







Photos: Mer de Glace - Summit celebrations - Cosmiques

alpine intro & autonomy

#### Alpine Introduction

If you are a keen hillwalker who has always wanted to climb in the Alps, to venture onto glaciers, and to attempt a 4000m peak, this is the course for you. It teaches a complete novice the skills needed for the Alps, including glacier travel, ropework, ice climbing, rock skills, navigation, and crevasse rescue. You spend a night in a high mountain hut, have an Alpine start for a route, and ascend Gran Paradiso 4061m which is the highest peak in Italy. By the end of the week you should have climbed vertical ice, learned key ropework, travelled over glaciers, led a rock route, and climbed a 4000m mountain. Great for a first Alpine trip! If you fancy climbing Mont Blanc after this week, you could consider the two week Mont Blanc Achievement trip, or a two day Mont Blanc extension.

Sun: briefings & kit checks, Mon: mountain skills and navigation (1:6), Tue: crampon techniques with glacier travel and ice climbing (1:6), Wed: mountaineering route at altitude (1:6), Thu: rock climbing and trek up to mountain hut (1:3), Fri: Gran Paradiso 4061m (1:3), Sat: depart. Price: £899. Dates: 24 - 30 Jun, 8 - 14 Jul, 22 - 28 Jul, 5 - 11 Aug, 19 - 25 Aug, 2 - 8 Sep 2018

#### Glacier Haute Route trek

Traverse the glaciers from Chamonix to Zermatt, staying in huts each night of the trek. Led by an IFMGA guide. Culminates with ascent of Breithorn 4164m.

Sat: briefings, Sun - Sat: glacier guiding, Sun: depart. Price: £1499. Dates: 21 - 29 Jul, 18 - 26 Aug 2018

#### Glacier Safety Weekends

Learn rope coils, crevasse rescue, belays, anchors, and use crampons and ice axes.

Sat & Sun: guiding (1:2) and night in mountain hut. Price: £399 (inc. technical kit and hut). Dates: 28 - 29 Jul, 18 - 19 Aug 2018. Extra dates for 4 or more



#### Autonomy Techniques

If you have used crampons before, then you should choose this rather than the Alpine Introduction. This is a fast track course that is designed to make you more autonomous. You cover the technical syllabus of the Intro course in greater detail, with smaller guiding ratios and a focus on moving together and leading. At the end of the week you have the choice of two day routes, or a two day ascent of an Alpine peak with a night in a hut. We aren't scared of making you autonomous!

Sun: briefings & kit checks. Mon: glacier travel & ice climbing (1:6). Tue: mountaineering ridge climb (1:3). Wed: altitude snow route and crevasse rescue (1:3). Thu: glacier ascent to mountain hut for the night (1:3). Fri: main Alpine ascent (1:3). Sat: depart. Price: £999. 17 - 23 Jun, 1 - 7 Jul, 15 - 21 Jul, 30 Jul - 4 Aug, 12 - 18 Aug, 26 Aug - 1 Sep 2018

#### Two person summer week

Based in Chamonix, this week is tailored to you. Learn to lead, develop autonomy, or just climb some famous routes.

Sunday: briefings, Mon-Fri: key Alpine ascents (1:2), Saturday: depart. Price: £1199. Includes a private flat for the two of you. Dates: run on demand Jun - Sep '18











Photos: Bosses Arete - Summit sunrise - Gouter hut

mont blanc summit

#### Mont Blanc Summit Week

Our most popular course tackles the highest mountain in the Alps. We summit by the classic Gouter route, for via the Trois Mont Blanc traverse, or via the Italian Gonella route. We carefully designed our itinerary to assist your acclimatisation, and to offer several summit weather windows. The itinerary is deliberately flexible to help maximise your summit chances. Your guide will suggest preparation routes tailored to your experience, such as the Cosmiques Arête, Petite Verte, or Gran Paradiso. You should be in great physical shape for Mont Blanc, as the climb involves over 1300m of ascent on a snow ridge using crampons, and your stamina and determination will be tested to the limit. Any previous mountain skills, scrambling or altitude experience will be beneficial to increase your summit chances.

Sun: briefings & kit checks, Mon: glacier crampon skills and ice climbing (1:6), Tue - Fri: preparation training routes and Mont Blanc summit, with one (inc) or two nights in mountain huts (1:2), Sat: depart. Price: £1499. Dates: every week between 17 June & 8 Sept 2018

#### Mont Blanc Achievement

A popular two week course for those who need more time to acclimatise and learn skills, before their ascent of Mont Blanc. The course is the Alpine Introduction week climbing Gran Paradiso, followed by the Mont Blanc Summit course. More time for you to acclimatise and the training will increase your summiting chances.

