

Snowworks planned Itinerary

(Please note, this is subject to changes based on weather & safety parameters, a plan B will be created in resort or days before if needed)

Saturday April 19th

Dinner and stay in hotel (not included in the price) but your Snowworks guide will be staying at the following hotel, this has been researched as well located and price sensitive <https://www.lafoliedoucehotels.com/> available with cancelation on booking.com

Sunday April 20th

Please meet at the hotel La Folie Douce at 08:30 am to meet the team, and here we will issue any kit you have pre-booked from Snowworks, followed by a short briefing before heading off with full kit packs for our in-resort warm-up ski day.

A short ski tour, off-piste runs, equipment check, and getting to know the team. We will then meet again in the hotel before dinner to run through kit checks, and safety routines, look over maps, and more.

Our guide will assess your current ski standard, fitness, and technical ability before committing to the tour.

Monday April 21st

Argentiere - Trient Hut - 1200m+ approx 7-8 hours.

From Argentiere a choice of routes presents itself – either the Col du Chardonnet or Col du Passon. Both are the same distance, but in recent years the Col du Passon has become more popular since the Col du Chardonnet has become an abseil rather than a ski descent.

We follow whichever route is in the best condition, this leads us to the Swiss border and the Cabane du Trient. This first day is a long one, with 1200m+ of climbing and two or three sections of roped climbing on foot, however the views and high mountain passes will balance the effort-reward scales!

Dinner and stay at Trient Refuge.

Tuesday April 22nd

Trient Hut - Prafleuri Hut (or Mont Fort Hut) - 1300m approx 7-8 hours

We start today with a descent down the righthand side of the Trient Glacier, followed by a short roped climb to reach the Col des Ecandies at the top of the Val D'Arpette. This north-facing valley gives a wonderful long ski run right down to Champex and is one of the highlights of the week.

Here we meet our pre-booked minibus to take us to Verbier. Lunch on the slopes in Verbier, then we set off in the afternoon to traverse 3 cols with short descents in between, this puts us on the glacier below the Rosablanche and onto an amazing north-facing ski descent down to the Prafleuri Hut.

Dinner and stay at Prafleuri Refuge. (or Mont Fort)

Wednesday April 23rd

Prafleuri Hut - Cabane du Dix = 900m approx 5-6 hours.

From the Prafleuri Hut, our first skin takes us to the Col des Roux, followed by a long descending traverse above the Lac de Dix. At the end of the lake we start today's longest climb up to the Dix Hut – usually in the afternoon sun. On paper, this is quite a short day from the Prafleuri Hut, however, the uphill finish in the afternoon heat can make it feel harder. The Dix Hut is in a wonderful position, with a great sun-kissed terrace where we can enjoy the view and a well-earned beer before dinner.

Dinner and stay at Cabane du Dix

Thursday April 24th

Dix - Vignettes Hut - 1000m approx 6 hours.

Our first ascent today involves 900m of climbing, passing through some steep glaciated terrain, including the passage of the Serpentine, which often has to be climbed on foot. The Pigne D'Arolla at 3790m is the highest point on our tour and offers breathtaking views across the whole of the Western Alps. From this summit, it is a 600m descent to the Vignettes Hut, which is in a spectacular position on a rocky ridge.

Dinner and stay at Vignettes Refuge.

Friday April 25th

Vignettes - Zermatt - 800m approx 8-9 hours.

Our last day of the Haute Route will be one of, if not the most memorable of your ski touring days. We cross three cols and six glaciers and finish with an amazing huge descent down to Zermatt under the North Face of the Matterhorn.

We start up the Col de L'Eveque, followed by a beautiful descent, then a second climb up to the Col du Mont Brule. The final part of this is steep and usually climbed on foot. From the Col Brule, we head across to the final summit of the Col Valpelline. And then..... The Matterhorn rears up in front of us, cameras ready!

Finishing with the last huge 1900m ski descent down the Stockji and Zmutt Glaciers into Zermatt.

Dinner and stay in Hotel Bristol, Zermatt (not included) but your Snowworks guide will be staying at the following hotel and this has been researched as well located and price sensitive. <https://www.hotel-bristol.ch/> available with cancelation on booking.com

Saturday April 26th

Breakfast, photo & video sharing, goodbyes, and transfer back to Geneva for your flights home. WOW!