

MONT BLANC
Mountain Guide



100% PURE MOUNTAIN

SKI
ALPINISM
EXPEDITION

Dates 2020 - 2021



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 2020 - 2021

PROGRAM NAME START DATE END DATE

SKI MOUNTAINERING COURSE

TECHNICAL LEVEL 1

	DECEMBER 9	DECEMBER 12
	DECEMBER 16	DECEMBER 19
	DECEMBER 27	DECEMBER 30
	JANUARY 13	JANUARY 16
DISCOVER	JANUARY 27	JANUARY 30
	FEBRUARY 3	FEBRUARY 6
	FEBRUARY 24	FEBRUARY 27
	MARCH 10	MARCH 13
	MARCH 24	MARCH 27

TECHNICAL LEVEL 2

	JANUARY 11	JANUARY 15
	JANUARY 18	JANUARY 22
OFF-PISTE SKI COURSE	FEBRUARY 1	FEBRUARY 5
	FEBRUARY 22	FEBRUARY 26
	MARCH 1	MARCH 5
	MARCH 8	MARCH 12

TECHNICAL LEVEL 3

	JANUARY 11	JANUARY 15
	JANUARY 25	JANUARY 29
INTRO SKI TOURING	FEBRUARY 8	FEBRUARY 12
	FEBRUARY 22	FEBRUARY 26
	MARCH 8	MARCH 12
	MARCH 15	MARCH 19
	MARCH 22	MARCH 26

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TECHNICAL LEVEL 4

	JANUARY 18	JANUARY 22
	JANUARY 25	JANUARY 29
	FEBRUARY 8	FEBRUARY 12
BASIC SKI MOUNTAINEERING	FEBRUARY 22	FEBRUARY 26
	MARCH 1	MARCH 5
	MARCH 8	MARCH 12
	MARCH 15	MARCH 19

TECHNICAL LEVEL 5

	APRIL 4	APRIL 10
CHAMONIX – ZERMATT HAUTE ROUTE	APRIL 11	APRIL 17
	APRIL 25	MAY 1
	MAY 2	MAY 8

TECHNICAL LEVEL 6

	APRIL 12	APRIL 16
MONTE ROSA SKI TOUR	APRIL 19	APRIL 23
	APRIL 26	APRIL 30

COURSE DATES 2021

PROGRAM NAME START DATE END DATE

MOUNTAINERING COURSE

TECHNICAL LEVEL 1

	JUNE 14	JUNE 18
	JUNE 21	JUNE 25
MONT BLANC MOUNTAINEERING INTRODUCTION	JULY 5	JULY 9
	JULY 12	JULY 16
	JULY 19	JULY 25

TECHNICAL LEVEL 2

	JUNE 21	JUNE 26
	JUNE 28	JULY 2
BASIC ALPINISM	JULY 5	JULY 10
	JULY 19	JULY 24
	AUGUST 2	AUGUST 7
	AUGUST 9	AUGUST 14
	AUGUST 30	SEPTEMBER 4

TECHNICAL LEVEL 3

	JUNE 14	JUNE 19
	JUNE 21	JUNE 26
* CLIMB THE MONT BLANC SUMMIT	JUNE 28	JULY 3
	JULY 5	JULY 10
	JULY 12	JULY 17
	JULY 19	JULY 24

PROGRAM NAME START DATE END DATE

TECHNICAL LEVEL 4

	JUNE 28	JULY 2
	JULY 12	JULY 16
MIXED CLIMBING COURSE	JULY 19	JULY 23
	AUGUST 2	AUGUST 6
	AUGUST 16	AUGUST 20
	AUGUST 23	AUGUST 27
	AUGUST 30	SEPTEMBER 3

TECHNICAL LEVEL 5

THE BEST CLASSIC ROUTES	ON REQUEST	DEPENDING ON THE MOUNTAIN CONDITIONS
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TECHNICAL LEVEL 6

GRAND COURSES	ON REQUEST	DEPENDING ON THE MOUNTAIN CONDITIONS
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* For this program, reservations must be confirmed by March 10th. Afterwards we do not guarantee to find a place in a refuge for the realization of the ascent to Mont Blanc.



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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.

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