Price: £2299 (Intro + Mont Blanc = £2398. Save £99). Dates: 24 Jun - 7 Jul, 8 - 21 Jul, 22 Jul - 4 Aug, 5 - 18 Aug, 19 Aug - 1 Sep 2018

#### Mont Blanc Autonomy

If you want more time to acclimatise and train before an ascent of Mont Blanc, but have existing crampon and climbing skills. This course is the Autonomy Techniques week, followed by Mont Blanc Summits course. This trip will provide more skills for greater autonomy, such as leading and Alpine short-roping, as well as attaining the highest summit in the Alps.

Price: £2399 (Autonomy week + Mont Blanc = £2498. Save £99), Dates: 17 - 30 Jun. 1 - 14 Jul. 15 - 28 Jul. 30 Jul - 11 Aug. 12 - 25 Aug. 26 Aug - 8 Sep 2018

#### Apprenticeship Month

Four weeks of back to back courses, to fast track your Alpine career; Autonomy week, Mont Blanc summit, Monte Rosa 4000m peaks, and culminating with the ascent of the Matterhorn or Eiger.

Price: £4999 (save £497 from the separate courses). Dates: 15 Jul - 11 Aug 2018

#### Alpine Big 3 Extensions

Two days guiding to attempt Mont Blanc, the Eiger or the Matterhorn summit.

Mont Blanc £1099 (1:1 ratio) or £549 each (1:2 ratio), Matterhorn or Eiger £1099 (1:1 ratio). Run on demand.













Photos: Aiguille d'Entreves - Rebuffat- Rochefort Arete

technical alpine ascents

#### Technical Ice & Classics

This course tackles a mixture of famous snow, rock, ice and mixed routes to AD+ or D grade, such as Dent du Geant, the Rochefort Arête, or the Chere Couloir. Each itinerary for this course is flexible to cater for the conditions, weather and your aspirations. Push your grade, develop your climbing skills, practice moving together, gear placement and leading.

Sun: briefings & kit checks, Mon-Fri: technical ascents (1:2), Sat: depart. Price: £1199. Dates: 8 - 14 Jul, 22 -28 Jul, 29 Jul - 4 Aug, 5 - 11 Aug, 19 - 25 Aug, 2 - 8 Sep 2018. Extra dates on demand, for 2 booking together.

#### Alpine Technical Rock

Welcome to the granite pillars and faces that overlook Chamonix. The infamous routes include: Arête des Papillons, Frison Roche, Chapelle de la Gliere, or the Rebuffat on Midi. Advance your technical skills and grades on different styles of rock, selecting from over 4000 routes!

Sun: briefings & kit checks, Mon-Fri: technical Alpine rock climbing (1:2 guiding), Sat: depart. Price: £1199. Dates: 1 - 7 Jul, 29 Jul - 4 Aug, 5 - 11 Aug 2018. Extra dates on demand, for 2 booking together on any week.



#### Aiguille Verte

This magnificent peak is considered the Alpine summit that makes a mountaineer. Climb Whymper Couloir or Moine ridge.

Sun: briefings & kit checks, Mon-Fri: technical ascents (1:1 ratio), Sat: depart. Price: £2499 (inc. night in hut). The course is run on demand, normally in June & July.

#### Grandes Jorasses

The Walker Spur takes a plumb line to the highest point. Descend into the Italian Val Ferret via the Boccalatte mountain hut.

Duration: 7 days (5 days 1:1 Guiding). Price: £3999 (Walker Spur), or £2499 (Normal Route).

#### Summer North Faces

This course is run in early summer while the north faces are in condition. Routes often attempted include the North Faces of Tour Ronde or Gran Paradiso, Table Couloir, Col Copt or Contamines Grisole / Mazeaud on Mont Blanc du Tacul. This appeals to those with Alpine or ice experience to PD+ or AD / III ice.

Sun: briefings & kit checks, Mon-Fri: technical ascents of ice and mixed routes (1:2), Sat: depart. Price: £1199 (inc. night in hut), Dates: 17 - 23 Jun. 24 - 30 Jun 2018. Extra dates for 2 people booking together to end of July

#### Advanced 1:1 week

Clients looking for 1:1 guiding have a range of different aspirations, and so this course is tailored individually. Previous clients have climbed famous routes such as the Grand Capucin, the Weisshorn, Chardonnet, and the Frontier Ridge of Mont Maudit. We operate this course both in Summer and in Winter, on all weeks.

Sun: briefings & kit checks, Mon-Fri:: technical ascents (1:1), Sat: depart. Price: £1999. To ascend harder routes (e.g. Brouillard Arête), book this and a supplement is payable if conditions allow.









