



The Haute Route; Chamonix to Zermatt

The Haute Route is most likely the most famous ski traverse out there. With good reason. Even though done for the first time over one hundred years ago, it still is one of the best. The mountains are spectacular and loaded with alpine climbing history. We will be touring for over one hundred kilometers in heavily glaciated terrain in altitudes between 8'000 and 13'000 feet.

There are many variations possible. Chamonix to Zermatt, Zermatt to Chamonix, via Verbier, Plateau du Couloir, the classic way, the backdoor way, the hotel variation, the hut only variation; we have pretty much done them all and like them all. What do you like? Below find a classic itinerary. Feel free to ask us about variations. We can create a custom itinerary for you.

Duration:	Six days
Cost:	\$ 1,890.00 per person (includes guide fees, lift ride, hut meals and lodging, all technical group gear, luggage transport to Zermatt and rescue insurance)
Cost does not cover:	Personal equipment, transceiver, lunches, and transport to meeting spot in Chamonix.
Location:	The southern alpine crest between Chamonix, France and Zermatt, Switzerland.
Dates:	April 21 to 26 2008.
Guides:	Martin Volken and tba.
Objective:	Safe completion of the classic Haute Route from Chamonix to Zermatt.
Ratio:	Four clients per guide and six to two maximum.
Client requirements:	Advanced skiing ability and excellent physical condition.
Equipment needed:	See attachment
Payment:	Full payment is required by 40 days prior to trip date. Make checks payable to: Pro Guiding Service, 909 NE 6 th ST, North Bend WA 98045 or contact the office directly to make a payment.
Cancellation:	Full refund until 60 days prior to trip date and 50% until 40 days prior to trip date, no refund after that.



General info:

Getting to Chamonix: The best way to get to Chamonix is via bus from the Geneva Airport. The buses leave from right outside the Baggage Claim. The travel time from Geneva to Chamonix is about 2 hours and in the past the buses have left around 1pm and 3pm in the afternoon.

Chamonix Reservations: In case you intend to arrive in Chamonix early and would like to make reservations at the Hotel Gustavia, you can do so via e-mail.

Website: hotel-gustavia.com

Phone: 0033(0)450 53 00 31

Further info: Please refer to the FAQ's in the Equipment list or contact the office directly.

Day one: We will meet at 6 pm in the lobby of the Hotel Gustavia in Chamonix. There will be a brief introduction of the guests and the guides team as well as an equipment check.

Day two: After breakfast we will transfer to nearby Argentiere and take the cable car to the Grands Montets (3297 m). From here we will tour to the Argentiere hut.

Day three: From the Argentiere hut we get an early start to the Col du Chardonnet (3323 m) and on to the Trient Hut (3170 m).

Day four: It is an outrageous ski descent from the Trient Hut to Champex (1477 m). Bus ride to Verbier and transfer to the Mont Fort hut (2980m).

Day five: From the Mont Fort hut we have a big day to the Rosa Blanche (3336m) and the Lac des Dix to the Cabane des Dix (2928m).

Day six: From the Cabane des Dix we will tour over the Pigne d'Arolla (3796m) to the Cabane des Vignettes (3157 m).



Day seven:

From the Vignettes Hut to the Col de l'Eveque (3392 m), on to the Col du Mont Brule (3213 m) and Col du Valpelline (3568 m). From here awaits the 6500 foot descent right underneath the North Face of the Matterhorn. Party time.



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