



# Compagnie des Guides de Chamonix

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## FREERIDE - MONTEROSA SKI PARADISE

Duration: 3

Fitness: ▲▲▲▲▲ Technique: ▲▲▲▲▲

Price from: 900 €

Located on the southern slopes of the Monte Rosa massif, Monterosa Ski Paradise encompasses three Italian resorts: Saint Jacques, Gressoney, and Alagna. This ski area provides an exceptional playground for skiers, where ski touring and freeride seamlessly blend: short ascents, descents with over 2,000m of vertical drop, summits exceeding 4,000m, and breathtaking glacier terrain. Moreover, with Italian hospitality, this spot has become one of the must-visit destinations in the Alps, conveniently close to Chamonix! To discover this incredible area, we've curated a 3-day, 2-night trip in the Gressoney region, staying in the cozy Orestes Hut. This 3-day adventure will be a feast for both the eyes and the legs, giving you the opportunity to ski the legendary lines of Gressoney: Vallon de la Salza, Col Sube, Vallon de la Balma, Vallee Perduta...

Throughout the trip, your mountain guide will lead you to the best runs and teach you the essentials of ski mountaineering: risk management, route planning, and basic mountaineering techniques.

### ITINERARY

#### Day 1

Meet at 07:30 at the Chamonix guide office. Transfer by minibus to Stafal, the starting point for the Val Gressoney lifts. Take the ski lifts up to Indren, then make the first descent to the Orestes hut. After dropping off our bags at the hut, we will spend the rest of the day skiing to Alagna and conducting an avalanche exercise. Overnight stay at the Orestes hut.

#### Day 2

Start from the hut and head towards the ski resort. We take the cable car to the Betaforca Pass, then skin up to reach the Col Supérieur de la Betolina. We ski down to Saint-Jacques, return to the Betaforca Pass (both up and down), and then come back to the hut. At the hut, we will debrief the day and discuss ski itinerary management.

#### Day 3

The final day is dedicated to ski touring towards Pyramide Vincent (4215m), followed by a descent to Stafal through the Vallee Perduta, which includes an abseil section. Return to Chamonix in the late afternoon.

### GROUP BOOKING

Group booking 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** : 900€ per person based on minimum of 5 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)
- ski lift access as per programme
- transfer both ways from Chamonix

- 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)
- 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 :

- 2 people : 1710€ per person
- 3 people : 1305€ per person
- 4 people : 1100€ per person
- 5 people : 980€ per person
- 6 people : 895€ per person

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- half-board in mountain huts (dinner, breakfast and night)
- ski lift access as per programme
- transfer go & back from Chamonix
- rental of full safety kit (avalanche transceiver/DVA, shovel, probe)

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## 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 07:30 at the Compagnie des Guides office in Chamonix. Transfer by minibus to the departure point. Return to Chamonix by minibus

**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 previous 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 and ice axe.

**Physical Level** : Designed for individuals who regularly engage in physical activity. Expect a positive elevation gain of up to 900 meters per day and an effort of 5 to 6 hours each day.

**Guiding policy** : 5 to 6 people per guide. *Registration possible from the age of 18.*

**Accommodation** : During the trip: half-board in huts. 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.

## 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, *rentable*
- Ski touring skis & shoes, *rentable*
- Adhesive climbing skins & ski knives adapted to your skis, *rentable*
- A pair of poles with large discs, *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 goggle
- 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 containing your ID card & Euros for extras

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