Photos: Matterhorn Lion ridge - Sunrise - Eiger Mittellegi

matterhorn & eiger

#### Matterhorn 4478m

This iconic mountain attracts climbers from all over the world. There are two classic routes on the peak; the Hornli Arête from the Swiss side above the town of Zermatt, and the Lion Ridge from Cervinia in Italy. Either route is a serious undertaking, and it will test your balance, fitness and ability with exposure. You prepare by ascending classic Alpine routes such as the Dent du Geant or Rochefort Arête. On the ascent of the Matterhorn, we use a 1:1 guide ratio to maximise safety. In terms of previous experience, many clients have climbed Mont Blanc or another Alpine PD+ / AD grade route. Some experience of outdoor rock climbing, crampon use and exposed scrambling is essential for this course.

SUMMER - Sun: briefings & kit checks, Mon-Wed: Training and summits (1:2), Thu-Fri: Matterhorn (1:1), Sat: depart. Price: £1799. Dates: 8 - 14 Jul, 15 - 21 Jul, 22 - 28 Jul, 29 Jul - 4 Aug, 5 - 11 Aug, 12 - 18 Aug, 19 - 25 Aug, 26 Aug - 1 Sep, 2 - 8 Sep 2018

WINTER - Sunday: briefings & kit checks. Monday: Chamonix test climb (1:1), Tue-Fri: Matterhorn (1:1). Sat: depart. Price: £2499. Dates: 21 - 27 Jan, 25 Feb - 3 Mar 2018. Extra dates are run on demand in the winter

#### Eiger 3970m traverse

The Eiger towers above the Swiss village of Grindlewald, with its foreboding north face almost always in the shade. As you look upwards from Kleine Scheidegg, the Mittellegi runs along the top left ridge of the face and offers competent Alpinists a hard and very exposed climb. The descent is made by the South Ridge to make a full traverse of the mountain. Before this course you should have good Alpine experience such as classic AD grade routes. From the Mittellegi hut, the climb is a mixture of rock towers with some fixed lines, and steep snow slopes, so good experience on both rock and snow is essential. The descent is longer than the ascent, and makes its way down to Monchsjoch, before you return to Jungfraujoch. Here you take the train down to Grindlewald through a rock tunnel descending behind the north face.

Sun: briefings, Mon-Wed: Training acclimatisation climbs (1:2), Thu-Fri: traverse the Eiger Mittellegi (1:1), Sat: depart. Price: £1799. Dates: 8 - 14 Jul, 15 - 21 Jul, 22 - 28 Jul, 29 Jul - 4 Aug, 5 - 11 Aug, 12 - 18 Aug, 19 - 25 Aug, 26 Aug - 1 Sep, 2 - 8 Sep 2018

#### Alpine Giants Trilogy

This two week course ascends the three key Alpine giants of Mont Blanc, the Eiger and Matterhorn. The first week follows the Mont Blanc Summits course, then the second week is five days 1:1 guiding in which to attempt the Matterhorn and Eiger. For this challenge, very high fitness and motivation is required. Although Mont Blanc requires no previous experience, you should meet the pre-requisites for the ascents of the Matterhorn and Eiger.

Price: £3499. Dates: 8 - 21 Jul, 15 - 28 Jul, 22 Jul - 4 Aug, 29 Jul - 11 Aug, 5 - 18 Aug, 12 - 25 Aug 2018













Photos: Finsteraarhorn - Tour Ronde - Weissmeis summit

classic alpine 4000m peaks

#### Monte Rosa 4000ers

This area is peppered with 4000m peaks and your aim is to ascend as many as possible, staying in huts for four nights. Nicknamed the Spaghetti Tour, because of its great food, one night is spent in the Margherita hut, the highest hut in the Alps. Groups typically climb up to six 4000m summits during the week such as Castor, Pollux, Liskaam West, Breithorn, Corne Nero, Signalkuppe, P. Vincent. A great progression from the Intro course.

Sun: briefings, Mon-Fri: five ascent days, 1:3 guiding, Sat: depart. Price: £1249. Dates: 24 - 30 Jun, 8 - 14 Jul, 22 - 28 Jul, 5 - 11 Aug, 12 - 18 Aug, 26 Aug - 1 Sep '18

#### Oberland 4000ers week

Five days of summits in the Oberland, staying in mountain huts each night. Peaks include Monch, Jungfrau and the Finsteraarhorn. You maximise climbing time by using the famous Jungfraujoch railway in the North Face of the Eiger.

Sun: briefings & kit checks, Mon-Fri: five days 1:2 guiding in the Eiger region, Sat: depart. Price: £1499. Dates: 1 - 7 Jul, 15 - 21 Jul, 29 Jul - 4 Aug, 19 - 25 Aug, 2 - 8 Sep 2018. Extra dates on demand.

