



Compagnie des Guides de Chamonix

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SKI TOURING - MAGIA HUT BASE CAMP

Duration: 3

Level: ▲▲▲▲▲

Price from: 575 €

The Val Saint-Bartelemy is a protected, wild setting in easy reach from Aosta, in Italy. The comfortable refuge Magia represents an ideal basecamp to make the most of the local mountains and the excellent snow conditions of this area. During the different day trips, you will enjoy the pleasant atmosphere of the mountains of Val d'Aoste, while taking advantage of accommodation famous for its comfort and gastronomy. Thanks to the personalised tips of your guide, you can improve your technique to make the most of your stay. The moderate elevation gains make Val Magia the perfect destination for getting back on your skis at the beginning of the new season. It is also suitable to experience a multi-day ski trip for the first time.

To discover the mountains of Valle d'Aosta, we have developed a series of ski tours and trips in the Italian Valley. These adventures allow you to enjoy the exceptional playground of this area while experiencing high-quality accommodations that live up to the region's reputation. Enjoy a gentle introduction to ski touring [in the Val Ferret](#) facing the south face of the Mont Blanc massif. Embark on a [ski tour in Val de Rhêmes](#), which showcases the Italian side of Val d'Iserne. Finally, journey into [the Gran Paradiso national park](#) and go for the ascent of Gran Paradiso itself.

ITINERARY

Day 1

Transfert by minibus to les Praz parking (1750m) via Aosta, Nus. We go up to the Magia hut (2007m). Security exercises (DVA explanations with shovel & probe). Depending on conditions, we can go up to Sarricole Sarren (2383m). Night in the hut.

Positive elevation gain: 600m / Negative elevation gain: 350m

Day 2

Starting to the bottom of Val Magia & the mountains along the Val Peline. Livournea pass (2841m). Night in the hut.

Positive elevation gain: 850m / Negative elevation gain: 850m

Day 3

Go up to Mont Rion (2711m). Descent through Salve pass, to reach Fontaney & Chavarly alpine pastures. Back to Chamonix at the end of the afternoon.

Positive elevation gain: 700m / Negative elevation gain: 700m

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 : 585€ per person based on minimum of 4 participants

Included in the package :

- IFMGA English speaking mountain guiding service
- half-board in mountain hut (dinner, breakfast and night)
- transfers as per programme
- rental of full safety kit (avalanche transceiver/DVA, shovel, probe)

Not included in the package :

- personal drinks in huts and other personal expenses (we recommend you bring Euros)
- take out lunches and daily snacks
- cost of getting to meeting point (Chamonix)
- 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 2024 :

2 people : 1300€ per person

3 people : 940€ per person

4 people : 760€ per person

5 people : 650€ per person

6 people : 575€ per person

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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 08:30 at the Compagnie des Guides office in Chamonix. Transfer by minibus to the departure point. Return to Chamonix by minibus

Fitness level : For people who regularly exercise/take part in sports and who have a previous ski touring experience. Vertical ascent of up to 1000m per day. Five to six hours of exercise per day.

Technical level : For off-piste skiers making with a first experience in ski touring. Wide slopes with short sections of narrow passages (up to 30°). Able to ski in all snow conditions. This trip is dedicated to experienced skitourers. It's a perfect ski touring trip to start the season with moderates elevations.

Guiding policy : 4 to 6 people.

Accommodation : Half-board in Magia hut.

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
- 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 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

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](#)

Our Equipment Partners : [Millet](#), [Dynastar](#), [Julbo](#), [Grivel](#) & [Monnet](#)