



# THE HAUTE ROUTE

## A CLASSIC SKI TRAVERSE WITH IRWIN GUIDES

Warm up on the famous Vallée Blanche before heading out for 7 days and 6 nights of skiing on glaciers from one amazing mountain refuge to the next. This Alps ski route, between Chamonix, France and Zermatt, Switzerland, was first pioneered in 1911. Today there are many places to get off the beaten path for bonus turns, as well as several variations to the standard route for a more creative journey. This trip is taken at moderate pace with an extra day built in for bad weather, or to allow for more turns along the way.

### TRIP DETAILS

Skiers need to be in good physical shape, able to ski 6-8 hours a day and be strong intermediate or better skiers practiced in skinning, skiing with a pack and negotiating variable conditions.

#### 2015 DATES

**APRIL 16 - 24**

#### 2016 DATES

**MARCH 19 - 27 / APRIL 1 - 9**

Custom dates are available for groups of four or more

### INCLUSIONS

- IFMGA Mountain Guide for the duration of your trip
- 2-nights in a 3-star hotel in Chamonix; breakfast included
- 1-night in a 3-star hotel in Zermatt; breakfast included
- 6-nights in all mountain huts; 1/2 board included
- All mountain access lift, tram and train fare
- Daily ground transportation
- All necessary technical ski mountaineering group gear
- Luggage transfer from Chamonix to Zermatt

### EXCLUSIONS

- Airfare / travel to and from Chamonix, France
- Airfare / travel from Zermatt, Switzerland
- Meals in town (except for group welcome dinner)
- Lunches, snacks, food, and beverages in the huts
- Personal ski and avalanche safety gear (can be arranged through Irwin Guides)
- Travel insurance (highly recommended)



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# THE HAUTE ROUTE ITINERARY / RATES

## SAMPLE ITINERARY

### CHAMONIX TO ZERMATT

- DAY 0 :** Fly to Geneva, Switzerland. Typically an overnight flight from the U.S.
- DAY 1 :** Arrive in Geneva, transfer to Chamonix, group dinner in the evening
- DAY 2 :** Ski the Vallée Blanche off of the Aiguille du Midi, return to Chamonix
- DAY 3 :** Set off from the Grand Montets for the Argentier hut, possibility for some extra turns
- DAY 4 :** Over the Col du Chardonnet or Col du Passon to the Trient hut in Switzerland
- DAY 5 :** Down into Champex, catch a taxi shuttle to Verbier, ski to Mont Fort hut
- DAY 6 :** Over Col du Momin for optional ascent of Rosablanche and down to Profleuri hut
- DAY 7 :** Traverse the Lac du Dix and climb to the Dix hut. Optional afternoon tour
- DAY 8 :** Long climb up to the Pigne d' Arolla for some turns, then down to Vignettes Hut
- DAY 9 :** Early morning and longest day over 4 cols and the final descent down into Zermatt
- DAY 10 :** Depart Zermatt

\*\*Routes and itinerary subject to change based on weather, route conditions and guide judgment. Suitable alternatives will be selected. No refunds due to changes.

## COST PER PERSON

### BASED ON CLIENT : GUIDE RATIO

6 : 1	\$2,200
5 : 1	\$2,350
4 : 1	\$2,600
3 : 1	\$2,900
2 : 1	\$3,500

(Maximum of 6 people to one guide)

A detailed packing list will be provided upon reservation.



**THE FINE PRINT** A deposit of 50% of the total trip cost is required upon booking. The remainder of the trip balance will be charged 2 weeks prior to the trip departure. All global trips have a 15% non-refundable booking fee if canceled. If you cancel 30 days prior to your trip start date you will be charged 50% of the total trip cost. If you cancel 14 days prior to your trip start date you will be charged 75% of the total trip cost. If you cancel less than 14 days prior to your trip start date you will be charged 100% of the total trip cost.

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