#### Zermatt Climber Classics

Climb some of the classic AD grade ridge routes above Zermatt such as Zinal-Rothorn, Dent Blanche, traverse of the Nadelgrat, Rimpfischhorn, or the East Ridge of Breithorn. The aim is to climb the best classics from either Zermatt or Val d'Anniviers side. This course is a good alternative to the Tech Ice & Classics.

Sun: briefings & kit checks, Mon-Fri: technical ascents, with nights in huts (1:2), Sat: depart. Price: £1699. Dates: 29 Jul - 4 Aug, 5 - 11 Aug 2018

#### Saas 4000ers week

Saas is a quiet corner of Switzerland, peppered with snowy 4000m peaks. A great progression from our Alpine Intro course, or alternative to the Autonomy Techniques course, for those seeking a hut based week. Climb in the Mischabel and Alphubel massif, overlooking Zermatt and Saas. Climb 4000m summits such as Weissmies, Lagginhorn and Alphubel.

Sun: briefings & kit checks, Mon-Fri: technical ascents, classic routes & summits, with nights in huts (1:2), Sat: depart. Price: £1449. Dates: 1 - 7 Jul, 15 - 21 Jul, 5 - 11 Aug, 26 Aug - 1 Sep 2018

#### Dufourspitze 4634m

Climb the highest peak in the Monte Rosa massif. It's the second highest peak in Switzerland, so it provides a challenge that is a good alternative to Mont Blanc. Ascend from either the Monte Rosa Hut or the famous Margherita hut.

Sun: briefings, Mon - Fri: summits (1:2), Sat: depart. Price: £1699. Dates: 8 - 14 Jul, 29 Jul - 4 Aug, 2 - 8 Sep

#### Barre des Ecrins 4101m

Five days climbing in the unspoilt Ecrins national park. Mixture of snow and mixed climbs, with four nights in mountain huts.

Sun: briefings, Mon - Fri: summits (1:2), Sat: depart.

Price: £1499. Dates: 5 - 11 Aug, 26 Aug - 1 Sep 2018

#### Glacier Summits week

Designed for those who want to progress from an Alpine Intro level course, with more nights in mountain huts. Designed for those wanting to escape the crowds. Climb in three countries during the week.

Sun: briefings, Mon - Fri: summits (1:3), Sat: depart. Price: £1199. Dates: 5 - 11 Aug, 19 - 25 Aug 2018











Photos: Scottish winter - Cremerie ice - Ben Nevis range

alpine ice & scottish winter

#### Winter Alpine Intro

Learn key skills; avalanche safety, ice climbing, glacier travel, crevasse rescue, and ropework. Climb up to grade IV ice and classic winter routes. Technical equipment hire is included in the course price. Option of a night in a mountain hut.

Sun: briefings & kit checks, Mon: winter skills (1:6), Tue: glacier travel (1:6), Wed: ice climbs (1:6), Thu-Fri: alpine climbs (1:2), Sat: depart. Price: £899. Dates: 21 - 27 Jan, 25 Feb - 3 Mar, 25 - 31 Mar 2018

#### Chamonix Technical Ice

If you have some experience of ice climbing on waterfall or glacier ice, but want to to push your grade, and to learn to lead. Spend a full week ice climbing.

Sun: briefings, Mon-Fri: Waterfall ice (1:2), Sat: depart. Price: £1199. Dates: 28 Jan - 3 Feb. 4 - 10 Mar 2018

#### Winter Alpine Classics

A week of classic snow, ice and mixed routes in the Chamonix region such as Chevallier, Aig Marbees, & Chere Couloir.

Sun: briefings, Mon-Fri: Climbs (1:2), Sat: depart. Price: £1199. Dates: 28 Jan - 3 Feb. 4 - 10 Mar. 1 - 7 Apr 2018

#### Val de Cogne Italian Ice

Each night in Cogne is spent half board in a hotel close to the ice climbs. Classic ice routes climbed include Patrie. Archeronte. or Stella Artice. This course is aimed at those wishing to climb grade III to IV+ ice.

Sun: briefings, Mon-Fri: Waterfall ice routes (1:2), Sat: depart. Price: £1449, inc 4 nights half board in hotel. Dates: 21 - 27 Jan, 11 - 18 Feb, 25 Feb - 3 Mar 2018

#### Winter Ice Weekend

Two days ice climbing at a 1:2 guide ratio. Choose either multi-pitch ice or classic altitude winter routes above Chamonix Includes Friday and Saturday night B&B.

Fri: arrive, Sat & Sun: guiding (1:2). Price: £499. Dates: 26 - 28 Jan. 2 - 4 Mar 2018. Extra dates can be run on demand for 2 people booking together.

