

MONT BLANC  
Mountain Guide



**100% PURE MOUNTAIN**

SKI  
ALPINISM  
EXPEDITION

**Dates 2024 - 2025**



## SKI-ALPINISM-EXPEDITIONS

For more than 30 years we have been offering courses and trips from the Alps to all mountains in the world. With Mont Blanc Mountain Guide you can learn and / or improve your technical knowledge and your experience in ski mountaineering and mountaineering and then broaden your horizons in wonderful trips to the mountains of other continents.

If you like the mountains and want to climb higher, ski and climb new mountains, even outside the Alps, then join us and you will discover a way of practicing the mountain that goes far beyond just sporting performance.

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### Risk and Responsibilities

- Mountain activities include inherent risks. Many argue that these risks are an important part of the activity, and that some of the reward of climbing and skiing in the mountains is the successful management of these risks in an inherently dangerous environment. In any case mountain activities are not "safe", there is always some level of risk.

- As guides, we try to manage risk to acceptable levels. Managing risk to acceptable levels is occasionally very difficult and complex, involving the subjective assessment of many complex and changing variables, and often choosing between multiple "evils". The difficulty of managing risk is part of what makes mountain guiding a challenging, rewarding, and dangerous career.

- Even if we successfully manage risk to acceptable levels we cannot eliminate it completely. Risk means exposure to hazard; even very low risk still includes some degree of exposure.

- Different individuals have different definitions of "acceptable levels" of risk. Even for a given individual, the acceptable level varies with the rewards of the objective. For example, climbers and skiers on more difficult routes are usually willing to accept higher levels of risk in exchange for the greater rewards offered by achieving the more difficult objective. You need to think about your personal level of acceptable risk for a given objective.

- We, as guides and climbers, also have limits to the levels of risk to which we are willing to expose ourselves. These levels may be higher or lower than yours. We believe that usually, our level of acceptable risk is lower than most of our clients. Guiding is our job, and long-term exposure to risk means that we need to keep such risk low if we want to survive to old age (which we do). However, "usually" does not mean "always", and you need to speak up if you feel that the risks you are running are not within your definition of acceptability.

- Any member of any climbing team, be they client, guide or recreational climber, should have veto power over any objective. If the perceived level of risk becomes too high for you, then you can turn the party around. In a guided group, there are some limitations to your veto power. If we, as guides feel that it is more risky for the group to accommodate your veto, then it may be overruled.

- If we as guides find the level of risk too high for us (or for what we think is reasonable for you) we, too, can turn the party around. Of course, sometimes it can be less risky to continue on than to retrace our steps, but as guides, it is our job to make such determinations, and to try and convince you of their correctness. Also, in a group trip, such as a ski tour, if you wish to leave a trip you may need to accept levels of risk higher than those with which you are comfortable, in order to reach the next hut, or safe place from which you can leave the program.

- You are responsible for expressing your concern, and even exercising your veto power if the levels of risk become higher than those acceptable to you, or if you feel they may do so. Because we cannot know in advance what your levels of acceptable risk are, you need to tell us if you fear they may be exceeded.

- Assessing and managing risk is part of our job, and we have plenty of experience with it. We may try to talk you out of your fear, if we think it is unreasonable. But at the same time, we also feel that nobody, including ourselves, should be forced to assume risks they believe to be unacceptable.

- During any climb or ski tour, or before or after, if you have questions about the risks we encounter or our assessments of them, please ask us. Believe it or not, we actually like to talk about these things. It is informative for you, a good exercise for us, and we believe leads to better understanding and decision making.

# COURSE DATES 2024 - 2025

PROGRAM NAME	START DATE	END DATE
<b>SKI MOUNTAINING COURSE</b>		
TECHNICAL LEVEL 1		
DISCOVER	DECEMBER 11	DECEMBER 14
	DECEMBER 24	DECEMBER 27
	DECEMBER 28	DECEMBER 31
	JANUARY 08	JANUARY 11
	JANUARY 22	JANUARY 25
	JANUARY 29	FEBRUARY 01
	FEBRUARY 19	FEBRUARY 22
	MARCH 05	MARCH 08
	MARCH 19	MARCH 22

PROGRAM NAME	START DATE	END DATE
TECHNICAL LEVEL 2		
INTRO SKI TOURING	JANUARY 08	JANUARY 11
	JANUARY 15	JANUARY 18
	JANUARY 29	FEBRUARY 01
	FEBRUARY 19	FEBRUARY 22
	FEBRUARY 26	MARCH 01
	MARCH 05	MARCH 08

