY

Day 1

Following the fire that hit the cable car of les Grands Montets in 2018, the classic itinerary is modified. We start from Bochard lift (2 766m), we join Lognan glacier (2 700m). We skin up to Rognons glacier (3 050m) through the Rachasses pass. We ski down to Argentière glacier. The Argentière glacier is mostly flat at this stage, making the ski tour to the refuge short and easy. We stay overnight at the Argentière hut (2 771m). The view over the impressive north faces rising high above Argentière glacier is stunning!

Vertical ascent : 575m / Vertical descent 750m

Day 2

Departure towards the Col d'Argentière (3 552m). During your way up, enjoy the panorama on the legendary North faces of the Argentière Glacier: Triolet, Courtes, Droites and Aiguille Verte, the view is breath taking. The way down follows the same itinerary, return in the valley in the mid-afternoon.

Vertical ascent : 780m / Vertical descent 2300m

This programme is meant as a guide only. Depending on the abilities of the group and the conditions in the mountains, your mountain guide may alter the route.

GROUP BOOKING

Group session associates several people who don't know each other. It allows for a planned program to benefit from an attractive price on fixed dates. This formula is ideal for people looking for the friendliness of a group.

Dates : Please check the dates available in dropping-down list below

Price 2023 : 415€ per person based on minimum of 4 participants

Included in the package :

- mountain guiding service
- half-board in mountain huts (dinner, breakfast and night)

- lift access
- avalanche transceiver (DVA), shovel, probe and harness rental

Not included in the package :

- take out lunches and daily snacks
- personal drinks
- personal technical equipment

PRIVATE BOOKING

Private hiring is the historical relationship that binds a guide to his/her client. It allows you to be alone, or in a constituted group, with your guide that meets your specific needs. It is undoubtedly the ideal formula to realize your projects because it guarantees you a maximum of comfort. You are free to choose your departure date (depending on the availability of the huts) and the itinerary can be adjusted, according to your specific expectations.

Prices 2023 :

- 2 people : 820€ per person
- 3 people : 600€ per person
- 4 people : 485€ per person
- 5 people : 420€ per person
- 6 people : 375€ per person

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FURTHER INFORMATION

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

Meeting point : 9.00 AM at [the cash desk of Lognan lift](#) (Argentiere). In order to limit traffic in the valley, we recommend using public transport (bus or train).

Ability level : An appropriate choice of destination is essential for you to properly enjoy your holiday. To get the most out of your trip we recommend you take regular exercise throughout the year and, where necessary, undertake specific training a few months before you leave. Try to avoid last minute training that can lead to injury. It is important you do not overestimate your abilities and you understand that the weight of your backpack, the altitude and the snow conditions can negatively impact on your normal skiing ability.

Fitness level : For people who regularly exercise/take part in sports and who have a previous ski touring experience. Vertical ascent of up to 900m per day. Five to six hours of exercise per day. Backpack potentially includes mountaineering equipment (crampons and ice axe). Altitudes of under 3500m.

Technical level : For off-piste skiers with a first experience in ski-touring. Wide slopes with short sections of narrow passages (up to 30°). Ability to ski in all snow conditions required. Partial knowledge of basic mountaineering techniques (walking with crampons and ice axe) and kick turns needed.

Guiding policy : The group is composed of 4 to 6 skiers maximum per guide. The Compagnie des Guides de Chamonix's guiding policy is one of the strictest in the mountain guiding industry.

Accommodation : During the trip: in catered mountain huts, nights in dormitory.

Before & after the trip: We have some hotel partners in Chamonix with special prices for our customers.

Documentation : 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. Participants must also take valid ID with them.

Preparing for the trip : Few days 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. In a general way, it is better to pile up several light coats rather than wear one big clothing.

Equipment

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

Clothing

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

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