#### Scottish winter weekend

Learn to use your crampons and ice axe. and self arrest. Focus on snow anchors. winter skills, and winter climbing. Two days guiding, and two nights B&B hotel.

Price £325, Dates: 12 - 14 Jan. 26 - 28 Jan. 9 - 11 Feb. 23 - 25 Feb. 9 - 11 Mar. 16 - 18 Mar. 23 - 25 Mar 2018.



#### Scottish winter intro week

A full week tackling grade I and II gullies and ridges. Objectives include Carn Mor Dearg Arete or Ledge Route on Ben Nevis, and Curved Ridge in Glencoe.

Sun: briefings, Mon-Fri: climbs, Sat: depart. Price: £695. Dates: 14 - 20 Jan. 28 Jan - 3 Feb. 4 - 10 Feb. 18 - 24 Feb. 25 Feb - 3 Mar. 11 - 17 Mar. 18 - 24 Mar 2018

#### Scottish technical ice

Five days of 1:2 guiding on grade III & IV gullies on Ben Nevis & Glencoe ranges.

Sun: briefings, Mon-Fri: climbs, Sat: depart. Price: £895. Dates: operates every week 14 Jan - 31 Mar 2018













Photos: Crinkle Crags - Swirl How - Wild camping

lake district walks & skills

#### Alpine Training weekend

These Lake District weekends are to help you prepare and train for a Alpine course. They are a great mixture of developing hill skills and fitness, and coaching you on efficient movement over broken mountain terrain. A chance to talk about kit choices and personal training plans, with your instructor who is one of our Alpine guiding team. Mont Blanc presentation in evening.

Price £99. Dates: 5 - 6 May, 2 - 3 Jun 2018

#### UK avalanche training day

Essential pre-season training for skiers and mountaineers alike. Based in the Lake District, with a mixture of hill and classroom sessions. Safety kit included.

Price £75. Dates: Dec & Jan. Extra dates for 2+ people.

#### Lake District summits

Great mountain days; Helvellyn Striding Edge, Scafell Pike, Blencathra via Sharp Edge, or the Coniston Old Man.

Price: £160 (1:8 maximum ratio, private guiding). Dates: on demand throughout the year.



#### Wild camping weekend

A weekend to get away from it all, with a night wild camping in a remote high spot in the Lake District mountains. You learn how to wild camp and leave no trace. You spend an exhilarating night under the stars. Also learn key navigation skills. This weekend is great training for expedition skills for those planning a long tent based trip, such as to Aconcagua or Kilimanjaro. One night expedition style meal provided, and we supply tents and stove(s).

Guiding: Sat & Sun. Price £140. Dates: in early and late summer season each year. More on demand.

#### Navigation skills days

Beginner or advanced level navigation training days, following NNAS syllabus. Skills covered; setting the map, contour interpretation, pacing, bearings, timings, route choice, aspect of slope, relocation.

Price: £75pp (scheduled dates). Dates: throughout year.

#### Rock climbs & scrambling

Classic multi-pitch Lakes rock routes, roped scrambles or single pitch climbs.

Price: £200 in total for 1 or 2 people. Dates: on demand.

#### Mountain Leader QMD's

Designed for those approaching their ML assessment, or building QMD's. This is private guiding tailored to you (or up to 4 booking together). Days can include ML ropework refreshers, or mock exams.

Price: £160 (1 day) or £300 (2 day, includes night nav), or £360 for 2 day mini-expedition, night nav and camp.

#### Epic Weekends

Escape the city for the weekend. Arrive on the first train on Saturday morning, and return home on Sunday eve!













Photos: Cheserys TMB - Alpine sunrise - Rifugio Bonatti

alpine treks & self-guided

#### Paradiso trek & summit

This is a great mix of challenging trekking over the first three days, then a two day climbing ascent of Gran Paradiso 4061m, the highest peak completely in Italy. Stay in mountain rifugios in the national park.

Sun: travel, Mon - Fri: guiding, Sat: depart. Price: £849. Dates: 15 - 21 Jul, 12 - 18 Aug, 26 Aug - 1 Sep 2018

#### Corsica GR20 North trek

This is a tough week long trek across the technical northern section of the GR20, from Vizzavone to Calvi. It has several sections of exposed ladders and chains.

Sun: briefings, Mon - Sat trekking (6 days), Sun: return. Price: £895. Dates: 24 Jun - 1 Jul, 9 - 16 Sep 2018

#### Full Walkers Haute Route

This famous trek links the two Alpine capitals of Chamonix and Zermatt. The nights are spent in mountain huts and hotels, with twelve days trekking, so you complete the full route and high passes.

