

## **Silvretta Hut To Hut Ski Tour 2019**

This 7 day tour is aimed at level 2-3 skiers who would like to discover the magnificent area of Silvretta far away from the crowds. It is an ideal starter or intermediate tour for those with good Off Piste skills and fitness who want to ease into hut to hut ski touring. We meet in a hotel in Landeck and begin the next day in Ischgl where we have an avalanche safety course, and practical focus on touring skills followed by five days touring hut to hut through spectacular glacier terrain. During this week you will explore the stunning Silvretta area, ski amazing terrain, staying in luxury huts along the route with hot showers and all meals provided. Your guide is a fully qualified UIAGM Piste to Powder mountain guide, small groups 4-6 maximum.

### **The program summary**

We arrive Landeck on Saturday and check in to your hotel, you will meet your guide for briefing and equipment check. After breakfast the next day, we transfer to Ischgl where we warm up with an avalanche safety course and focus session on touring skills before descending to first Silvretta hut, the Heidelberg from where the adventure begins! We will stay 5 nights in quality huts before returning to Landeck for the last night. The program is weather dependent and may change slightly to suit prevailing conditions at the time and huts. Depart after breakfast the next Saturday.

### **Sample Itinerary**

#### **Day 1 Saturday**

Arrival day - check in to your hotel, in Landeck - which is easily accessible from the main airports Innsbruck or Zurich by train. Later in the afternoon you will have a welcome meet with your guide or host who will give a briefing for the week and discuss prevailing weather and mountain conditions and any necessary variations to the tour. We will do a kit check and hand out any rental equipment. Overnight in Landeck.

#### **Day 2 Sunday**

After breakfast we have a 50 minute transfer to Ischgl where we warm up with an Avalanche safety course, and a short tour when your guide will give you ski touring training and focus on your Off Piste technique. Later we will take the Palinkopf lift to Piz Val Gronda (2611m) from where we ski down to the Heidelbergerhütte (2264m), a well equipped hut in a stunning location, where we stay for our first night.

#### **Day 3 Monday**

Today we tour from Heidelbergerhütte to the Jamtalhütte via the Kronenjoch, with the option of summiting Breite Krone (3097m). The day involves about 900m of ascent and about 1,000m descent. Overnight at the superb Jamtalhütte, with Ice climbing wall, hot showers and plenty of nourishing hot food.

#### **Day 4 Tuesday**

Today we have lots of options for touring and for the enthusiastic, bagging some extra peaks depending on weather and snow conditions. Choice of Hintere Jamspitze (3,156m) or Gemspitze (3,110) - returning to the Jamtal Hut for second night and perhaps some ice climbing if you wish!

### **Day 5 Wednesday**

After breakfast we leave the Jamtalhütte and head for the Wiesbadenerhütte, set into the stunning landscape - one of our personal favourites. The standard route goes over the Ochsencharte with an optional ascent of the Dreilanderspitze (3197m). Overnight at Wiesbadener.

### **Day 6 Thursday**

Today we have lots of options again for touring from the Wiesbadenerhütte with lighter bags!. Return to the Wiesbadenerhütte for a second night.

### **Day 7 Friday**

Our last day, after an early start we climb for our last awesome descent from Rauchkopfsharte, and then traverse back to Galtür. We transfer to Landeck and our hotel for our final night.

### **Day 8 Saturday**

Depart after breakfast

### **The Region**

The Silvretta region is located 40km south from St.Anton. The mountain range lies both in Switzerland and Austria and the tour crosses both countries. The range is perfect for ski touring as most summits are easily accessed with elementary mountaineering skills. The huts are some of the most comfortable in the Alps for ski touring offering a comfortable stay and quality food. Each day a new summit is reached and new hut visited each evening. You can expect to be skiing and climbing between 1000m and 1500m per day.

### **The Huts**

All huts are fully serviced and provide group rooms and hot showers (coin operated). We aim to get smaller rooms 4-6 people but this is not always possible and you may also need to be in a dorm. Generally people sleep early around 9pm after dinner and a social drink or card games. Dinners are hot and wholesome, often 3 course with soup and puddings, breakfasts are simpler buffets style with cold meats, cheeses, breads, coffee, tea. If you bring a thermos huts normally allow you to fill this for the day and you can make your packed lunch. All huts are based around 2300m and located in different glacier valleys in the Silvretta region. You will only need to carry some a lightweight change of clothing for the evening as the huts are heated and comfortable. Towels can be rented at the huts.

### **Fitness**

Skiers need to be of good fitness level with basic core strength and aerobic fitness. You will be carrying a rucksack all day, which will contain lunch and water, clothing, crampons and ice axe. The pace for climbing is averaging 300m/900ft height gain per hour. The pace is suited to the group's fitness level. Best way to warm up is by ski touring - please ensure you have already worn in your ski touring boots, as it is very common with new or rental boots to develop bad blisters.

### **Skill Ski Level**

Skiers need to be competent Off Piste skiers in most types of snow, from powder to spring softer wetter types. However Generally on the glacier the snow is colder and generally more of a powder type. You will be given technique tips from your guide to make the most out of the all descents during the week.

**Price and booking 1,380 euros**

Price includes all guide costs and expenses, 7 nights accomodation, 5 nights in huts and 2 nights in Landeck

And all safety equipment. Half board in huts - 3 course dinners and breakfasts, all safety equipment

Price does not include lunches (packed lunches can be made in the huts) , dinners in Landeck, flights and transfer to/from Landeck, local transfers, lift pass, any additional taxis, equipment hire. Climbing equipment - ice axe, harness, crampons (50 euro rental), insurance, drinks.

To book we require 300 euros deposit. Balance is paid 6 weeks prior to departure.

**Extra Costs budget:**

Estimate 30 euros for evening meals in landeck x 2 evenings, 25 euros/day for lunches, snacks, drinks in the huts x 6 days, 55 euros lift pass, 50 euros local transfer = 375 euros. Train from Innsbruck to Landeck 15 euros, Zurich to Landeck 39 euros book through OEBB.AT

**Dates: 2019 Saturday- Saturday**

Start Date	Return Date	Cost	Availability
Sat 09.03	Sat 16.03,	1,380 euros	Yes
Sat 16.03	Sat 23.03	1,380 euros	Yes
Sat 23.03	Sat 30.03	1,380 euros	Yes
Sat 30.03 -	Sat 06.04	1,380 euros	Yes