



Compagnie des Guides de Chamonix

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SNOWSHOEING - NIGHT IN AN IGLOO

Duration: 2 days

Level: ▲ ▲ ▲ ▲ ▲

Price from: 230 €

From the heights of Megève and Combloux, we go for an experience out of time, at the discovery of an igloo village. Remy, the owner of the place builds them himself and welcomes us with a typical Savoyard fondue. We promise you a memorable night will all the comforts you will need in a peaceful environment. The day after, we enjoy an exceptional view over the Aravis, Fiz, and Mont-Blanc mountain ranges, before going back to civilization.

ITINERARY

Day 1: Megève - Igloos Village

The week-end starts at the beginning of the afternoon, with a transfer between Chamonix and Megève. We are now in the heights of the village, in a beautiful spruce forest. We discover the environment in which we are going to spend the next two days, following animal tracks and bird songs. Finally we arrive at top of the crest reaching the igloo village where Remy is waiting for us with his famous fondue.

Elevation gain: 400 m

Day 2: Igloos Village - Petit Croisse Baulet

This morning, we go up to the top of Petit Croisse Baulet (2009m) where the panoramic view is extraordinary! We can soak up this panorama throughout our lunch. In the afternoon, we will go back down to the departure point to end this revitalizing stay.

Elevation gain: 450 m - Elevation loss: 800 m

Guides and leaders may have to adapt program and hiking route to weather/terrain conditions and according to group hiking skills.

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 2021 : February 11 & 12 - February 25 & 26 - March 18 & 19 - April 13 & 14.

Price 2021: 230€ per person based on minimum 6 participants.

Included in the package :

- Organisation and mountain Leader guiding service,
- one night half-board in igloo (dinner - drinks not included, night and breakfast),
- picnic lunch,
- shuttles return trip to Chamonix,
- snowshoe, pole, avalanche transceiver (DVA), shovel and probe rental.

Not included in the package :

- Drinks and personal expense (souvenirs...),
- repatriation insurance (mandatory),
- anything not mentioned in « included in the package.

FURTHER INFORMATION

Meeting point: Meet at **1.00 pm** at the Compagnie des Guides office in Chamonix.

Ability level: 2/5: For any fit people. For everyone in good physical condition. 4 to 5-hour hike with average vertical gain between 400 m and 500 m. An approach to uphill and downhill snowshoeing techniques on varied and hilly areas. No prior experience required.

Guiding policy: Each mountain leader can guide a group from 6 to 8 people. The Compagnie des Guides de Chamonix's guiding policy is one of the strictest in the mountain guiding business. It guarantees the most balanced groups as possible as well as high-quality personalised advice.

Accommodation: One night half-board in igloo (dinner - drinks not included, night and breakfast).

Documentation:

- **Participants must have an insurance with repatriation cover.** Cancellation insurance is highly recommended. You can take out insurance offering both of these types of cover when you sign up.
- **Participants must also take valid ID with them.**

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.

Hiking boots

- Boots for snowshoeing should be warm and waterproof. They should also provide high ankle support. New boots should be worn a couple of times before.
- If your feet tend to get blisters easily, you can apply baby talc on dry feet in the morning before wearing your socks.

Back-pack

- Minimum size 35 L (a back-pack with extra room is better than too small).
- Once everything is packed, make sure there is enough room to fit your picnic lunch.
- Although backpack covers are very convenient in bad weather, we recommend using a very large plastic bag as a pack-liner to protect your personal belongings from getting wet.

Clothing

Underwear : avoid using cotton. Compared to technical synthetic material, it is heavier and it dries slowly. Wool is also getting popular amongst sportswear brands. Synthetic and wool are warmer ; they dry fast, and allow you to pack light.

Carrying weight

Taking enough time to pack is essential, as you are going to carry every item for several days in a row. Avoiding extra weight can easily be done by packing your clothes tightly, placing heavy items at the bottom of the pack, and avoiding empty spaces. As a result weight is better spread throughout your back and weight impression diminished).

Daily needs

- 1 synthetic long-sleeve shirt
- 1 light polar fleece
- 1 pair of Goretex pants, 1 long synthetic underwear to wear under your trousers
- 1 a pair of wool socks
- 1 Goretex jacket
- 1 pair of fleece gloves, 1 pair of mittens, 1 pair of silk gloves
- 1 warm hat, a scarf or neck warmer
- 1 water bottle (1.5 quart, to 2 quarts minimum) isothermal if possible
- 1 pocket knife + 1 « spork »
- Cap or sun-hat and sunglasses (category # 3 minimum), sunscreen (face and lips)
- A camera and a pair of binoculars (optional).

What you need for the entire trip

- Down jacket or warm polar fleece
- long underwear or sweat pants for the evening
- Changes of clothes: (T-shirt, underwear and socks) prefer synthetic to cotton
- Pocket light or head lamp
- Individual first aid kit *
- Ultra-light shower kit (feel free to customize ...) + synthetic « dry fast » towel
- 1 one-person sleep-sheet (silk is the most comfortable and remains the lightest)
- ID card or passport + spare change for personal expenses + paper tissues and toilet paper
- Gaiters (recommended if your Goretex pants don't have a boot-skirt).

* *Elastoplast (stretchable strapping tape), band-aids, second skin, medicine for common aches and pains (diarrhea, headaches, sore throat...). Don't forget to bring personal prescription treatment if you have one. Mountain leaders also carry a complete first aid kit.*

Partners : You can rent your equipment with our rental shops partners and benefit from special price [Sanglard Sports & Ravanel & Co](#) .

A 10€ discount voucher coming from the shop [Au Vieux Campeur](#) will be given to the first 500 clients from the 'Cie des Guides' (voucher to be collected at our office). Closest shop 'Au Vieux Campeur' : Sallanches.

PRIVATE BOOKING

You are a private group, you can ask for a customized trip.

ADVANTAGES :

- Exclusive guide

A more individualized relationship between your group and the professional.

- Choose your date of departure

You can choose your date of departure within the limit of the hut availabilities.

- Flexibility all along the trip

Depending on weather conditions, your level and your expectations, the guide can suggest you some different options of itinerary.

Prices 2020-2021:

2 people: 520€ per person

3 people: 400€ per person

4 people: 340€ per person

5 people: 300€ per person

6 people: 280€ per person

7 people: 260€ per person

8 people: 250€ per person

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