Sun: briefings, Mon - Fri: trek to Zermatt, Sat: travel. Price: £1599. Dates: 2 - 15 Sep 2018. Extra dates for groups of 4 or more people booking together.

#### Rugged Tour Mont Blanc

Walk every step of the TMB, staying in mountain huts each night of the trek. We tackle all the high passes and variants in just one week. It will appeal to regular hill walkers, and is the most challenging TMB trek, averaging 25km and +1500m a day.

Sat: travel, Sun - Sat: trek, Sun: depart. Price: £899. 23 Jun - 1 Jul, 7 - 15 Jul, 28 Jul - 5 Aug, 25 Aug - 2 Sep

#### Luxury Tour Mont Blanc

Full TMB, with bag transfers, small rooms in hotels and lodges. 10 days guiding.

Price: £1899. Dates: 29 Jul - 9 Aug, 5 - 16 Aug, 2 - 13 Sep 2018. Extra dates are run on demand for 4+ people

#### Demi Tour Mont Blanc

Choose wither the West or East section of TMB, 4 days holiday with 3 days guiding.

Price: £499. Dates: 29 Jun - 2 Jul, 27 - 30 Jul, 24 - 27 Aug 2018. Extra dates available upon demand.

#### Self-guided TMB treks

Route dossier, maps, logistics, baggage storage and hut bookings. From £149.

#### Best of Chamonix Treks

A week of famous walks to explore the hidden gems of the region; the dinosaur prints, hidden caves, and highest trekking peak in the massif. You usually trek in Switzerland, France and Italy.

Sun: briefings, Mon - Fri: treks, Sat: depart. Price: £699. Dates: 17 - 23 Jun, 22 - 28 Jul, 29 Jul - 4 Aug, 26 Aug - 1 Sep 2018. Extra dates available upon demand.

#### Intro Via Ferrata

Aimed at beginners on via ferrata, based in Chamonix, you are led by qualified guides. Day routes, returning to your base in the valley. Small group sizes, and the free loan of via ferrata technical safety kit.

Sun: travel, Mon - Fri: guiding, Sat: depart. Price: £999. Dates: 15 - 21 Jul, 29 Jul - 4 Aug 2018

#### **Bochette Way Dolomites**

These classic via ferrata are set high in the Dolomites of northern Italy. Led by a qualified IFMGA mountain guide. Includes six nights half board in huts and lodges.

Sun: travel, Mon - Fri: guiding, Sat: depart. Price: £999. Dates: 5 - 11 Aug 2018. Extra dates upon demand













Photos: Iceland Laugavegur - Aconcagua - Winter Toubkal

worldwide & altitude peaks

#### Kilimanjaro 5985m

Our most popular expedition, with 96% summit success since 2005! We avoid routes that gain altitude too quickly, to ensure you acclimatise. We offer ascents via three different routes, each of which has different characteristics; Machame, Rongai, and Lemosho routes. On each of these, the usual descent is via the the Mweka. Many clients opt for the 4 day ascent of Mount Meru before Kilimanjaro, or to visit Zanzibar's beaches after.

Kilimanjaro Machame (9 days). Price: £999. Dates: 26 Dec 17 - 3 Jan, 10 - 18 Feb, 24 Mar - 1 Apr, 28 Jul - 5 Aug, 4 - 12 Aug, 22 - 30 Sep, 20 - 28 Oct 2018

Kilimanjaro Rongai (9 days) or Lemosho (10 days). Price £1099 for either trip, for private groups of 4+. To add Mount Meru before any ascent is an extra £900

#### Peak Lenin 7134m

Climb the highest peak in the Pamirs of Kyrgyzstan. This is a 21 day expedition, using 4 camps ascending the mountain. This 7000m giant is a non-technical climb, led by English speaking local guides.

Duration: 21 days, excluding flights. Price: £2499. Dates: 7 - 20 Jul, 28 Jul - 17 Aug, 11 - 31 Aug 2018.

#### Elbrus 5642m, Russia

Climb the highest peak in Europe, and one of the prized seven summits. You fly in to Mineralnye Vody via Moscow and transfer to a Baksan valley hotel base. After acclimatisation climbs you make your summit bid from either the south or north side of the mountain, staying in huts. See ski pages for touring ascents.

South Route (8 days). Saturday: travel, Sun - Fri: climb, Sat: depart. Price: £1299. Dates: 26 May - 2 Jun, 9 - 16 Jun, 23 - 30 Jun, 7 - 14 Jul, 28 Jul - 4 Aug, 25 Aug - 1 Sep, 2 - 9 Sep, 9 - 16 Sep, 23 - 30 Sep, 21 - 28 Oct '18

North (10 days). Friday: travel, Sat - Sat: climb, Sun: depart. Price: £1499. Dates: 22 Jun - 1 Jul, 6 - 15 Jul, 13 - 22 Jul, 27 Jul - 5 Aug, 31 Aug - 9 Sep, 21 - 30 Sep

#### Aconcagua 6959m

Second highest of the seven summits, and the highest trekking peak in the world! We take the Polish Traverse route where you ascend by the Vacas valley to the Falso de los Polacos route, then summit & descend the same route. Led by qualified guide, with mules & porters.

