

Haute Route Ski Tour

Haute Route Guided Ski Tour – from Chamonix to Zermatt

The Haute Route is probably the most well known and undoubtedly the most scenic ski tour in the world. Starting in Chamonix, the High Level Route travels from France into Switzerland through impressive high mountain glaciated terrain staying in catered huts. The final day involves an incredible ski descent under the North Face of the mighty Matterhorn down into Zermatt.

Haute Route Ski Tour – is it for me?

The Haute Route is a challenging ski touring journey involving some long ascents and equally some incredibly long descents. Over-nights on the route are spent in mountain huts and, ideally, you will have experienced a hut night before. You should have some touring skills and experience; it's not the time to be learning kick turns! You should be a confident off-piste skier, able to ski in control in most snow conditions. You will be carrying a rucksack containing personal safety equipment, some group equipment and minimum personal gear.

Why choose Us?

Based on more than 25 years experience of skiing the High Level Route our seven day guided ski tour is designed to make your trip as relaxed and enjoyable as possible.

Prior to arrival in Chamonix we can help arrange your accommodation, transfers and any equipment hire to ensure you are well prepared for your week ahead.

We start with a day of skiing and touring from the Chamonix valley to test your equipment, gain your ski legs and brush up ski touring skills.

After a comfortable night in your Chamonix hotel we have six full days for the HLR. We believe that with this approach, you will be ski touring up and skiing down at the right times of day for the best mountain and skiing conditions.

Course requirements: your fitness

Participants must be able to ski all runs confidently, including black, and have some ski touring and off-piste experience. A good level of fitness is desirable. For more information on being fit for winter in the Alps click through to our fitness for off-piste skiing and ski touring guides.

PRICES – WINTER 2018

- **Saturday to Saturday – 7 days**
- **Guide only price – from £350 per day, plus guide expenses**
Guide only price includes safety equipment – avalanche transceivers, shovels and probes.
- **Maximum group size - 6 people**
Additional guides can be arranged for larger groups.

We can help you arrange... *

- Half board accommodation in mountain huts for 5 nights
- Accommodation in Chamonix for 3 nights
- Transfers: Champex to Verbier and Zermatt to Chamonix
- Lift passes
- Lunches
- Equipment hire.

*not included in guide only price

We do not organise...

- Flights
- Insurance.

Equipment requirements

- Equipment list available when booking.

To make a booking

For more information or to book
The Haute Route Ski Tour:

tel: +44 (0) 330 321 1017

email: info@mountainadventureguides.co.uk

The Haute Route Ski Tour – itinerary

DAY 1

Arrival and meeting on the day prior to the programme start to meet the guide, talk through the route and make an equipment check.

DAY 2

The first day we warm up skiing in the Chamonix valley where we also check out our ski touring equipment and work on basic safety skills. The night is spent in a hotel in the Chamonix valley.

DAY 3

We start the High Level Route from Argentiere where we ski down onto and across the Argentiere glacier. We then ascend the Chardonnet or Le Tour glaciers and make our way to the Trient hut at 3170m, and a warm welcome from the hut guardians.

DAY 4

From the Trient hut we have a long ski descent to the village of Champex and take a taxi to the Verbier ski area to access the Mont Fort hut at 2457m. This hut is situated in the Verbier ski area.

DAY 5

From the Mont Fort hut we climb the Rosablanché 3386m with its amazing views and then descend to the Präfleuri hut at 2981m. This is a new and modern hut a great improvement on the unmanned hut before!

DAY 6

After a short skin up to the Col de Roux, we descend to the Lac de Dix and enjoy a scenic skin alongside the lac followed by steeper terrain to the Dix hut at 2928m.

DAY 7

An early start enables us to traverse the Pigne d'Arrolla 3796m which is one of the high points of the tour. From the summit on a clear day we can see the Matterhorn, Mont Blanc, the Dente Blanche and hundreds of other majestic peaks. From here we descend to the amazingly situated Vignettes hut at 3194m.

DAY 8

This is the longest day on the tour, and another early start. From the Vignettes hut we travel over three cols and onto to our final descent to Zermatt passing under the incredible North Face of the Matterhorn. Normally we will have time for a late lunch in Zermatt before our taxi transfer back to the Chamonix Valley.

