



# Compagnie des Guides de Chamonix

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## SNOWSHOEING - NIGHT IN AN IGLOO

Duration: 2

Difficulty: ▲▲▲▲▲

Price from: 320 €

On the heights of Mégève and Combloux, live a unique and timeless experience in an igloo village lost in the mountains. Built and managed by Rémy - its owner - these igloos will be your chance to spend a night at the heart of the mountains in the winter, while living an original and revitalising experience with the maximum comfort. Enjoy a breath-taking panorama on the high summits of the Mont-Blanc massif in your snowshoes. This trip is for people wishing to experience the unique sensation of spending a night in an igloo. It also combines the discovery of the fauna and the local heritage. All snowshoeing trips by the Compagnie des Guides de Chamonix are for small groups of 8 people maximum. In this way, our guides will be at your complete service, guaranteeing a high quality trip.

This bivouac is part of a series of trips featuring overnight stays in a bivouac, providing an extraordinary experience deep in the heart of the mountains. With snowshoes, you can fully immerse yourself in the [daily life of a trapper](#), or opt for a [cozy evening in an igloo](#). Alternatively, spend a night as close as possible to the stars on a [glacier](#) or during a [wild hike](#).

### ITINERARY

#### Day 1

##### Mégève - Igloo Village

Short transfer from Mégève. We start hiking in a nice spruce forest. We discover the area where we are going to live for the next two days, following animal tracks and birds singing. Once on the summit crest, we cross onto the Igloo Village (1 550m). Here Rémy will welcome us with his famous cheese fondue. In this unique setting, the evening will be unforgettable, discovering the daily life of the Great North inhabitants.

*Elevation gain: 400m*

#### Day 2

##### Igloo Village - Petit Croisse Baulet

This morning we start the hike towards the Petit Croisse Baulet (2 009 m), where the 360° view is stunning! We take advantage of our lunch break to interpret the panorama so to fully enjoy this breathtaking view. In the afternoon, we slowly go back to our start point to complete this revitalizing trip. Make your way back to Mégève in the middle of the afternoon.

*Elevation gain: 450m - Elevation loss: 800m*

### 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 2024** : 320€ per person based on minimum 6 participants

This price includes :

- organisation and mountain Leader guiding service
- one night half-board in igloo (dinner - drinks not included, night and breakfast)
- picnic lunch
- snowshoe, pole, avalanche transceiver (DVA), shovel and probe rental

This price does not include :

- transfert to the meeting point
- drinks and personal expense (souvenirs...)
- repatriation insurance (mandatory)
- anything not mentioned in « included in the package »

## PRIVATE BOOKING

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 2024 :

- 1 person : 955€ per person
- 2 people : 555€ per person
- 3 people : 420€ par person
- 4 people : 350€ par person
- 5 people : 310€ par person
- 6 people : 285€ par person
- 7 people : 265€ par person
- 8 people : 250€ per person

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- organisation and mountain Leader guiding service
- one night half-board in igloo (dinner - drinks not included, night and breakfast)
- picnic lunch
- snowshoe, pole, avalanche transceiver (DVA), shovel and probe rental

Not included in the price :

- transfert to the meeting point
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## FURTHER INFORMATION

Find in this in this section, all the information about this activity. For any further information please contact our advisors (contact details above).

**Meeting point :** Meet at 2:00pm at the Combloux tourism office - 49 chemin des Passerands - 74920 Combloux

**Ability level :** 1/5 - Discovery special. No previous experience requested. 2 to 3-hour hike with average vertical gain between 200 m and 400 m

**Guiding policy :** each mountain leader can guides a group from 4 to 8 people. The Compagnie des Guides de Chamonix's guiding policy guarantees a high level experience. Children minimum 12 years old accompanied by a parent

**Accommodation :** half-board accommodation in igloo

**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

**Preparing for the trip :** one week 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.

### **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 40 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).
- enough food for 4 meals (picnic, dinner and breakfast). eg : bread, dried meat, ham, cereal bars, hard fruit (apple), grain and nut mix and at least 2 litres of water.

\* *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.*

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