Price: £3499. Dates: 8-26 Jan 2017, 17 Dec 2017 - 4 Jan 2018, 7-25 Jan 2018, 28 Jan - 15 Feb 2018

#### Winter Toubkal, Morocco

Climb the two highest peaks of the Atlas; Toubkal 4167m and Ouanoukrim 4089m. Crampon skills are taught during week.

Sat: fly to Morocco, Sun-Fri: climb, Sat: return flight.
Price £525. Dates: every week mid Oct - end April 2018

#### Iceland Laugavegur trail

The remote trek from Landmannalaugar to Þórsmörk, staying in mountain huts, with 4x4 vehicle baggage support.

Sun - Sat: 5 days guiding. Price £1899. Dates: 24 - 30 Jun, 8 - 14 Jul, 29 Jul - 4 Aug, 12 - 18 Aug, 26 Aug - 1 Sep, 9 - 15 Sep 2018. Extra dates on demand.

#### **Everest Base Camp**

Visiting the viewpoint of the Kala Patar, Namche Bazaar, Thyangboche monastery and the base camp by the Khumbu icefall. 30 Sep - 15 Oct 2008. Price: £1449, inc. KTM to Lukla.

#### Mera Peak 6476m, Nepal

The highest trekking peak in Nepal, over a three week trip. Great summit views to Lhotse, Nuptse, and to Mount Everest.

Date: 1 - 16 Oct, 14 Oct - 3 Nov 2018. Price: £2399.











Photos: Montagne de Loriaz - Fimbulvetr - Transceivers

backcountry snowshoeing

#### Chamonix snowshoeing

Snowshoeing is the fastest growing winter sport and this week will show you why; snowy forests, amazing views, and glittering peaks. Includes classic winter snowshoe summits, such as Monts Truc, Lachat, and Arpille. You often snowshoe in 3 countries; Italy, Switzerland & France, for great snow! Snowshoes and all avalanche safety kit are loaned for free.

Sunday: briefings, Mon - Fri: snowshoeing with the option of a night in a mountain hut, Saturday: depart. Price: £799 inc. B&B. Dates: 21 - 27 Jan, 25 Feb - 3 Mar, 25 - 31 Mar 2018. Extra dates on demand

#### Italian snowshoeing week

Spend a week in the Italian Alps, with four nights on a half board basis in mountain refugios. Led by a qualified guide, explore the peaks, and enjoy the backcountry. Highlights of the week include summits of Punta della Crocce. Tete Entre Deux Sauts, and the amazing Italian food in the huts! Technical equipment hire included.

Sun: travel, Mon - Fri: guiding (4 nights half board), Sat: depart, Price: £1249, Dates: 18 - 24 Mar. 15 - 21 Apr 2018. Extra dates on demand for groups.

#### Italian snowshoe weekend

A gourmet weekend spent in stunning scenery with a night in a mountain hut. Watch the sun set over Mont Blanc.

Sat & Sun: snowshoeing with night in hut. Price: £249. Dates: 3 - 4 Mar, 31 Mar - 1 Apr, 14 - 15 Apr 2018

#### Swiss snowshoe weekend

Snowshoe into the remote mountains to stay in the Grand Saint Bernard hospice, and snowshoe to Col Quest du Barrason Visit the St Bernard dogs in Martigny too.

Sat & Sun: snowshoeing. Price: £299. 27 - 28 Jan, 24 -25 Feb, 10 - 11 Mar, 7 - 8 Apr 2018



#### 3 countries snowshoeing

Snowshoeing in three countries; Italy, France and Switzerland. Over five days, with four nights in huts. Highlights of Tete Chevrette & Tete Entre Deux Sauts.

Sun: travel, Mon - Fri: guiding, Sat: depart. Price:£1299. 28 Jan - 3 Feb, 4 - 10 Mar, 25 - 31 Mar, 8 - 14 Apr 2018

#### Snowshelters and survival

A two day snowshoe expedition into the backcountry, to dig & stay in a snowhole!

Sat & Sun: snowshoeing and skills with a night out. Price: £299. Dates: 14 - 15 Apr 2018. Extra on demand

#### Snowshoe Vallée Blanche

Two day snowshoe descent of the glacier with a mountain guide, from Aiguille du Midi to Montenvers. Night in Requin hut.