*If adverse weather or conditions cause a change in the itinerary additional charges may apply

BOOKING FORM

To make a booking please complete the form below. Scan and email back to info@mountainadventureguides.co.uk or send by post to: Mountain Adventure Guides, Cherry Blossoms, Barline, Beer, Devon, EX12 3LP, UK

To secure a booking a deposit of 25% of the total cost of the course is required.

A booking will be held for you for a maximum of 10 days without a deposit. If we have not received a deposit after this time the reserved place or places will be made available to others.

Once we have received your booking form and deposit we will issue you with a confirmation form to notify that you have been booked onto the course.

The balance of your course is due no later than eight weeks prior to the start date. If the booking is made less than 8 weeks prior to the course then the total cost is payable immediately. Once we have received the full balance for the course we will send you a final confirmation form.

Payment: deposits and balances can be paid by bank transfer or UK bank cheque.

- Cheques made payable to: **Mountain Guides Ltd**
- Bank transfers in GBP sterling: **Lloyds Bank TSB** (Trinity Square, Axminster, Devon, EX13 5AL, UK)
Sort Code: **30-90-37** / Account No: **28768560**
IBAN: **GB58LOYD30903728768560**
BIC: **LOYDGB21275**
Reference: **your name**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

COUNTRY: _____ POSTCODE: _____

TEL NO.: _____ MOBILE NO.: _____

EMAIL: _____

COURSE NAME: _____

DATES OF COURSE: _____ NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN GROUP: _____

TOTAL COST OF THE COURSE: £ _____ 25% BOOKING DEPOSIT: £ _____

ANY MEDICAL CONDITIONS WE SHOULD BE MADE AWARE OF? YES NO

IF YES, PLEASE GIVE MORE INFORMATION: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT NAME AND TEL NO.: _____

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF MOUNTAIN GUIDES LTD.

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____

MOUNTAIN GUIDES LTD: TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Booking and Payment : Mountain Guides Ltd shall include where appropriate its associates and employees. The Client means the person who makes the reservation and must be a minimum of 18 years old. By making such a booking the Client shall be deemed to have accepted the terms of these booking conditions.

Deposits and bookings: No contract shall exist between Mountain Guides Ltd and the Client until a 25% deposit has been paid and a confirmation email has been sent from Mountain Guides Ltd.

Final balance: The final balance is to be paid no later than 8 weeks prior to the start of the course the Client has booked for and if a booking is made within this 8 weeks then full payment is required. If payment is not received by the due date then Mountain Guides Ltd reserves the right to cancel the reservation without further notice, retaining deposits and the right to levy cancellation charges.

Payment: must be made by bank transfer or UK cheque

Cancellation: If you wish to cancel your course, cancellation will only take effect when written or email notification by the Client is received by Mountain Guides Ltd. The following cancellation fees will become immediately payable to Mountain Guides Ltd.

Notification of cancellation given: cancellation fee

Up to 8 weeks prior to course start: deposit (25%)

Less than 8 weeks: 100%

We strongly recommend all Clients to arrange suitable travel insurance to cover losses.

Holiday Insurance: It is mandatory that whilst on a Mountain Guides Ltd course the Client has personal insurance to fully cover themselves for personal accident, rescue and third party risks. Mountain Guides Ltd will also not be held responsible for your luggage and personal effects whilst on a Mountain Guides Ltd course.

Cancellation or amendment by Mountain Guides Ltd: We reserve the right to cancel any course if there are insufficient bookings for that course or we have irresolvable staffing issues e.g. illness or injury. In the unlikely event that Mountain Guides Ltd has to alter or cancel your holiday the Client shall be offered:

- a) an option to transfer to another course. If the price of the new course is more than the original one the Client will be requested to pay the difference. If the price of the new course is less than the original one the Client will receive a full refund of the difference,
- b) an option to pay a supplement for the course to run the course,
- c) a full refund,

unless the cancellation or alteration is due to forces beyond the control of Mountain Guides Ltd such as fire, floods, natural disaster, political unrest, riots, strikes, war or any other circumstances amounting to Force Majeure.

