

Piste to Powder Silvretta Hut To Hut Ski Tour 2020

This 6 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 and some touring experience. The tour includes 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 spectacular huts along the route with hot showers and all meals provided. Your guide is a fully qualified, English speaking, UIAGM Piste To Powder mountain guide, small groups 4-6 maximum.



PROGRAMM SUMMARY

We arrive Landeck on Sunday and check in to your hotel, where you will meet your Piste To Powder host for a social dinner and equipment check. Also a good team to ask any final questions! After breakfast the next day, we head to Ischgl where we take the gondola for a few warm up runs before taking our first Off Piste run to the wonderful Heidelberger hut from where the adventure begins! The first day includes some technique focus and an Avalanche safety course. We will tour hut to hut for the next 4 days before returning to Landeck for the final night (optional). The program is weather dependent and may change to suit prevailing conditions at the time. Depart after breakfast the next Saturday.

Those who would like to book an extra couple of nights in St Anton before the tour can join one of our Open Groups - please contact our bookings team and we can help with accommodation search. This is a good way to check all your equipment and warm up prior to the actual tour.

SAMPLE ITINERARY

Day 1 Sunday

Arrival day - check in to your hotel, in Landeck - which is easily accessible from the main airports either Innsbruck (1 hour) or Zurich (2.5 hours) by train. Later in the evening you will meet your Piste to Powder host for a social dinner, a quick briefing for the week and to hand out any rental equipment (climbing sets). Overnight in Landeck pension hotel. (note if you wish to leave bags and extra items - shoes etc at the pension this can be arranged)

Day 2 Monday

At breakfast you meet your guide for final brief before a 50 minute transfer to Ischgl where we will take the Palinkopf lift to Piz Val Gronda (2611m) from where we ski down to the wonderful Heidelbergerhütte (2264m), a well equipped hut in a stunning location, where we stay for our first night. Your first day includes an Avalanche and mountain awareness safety course, and a short tour to brush up on your touring technique skills and perfect those kick turns!

Day 3 Tuesday

Today we tour from Heidelbergerhütte to the Jamtalhütte via the Kronenjoch, with the option of summiting Breite Krone (3097m). The day involves about 900- 1200m of ascent and about 1,000m descent. Overnight we stay at the superb Jamtalhütte, with ice climbing and indoor climbing wall, hot showers and plenty of nourishing hot food.

Day 4 Wednesday

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 Thursday

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 7 Friday

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

Day 8 Saturday

Depart after breakfast - or return to St Anton for rest of weekend!

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 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 however we are flexible and your guide will adapt to the optimum pace suited to the group's fitness level. Best way to warm up is by ski touring with us in St. Anton - 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 all descents during the week.

Price and booking 1,380 euros, To reserve pay just 300 euros deposit now. Balance is paid 8 weeks prior to departure.

Included:

Price includes all guide costs and expenses, 6 nights accomodation, 4 nights in huts and 2 nights in Landeck pension

Meals: Half board in huts - 3 course dinners and breakfasts, B&B in pension, (dinner can be taken in the pension for very good price)

Safety equipment (shovel, probe, transceiver)

Excluded:

Price excludes lunches (packed lunches can be made in the huts) and bar drinks, dinners /drinks in Landeck, flights and transfer to/from Landeck, lift pass in Ischgl, all taxis, Insurance.

Climbing equipment - ice axe, harness, crampons can be rented for 80 euro for week

Touring equipment - skis, crampons can be rented from Jennewein in St Anton for 10% discount via our website.

If there are any further questions, just contact us! We are always happy to help!