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ALPINE SCHOOL

Tour du soleil

WITH TOURING SKIS ALONG THE MAIN ALPINE DIVIDE (CH) | 4 DAYS

An exciting high-alpine ski tour away from the big crowds and offering plenty of variety in Switzerland's sunniest enclave: the Tour du Soleil crosses from the canton of Uri to Ticino and into the Binn Valley in the Valais, facing the sun during the entire route. Secluded valleys, cosy huts and unrivalled alpine views await you.

Technique	intermediate Piste: very confident on skis; Powder snow: solid prior experience; Terrain: mostly steep terrain, narrow couloirs; Alpine technique: solid touring experience or completed training course
Condition	intermediate Duration from 5 to 7 hours, up to approx. 1,200 vertical meters, approx. 300 vertical meters per hour.
Meeting place	9.30 a.m. Mammut Store Piazza Gottardo, Furkagasse 2, 6490 Andermatt (Train arrival 9.22 a.m. Andermatt).
Departure	Approx. 2 p.m. Brig
Accommodation	Rotondohütte 2570 m Capanna Corno Gries 2338 m Rifugio Claudio e Bruno 2708 m

Services

Included	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Guiding and supervision by a mountain guide• Accommodation with half board: 3 x hut (base camp)• Mammut safety equipment for testing (avalanche equipment worth CHF 99)• 15% discount on mammut.com
Not included	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Travel to the course• Transport• Snacks and drinks• Climbing harness CHF 25.-• Hut tax CHF 12 per night if not a SAC/Alpine Club member• Contribution to the Travel Guarantee Fund (0.25% on total amount)

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Program

- Day 1** From Realp, the route snakes through the secluded Wittenwasser Valley to the Rotondo Hut (2570 m). Weather permitting, you might also take a short detour to the summit of one of the surrounding peaks. (Distance: 8.2 km, touring time: 5-6 hrs, ascent: 1150 m vertical meters)
- Day 2** The route takes you through the high-alpine scenery and over Wittenwasser Pass (2806 m) to Passo di Rotondo. Then it's time to strip off those skins and get ready for an amazing run down to Alpe di Rotondo. You then reach the Capanna Corno Gries outpost via Alpe di Manió and Curina. (Distance: 14.4 km, touring time: 6 hrs, ascent: 1220 m vertical meters)
- Day 3** Today, it's time for the main event of our tour: crossing the impressive Gries Glacier and approaching the summit of the Blinnenhorn (3373 m), first skinning and then by foot across the final section of the southern flank. At the summit, take in a gorgeous panoramic view of the Bernese and Valais Alps before skiing down to the Rifugio Claudio e Bruno (2708 m), where you wrap up the day with a lovely evening in good company and enjoy some delicious pasta. (Distance: 10.9 km, touring time: 4-5 hrs, ascent: 1170 m vertical meters)
- Day 4** After reaching the top of the Hohsandhorn (3182 m), you'll enjoy a rewarding, extra-long run through the untamed Binn Valley to the endpoint of our tour, the Valaisian municipality of Binn. (Distance: 14.4 km, touring time: 3 hrs, ascent: 580 m vertical meters)

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Rental equipment

Our mountain guide will bring the ordered rental equipment to the meeting place. The following equipment can be rented:

- ☐ Barryvox (Avalanche Transceiver)
- ☐ Avalanche Probe
- ☐ Avalanche Shovel
- ☐ Climbing harness with 1x safelock carabiner

Technical equipment

- ☐ Barryvox (Avalanche Transceiver)
- ☐ Avalanche Probe
- ☐ Avalanche Shovel
- ☐ Touring backpack (approx. 30l)
- ☐ Ski touring equipment (skis, bindings, skins, ski crampons)
- ☐ Ski touring boots
- ☐ (telescopic) Ski poles
- ☐ Ski helmet (optional)
- ☐ Climbing harness with 1 saferlock carabiner (or 2x screw carabiners)

Clothing

- ☐ 1x Ski jacket and 1x ski pants (Gore-Tex or similar material)
- ☐ 1x Soft shell and/or fleece jacket
- ☐ 1x Short/long functional underwear
- ☐ 1x Beanie and 1x headband
- ☐ 2 pairs of gloves (1 thin pair, 1 warm, windproof and waterproof pair)
- ☐ 1x Functional socks and 1x spare socks

Overnight cottage

- ☐ Own toiletries, ear plugs if required
- ☐ Clothes to wear in the hut (Minimum)
- ☐ Slipper socks are at the hut
- ☐ Sleeping bag liner made of silk or cotton (for hygienic reasons)
- ☐ SAC/Alpine Club member card (if available)

Food

- ☐ Breakfast and dinner at the hut
- ☐ Tea and lunch must be brought or can be bought at the hut
- ☐ Snacks (e.g. energy bars, dried fruit, dried meat)

Various

- ☐ Sunglasses and ski goggles
- ☐ Sun cream and lip cream (SPF 30 or higher)
- ☐ Camera (optional)

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- ☐ Half fare travelcard (if existing)
- ☐ Thermos flask made from break-proof material
- ☐ Headlamp with new batteries
- ☐ Small medicinal supplies for personal requirements