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## SKI TOURING - TOUR GLACIER

Duration: 3

Fitness: ▲▲▲▲▲ Technique: ▲▲▲▲▲

**At the northern end of the Mont Blanc Massif**, the mountains between the villages of Le Tour in France and Trient in Switzerland offer wild and unusual descents accessible from the Glacier du Tour. This touring program, with its clever route, will allow you to explore this lesser-known part of the massif. You will ski successively on the Glacier d'Argentière, then on the Glacier du Tour, before concluding with a final day on the Bron and Grands glaciers, in a particularly remote area. During this raid, you will have access to stunning and unusual views of the Chamonix Valley mountains, as well as slopes renowned for their snow quality.

**To allow you to embark on a ski tour as early as the start of winter**, this trip benefits from double logistics. Before the opening of the Argentière and Albert I huts, nights are spent successively at the Lognan hut, and then at the unguarded winter hut of Albert I. If you only have two days available, we recommend our trip dedicated to the [Col du Passon](#), between the Glacier d'Argentière and the Glacier du Tour.

### ITINERARY

#### Day 1

We begin from the Bochard lift (2,766 m) and traverse to the Lognan Glacier (2,700 m). From there, we skin up to the Rognons Glacier (3,050 m) via the Rachasses Pass. We then ski down to the Argentière Glacier, which is mostly flat at this point, making the ski tour to the refuge short and easy. We stay overnight at the Argentière hut (2,771 m), where the view of the towering north faces above the Argentière Glacier is simply stunning!

*Vertical ascent: 575 m / Vertical descent: 750 m*

**Itinerary before mid-March:** The ascent to the Col des Rachasses is extended to the Col des Grands Montets (3,225 m), and the night at the Argentière hut is replaced by a night at the Lognan hut.

*Elevation gain: 525 m / Elevation loss: 1,200 m*

#### Day 2

Our day begins with a short descent to the Passon moraine (2,380m). We cross the moraine on foot, and crampons may be necessary. The climb then continues on skis. The slopes are wide until we reach the col, which we access with crampons, roped together through a couloir about a hundred meters high. The views from the col (3,028m), overlooking both the Argentière basin and the Le Tour basin, are simply breathtaking. We then ski under the north face of Chardonnet. Skins are put back on to cross the stunning Glacier du Tour towards the Col Supérieur du Tour (3,100m). A gentle descent follows along the Glacier du Tour, leading to the Albert I refuge (2,700m), which requires a short uphill section. We spend the night at the mountain hut.

*Vertical ascent: 800m / Vertical descent: 700m*

**Itinerary before mid-March:** The Passon moraine is reached on a ski tour from the Lognan hut. Overnight at the Albert I winter hut, which is equipped with a wood stove.

*Elevation gain: 1,100m / Elevation loss: 350m*

#### Day 3

From our mountain hut, we ski up to the crest above us (3,094m), which we will climb using crampons. On the other side, the sunny, gentle slopes of the Glacier des Grands welcome us. We then ski down through the wild landscape of the Grands and Bron glaciers, all the way to the Combe de la Chaux des Grands (2,400m) at the foot of the Grandes Autannes (2,680m). We

reach the summit by ski and then on foot. Afterward, we take on the famous north side descent to the Herbagères (2,033m). Finally, we ascend to the Col de Balme (2,200m), which gives us access to the Tour-Vallorcine ski area, where we ski down to the village of Le Tour. We return to Argentière by public transport in the mid-afternoon.

*Vertical ascent: 850m / Vertical descent: 1,750m*

**Itinerary before mid-March:** The itinerary remains the same.

## 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 :** See below for the group booking module

**Price 2025 before mid-March :** 610€ per person based on minimum of 4 participants. *Registration possible from the age of 18.*

**Price 2025 after mid-March :** 670€ per person based on minimum of 4 participants. *Registration possible from the age of 18.*

Included in the package :

- IFMGA English speaking mountain guiding service
- half-board in mountain huts (dinner, breakfast and night). Before mid-March, D2 in not guarded hut
- ski lift access as per programme
- rental of full safety kit (avalanche transceiver/DVA, shovel, probe)

Not included in the package :

- take out lunches and daily snacks
- personal drinks in huts and other personal expenses (we recommend you bring Euros)
- cost of getting to meeting point
- personal technical equipment

## PRIVATE BOOKING

A private booking 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 2025 (February) :**

2 people : 1255€ per person

3 people : 905€ per person

4 people : 730€ per person

5 people : 620€ per person

6 people : 550€ per person

Included in the package :

- IFMGA English speaking mountain guiding service
- half-board in mountain huts Day 1 and Day 2 (**not guarded hut on Day 2**) (dinner, breakfast and night)
- rental of full safety kit (avalanche transceiver/DVA, shovel, probe)

Not included in the package :

- take out lunches and daily snacks
- personal drinks in huts and other personal expenses (we recommend you bring Euros)
- cost of getting to meeting point
- personal technical equipment

**Prices 2025 (mid-March - April) :**

2 people : 1360€ per person

3 people : 995€ per person

4 people : 815€ per person

5 people : 705€ per person

6 people : 635€ per person

Included in the package :

- IFMGA English speaking mountain guiding service
- half-board in mountain huts Day 1 and Day 2 (dinner, breakfast and night)
- rental of full safety kit (avalanche transceiver/DVA, shovel, probe)

Not included in the package :

- take out lunches and daily snacks
- personal drinks in huts and other personal expenses (we recommend you bring Euros)
- cost of getting to 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, ensuring you have a great experience.

**Meeting point :** Meet at 09:00 in front of the Grands Montets (Argentière) ticket office.

**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 across various snow conditions and with advanced ski touring experience, including the ability to perform kick turns. The terrain features wide slopes with occasional narrow sections and inclines of up to 35° with sections that may require boot packing with crampons

**Physical Level :** Designed for individuals who regularly engage in physical activity. Expect a positive elevation gain of up to 1,000 meters per day and an effort of 5 to 6 hours each day.

**Guiding policy :** 4 to 6 people. *Registration possible from the age of 18.*

**Accommodation :** During the trip: Half-board in huts. No drinking water. 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 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.

### 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 thinner/finer gloves (in leather or fleece)

- Neck protection
- Spare thermal underwear (for sleeping and change)

### **Accessories**

- High-altitude sunglasses (grade 4 is recommended)
- A pair of goggles
- 1.5L 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 containinig your ID card & Euros for extras

**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](#)

For clothes, you can contact our partner [Millet](#)

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