

Compagnie des Guides de Chamonix

The previous day

06.30pm Briefing with your Mountain Guide at the hotel :

Weather forecast & snow conditions, level & ski experience in the group.

Check up of clients' personal equipment (& equipment provided by the guide - can be different depending on ski resort)

- The program and ski resort selection can be discussed with the guide.

D Day

08.30am Pick up at your hotel with our private minibus, Transfer to the ski resort – example:

- Vallée Blanche : 5mn
- Argentiere – LES GRANDS MONTETS : 15mn
- Le Tour – DOMAINE DE BALME : 25mn
- Megeve : 40mn
- Italy – COURMAYEUR or TOULE GLACIER : 30mn
- Switzerland – Verbier : 1h20 (If the “Col des Montets” is open – if it's closed because of snow conditions - Plan B : other ski resort)

09.00am Equipment of the participants (avalanche transceivers & harness if needed). The group will join the ski resort with a short cable car trip. To start, most of the time the guide choose an off-piste section just beside the piste, suitable for an initiation or a good warm up!

10.00am Chamonix offers a great range of Off-piste itineraries, for all kind of skiers : searching for challenging long & steep runs but also for the one expecting more 'relaxing routes' in between seracs & crevasses enjoying the Mont Blanc Panorama! For Example (non-contractual):

- VALLEE BLANCHE
From the Summit of the 'Aiguille du Midi' Alt. 3842m, ski 'THE LEGEND'... A must for every visitor in Chamonix! A view to take your breath away... with the renowned Midi ridge at your feet, the descent beckons you on! Enjoy a 23km glacier ski trip, between seracs & crevasses! Many different itineraries are possible with your guide, from easy route on the 'Classic Vallée Blanche', to more challenging routes in the 'Envers du Plan' sector, which is reserved to expert skiers only... The good skiers, searching for vertical drop, will have the chance to ski down the Vallée Blanche in the morning and do some more off-piste skiing in the Chamonix Valley in the afternoon in 1 day! For solid legs only!
- LES GRANDS MONTETS
The Bochard gondola and the Herse chairlift serve a vast off-piste domaine which is an ideal playground for good skiers, prefect place to enjoy long backcountry runs & improve your ski technics, ex: 'Combe des Améthystes', 'Triangle de la Herse'...
- Italy – COURMAYEUR or GLACIER DE TOULE
 - Courmayeur is a great place to discover ! A different atmosphere, different culture and an other playground to explore with your guide! Many off-piste options from the top of the gondola YOULA & ARP : long runs, nice couloirs and beautiful faces with Mont Blanc view, from the Italian side!
 - The Toule Glacier is the place to find wide & open spaces, often far from the crowds... The south facing Toule Glacier offers a fantastic run down under the impressive 'Peuterey Ridge' : from the 'Pointe Helbronner' the group will reach the 'Col des Flambeaux' and traverse under the 'Grand Flambeau' to the staircase leading down the Italian side, ending their trip at 'Pavillon' midstation.

01.00pm Lunch break : picnic or lunch in a typical mountain refuge if possible.

04.15pm/4.30pm Private transfer back to Chamonix – end of the day.