



Compagnie des Guides de Chamonix

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SKI TOURING - FULL IMMERSION IN THE MOUNTAINS

Duration: 2

Fitness: ▲▲▲▲▲ Technique: ▲▲▲▲▲

Price from: 395 €

In the spirit of our experiences where you sleep under the stars, we invite you to discover the Fenestral hut, considered one of the most beautiful refuges in the Swiss Alps. Located at an altitude of 2,453 m in Valais, the hut was completely rebuilt in 2015 with the goal of allowing visitors to fully immerse themselves in the mountain landscape. The choice of a large south-facing bay window offers a stunning view. Comfortably settled inside, it feels as though you're on a suspended bivouac with Mont Blanc as the backdrop. Unstaffed in winter, the hut not only provides a unique atmosphere but also exceptional comfort. It is equipped with a kitchen with running water and comfortable dormitories. From the family-friendly resort of Ovronnaz, set out to explore this paradise, perfect for ski touring at the start of the season. The area is particularly varied and offers a wide range of routes, perfectly suited for ski tourers with some prior experience.

This trip is part of a selection of tours we have specially chosen to allow you to go on a ski tour as early as the beginning of winter. Discover the [Dents du Midi](#) and Fenestral huts, offering extraordinary experiences; explore a [wonder of Vallee d'Aosta](#), or [dive into the heart of the Mont Blanc massif](#).

ITINERARY

Day 1

Departure from Chamonix to the resort of Ovronnaz, located above Riddes in the Swiss Valais. There is an option to meet at the Riddes train station. We take the ski lifts to La Forcle (2,166 m), from where we ski down to Les Grands Prés (2,100 m). We then put on our skins to ascend to the Fenestral Pass and the hut (2,453 m). After a break, we ski towards Lac Supérieur de Fully (2,150 m) before returning to the hut for the night.

Elevation gain: 590 m | Elevation loss: 360 m

Day 2

We head towards the Grande Dent de Morcles (2,969 m). The ascent starts with a traverse and then opens up to wide slopes leading to the summit. After a brief descent, we reach Tête Noire (2,871 m), which provides access to a magnificent couloir that leads back to the resort. We descend to Ovronnaz either via the slopes or off-piste, depending on the conditions.

Elevation gain: 600 m | Elevation loss: 1,600 m

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 : 395€ 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 not guarded mountain huts (dinner, breakfast and night)
- 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 :

- 2 people : 810€ per person
- 3 people : 575€ per person
- 4 people : 455€ per person
- 5 people : 385€ per person
- 6 people : 335€ per person

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- half-board in mountain huts (dinner, breakfast and night)
- rental of full safety kit (avalanche transceiver/DVA, shovel, probe)

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- take out lunches and daily snacks
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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 : 8:30 AM at the Compagnie des Guides de Chamonix - 190 Place de l'Église, 74400 Chamonix. Option to meet at the Riddes train station around 10:00 AM

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 prior experience in ski touring. The terrain features wide slopes with occasional narrow sections and inclines of up to 35°

Physical Level : Designed for individuals who regularly engage in physical activity. Expect a positive elevation gain of up to 750 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 : Half-board in not guarded hut, possibility to buy drinks. 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

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 security pack including 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 containing your ID card & Euros for extras

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

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