PROGRAM NAME	START DATE	END DATE
TECHNICAL LEVEL 3		
BASIC SKI MOUNTAINEERING	JANUARY 08	JANUARY 11
	JANUARY 22	JANUARY 25
	FEBRUARY 05	FEBRUARY 08
	FEBRUARY 19	FEBRUARY 22
	MARCH 05	MARCH 08
	MARCH 12	MARCH 15
	MARCH 19	MARCH 22

PROGRAM NAME	START DATE	END DATE
TECHNICAL LEVEL 4		
ADVANCED SKI MOUNTAINEERING	JANUARY 15	JANUARY 18
	JANUARY 22	JANUARY 25
	FEBRUARY 05	FEBRUARY 08
	FEBRUARY 21	FEBRUARY 25
	FEBRUARY 26	MARCH 01
	MARCH 05	MARCH 08
	MARCH 12	MARCH 15

PROGRAM NAME	START DATE	END DATE
TECHNICAL LEVEL 5		
MONTE ROSA SKI TOUR	APRIL 09	APRIL 12
	APRIL 16	APRIL 19
	APRIL 23	APRIL 26

PROGRAM NAME	START DATE	END DATE
TECHNICAL LEVEL 6		
CHAMONIX - ZERMATT HAUTE ROUTE	MARCH 31	APRIL 06
	APRIL 7	APRIL 13
	APRIL 21	APRIL 27
	APRIL 28	MAY 04

# COURSE DATES 2025

PROGRAM NAME	START DATE	END DATE
<b>MOUNTAINING COURSE</b>		
TECHNICAL LEVEL 1		
MONT BLANC MOUNTAINEERING INTRODUCTION	JUNE 1	JUNE 7
	JUNE 22	JUNE 28
	JULY 6	JULY 12
	JULY 20	JULY 26

PROGRAM NAME	START DATE	END DATE
TECHNICAL LEVEL 2		
BASIC ALPINISM	JUNE 8	JUNE 14
	JUNE 22	JUNE 28
	JULY 6	JULY 13
	JULY 28	AUGUST 4
	AUGUST 3	AUGUST 9
	AUGUST 31	SEPTEMBER 6

PROGRAM NAME	START DATE	END DATE
TECHNICAL LEVEL 3		
CLIMB THE MONT BLANC SUMMIT	JUNE 8	JUNE 15
	JUNE 22	JUNE 29
	JULY 6	JULY 13

PROGRAM NAME	START DATE	END DATE
TECHNICAL LEVEL 4		
MIXED CLIMBING COURSE	JUNE 22	JUNE 28
	JULY 6	JULY 12
	JULY 20	JULY 26
	AUGUST 3	AUGUST 9
	AUGUST 31	SEPTEMBER 6

PROGRAM NAME	START DATE	END DATE
TECHNICAL LEVEL 5		
THE BEST CLASSIC ROUTES	ON REQUEST DEPENDING ON THE MOUNTAIN CONDITIONS	

PROGRAM NAME	START DATE	END DATE
TECHNICAL LEVEL 6		
GRAND COURSES	ON REQUEST DEPENDING ON THE MOUNTAIN CONDITIONS	

**IMPORTANT: Mont Blanc hut bookings**  
 We advise that you book your Mont Blanc course before by early November of the previous year. Otherwise it is unlikely that there will be beds available in the Mont Blanc huts for you. Your course booking is not confirmed until we have confirmed your beds and we cannot book your beds without your name, nationality and date of birth. Please do not arrange your travel to Courmayeur until we have confirmed your hut bookings.

# MONT BLANC Mountain Guide



## SKI

For us the main objective is ski mountaineering training whether it be in the Alps or on other mountains in the world to help every enthusiast to obtain the appropriate technical skills to make his ski mountaineer dreams come true. Whether they are simple off-piste ski or climb to 7000m peaks in the heart of Asia

## ALPINISM

As previously written, it is the teaching that spurs us on in our initiatives around the world. We train future climbers according to their interests and abilities helping them to obtain a technical autonomy that allows them to realize the great dreams of mountaineer

## EXPEDITIONS

It may seem strange yet even for expeditions it takes a little training, especially if the objectives are wonderful climbs in places where unspoiled nature is still only the prerogative of the locals. The characteristics of the places where mountaineering expeditions are carried out may require a spirit of adaptation that is obtained only thanks to adequate training.