Surcharges: Mountain Guides Ltd shall endeavour not to surcharge your holiday cost, but if surcharging is necessary we will attempt to keep any increase to a minimum and will advise the Client of the adjustments at the earliest opportunity.

Equipment: The Client will be responsible for the loss or damage to equipment loaned or hired to the Client. The cost of repair or replacement of the equipment will be charged to the Client.

Safety: Mountain Guides Ltd will make every effort to safe guard the Client's safety in the Mountains however the Client must be aware that when undertaking activities in the mountains there is an element of risk. Climbing, skiing and mountaineering are activities with a danger of personal injury or death and participants should be aware of and accept these risks and be responsible for their actions and involvement. While your guide every reasonable step to reduce these risks to a minimum, they cannot be totally eliminated.

Mountain Guides Ltd has the right to cancel or curtail the participation of any Client that they believe is potentially placing themselves or other members of the group at risk.

Client Participation: Mountain Guides Ltd also has the right cancel or curtail the participation of a Client that is acting in an inappropriate behaviour that is disruptive to others in the group.

Weather: Mountain Guides Ltd cannot be held responsible for the snow and weather conditions prevailing at the time of your course. In adverse weather conditions Mountain Guides Ltd will make every effort to ensure that your course will be tailored to provide a suitable alternative programme.

Accommodation: Where Mountain Guides Ltd undertakes to book accommodation on behalf of the Client there will be an Agent either in or nearby to Chamonix who can be easily contacted. The Agent is available to sort out aspects of the accommodation while the Client is in occupancy. Whilst every effort is made to ensure that the accommodation is in acceptable order and with adequate equipment, Mountain Guides Ltd will not accept responsibility for deficiencies beyond its control.

Client Liability: It is the Clients' responsibility to ensure that the accommodation/ apartment/ chalet is left in a clean condition, with replacement of all breakages, if this is not possible, the breakage should be reported to the Agent and paid for. The client must adhere to all chalet exit regulations by signing a document on arrival. A returnable damage deposit of 500E is authorized at the time of full payment or on arrival from your credit card and will be returned within 2 weeks of departure, less any costs incurred for cleaning and damages not reported or paid for. Mountain Guides Ltd shall be entitled to recover from the Client costs for damages or losses caused by the Client or a third party. If the Client fails to do so, the Client must indemnify Mountain Guides Ltd against any claims (including legal costs) subsequently made against Mountains Guides Ltd or its agents as a result of the Client's actions. Mountain Guides Ltd and its Agents reserve the right to terminate the holiday of any Client whose behaviour or that of any of the Client's party is considered to be unacceptable.

If there are any problems about the condition of the accommodation/ apartment/ chalet and any inventory discrepancy, the Client should contact the Agent directly on a number which will be supplied at the time of booking. The Client is unable to request a change of apartment during their holiday. Mountain Guides Ltd disclaims any liability for disputes between the Client and the local Agent. Mountain Guides Ltd disclaim any liability for negligence of use by the Client of items associated to the accommodation/ apartment/ chalet.

Third Parties: Mountain Guides Ltd does not accept liability for any act or default or omission on the part of the suppliers of any service that Mountain Guides Ltd offers and over whom Mountain Guides Ltd has no direct control or has information link to on this website. All company links and information on this site is the sole responsibility of that company or their site. Mountain Guides Ltd disclaims any responsibility or liability for any issues relating to these companies. The Client will be bound by the operating conditions of the suppliers of the other services that make up the holiday. In no event shall the liability of Mountain Guides Ltd to the Client exceed the price paid for the relevant holiday or arrangement.

Complaints: Any complaints should be addressed to Mountain Guides Ltd at the time of the course or within one month of the end of the course.

Disputes: Any contract between the Client and Mountain Guides Ltd shall be governed in all respects by English Law. Only English Courts shall have jurisdiction in relation to any claim or dispute arising out of or connected with any such contract.

Information Accuracy: Every effort has been made to ensure that the information supplied by Mountain Guides Ltd is accurate to the best of our knowledge at the time of writing.