Price: £449. Dates: 31 Mar - 1 Apr, 14 - 15 Apr 2018

#### Oberland snowshoeing

Four day glacier snowshoe trekking, with mountain guide & three nights in mountain huts. Summit the Aebniflueh 3892m.

Price: £999. Dates: 13 - 16 Apr. 27 - 30 Apr 2018















Photos: Zermatt off piste - Vallée Blanche - Courmayeur

off piste ski guiding

#### Chamonix off piste level 1

Experience the best conditions for fresh tracks and thrilling descents. For those who have skied between the pistes or done a little off piste. Popular areas include the Vallée Blanche, the Grands Montets, and Lavancher bowl. Develop techniques, and build avalanche skills.

Sun: briefings, Mon-Fri: off piste ski guiding (1:6), Sat: depart. Price: £799. Dates: 28 Jan - 3 Feb, 25 Feb - 3 Mar, 8 - 14 Apr 2018. Extra group dates on demand

#### Avalanche safety day

Avalanche prediction, route choice, islands of safety, trigger points, and transceiver searches. You dig snow pits and perform a rutschblock test.

Price: £75 (kit inc). Dates: 22 Jan, 26 Feb, 26 Mar 2018. Extra dates on demand in Chamonix or Courmayeur.



Av airbag

We stock Black Diamond Jet-force airbags for hire on all our off piste ski courses. Details are supplied to all those on a ski trip.

#### Chamonix off piste level 2

Designed for skiers with a couple of weeks of previous off piste skiing experience, the focus is on techniques for all mountain skiing. This course will take your skills to the next level. Ski some of the Chamonix classics; Pas de Chevre, Italian Bowl, Le Tour gullies, Envers, Helbronner glaciers and Courmayeur. The week is challenging, as you ski gullies and learn on the steeps!

Sunday: briefings, Mon - Fri: off piste ski guiding (1:6), Saturday: depart. Price: £799. Dates: 28 Jan - 3 Feb, 4 -10 Mar. 25 - 31 Mar 2018. Extra dates for groups

#### Zermatt backcountry

Steep couloirs, stunning views and deep powder. During the week you will also ski the Cervinia (Italian) side, and have the option of ski touring to the summit of Breithorn 4164m. This trip is aimed at level 2 skiers who are looking for a mixture of freeride skiing and day tours.

Sunday: briefings, Mon - Fri: off piste & ski tours (1:6), Saturday: depart. Price: £1299 (inc. accommodation). Dates: 4 - 10 Feb, 18 - 24 Mar 2018



#### Zinal off piste paradise

A hidden gem for off piste in the Swiss Valais. Highlight are skiing past the Moiry dam, and from the Victorian Hotel Weisshorn down to St Luc.

Sunday: briefings, Mon - Fri: off piste ski guiding (1:6), Saturday: depart. Price: £1299 (inc. accommodation). Dates: 18 - 24 Feb, 11 - 17 Mar 2018

#### Vallée Blanche off piste

The classic off piste run is a must for all skiers / boarders from the Aiguille du Midi at 3842m to Montenvers / Chamonix.

Price: £340 (up to 6) inc safety kit. Dates: Jan to Apr.











Photos: Haute Route - Aosta ski tour - Paradiso split board

alpine ski touring

#### Haute Route to Zermatt

The Haute Route is the most famous ski tour in the Alps, traversing 114 miles to Zermatt over a week. Each night you stay half board in mountain huts with a day of contingency built into the itinerary. Previous tour experience, such as the Intro Touring & Backcountry week or the Silvretta Tour is required and you should be a competent off piste skier.

Sun; travel, Mon-Sat: ski guiding (1:6). Sun: depart. Price: £1199. Dates: 25 Mar - 1 Apr, 1 - 8 Apr, 8 - 15 Apr, 15 - 22 Apr 2018. Extra dates on demand.

#### Bernese Oberland tour

This tour tackles several ski touring peaks around the huge Aletsch glacier basin. It is a step up in technical difficulty from Haute Route, with mountaineering skills being used on several days. As the Oberland is a mountain massif at altitude it keeps the snow for longer and we can run trips later into Spring.

Sun: briefings, Mon-Fri: five days ski touring (1:6). Sat: depart. Price: £1299 (inc. 4 hut nights). Dates: 18 - 24 Mar, 1 - 7 Apr, 22 - 28 Apr 2018. Extra dates on demand

#### Intro tours & backcountry

A popular course, based in Chamonix, to introduce you to ski touring on glaciers and in the remote backcountry. This is a great springboard for those who dream of the Haute Route ski tour. There is also the option of a night in a mountain hut on a two day mini tour. This course focuses on developing your autonomy in safe route selection, kit choice, avalanche safety, and skiers crevasse rescue techniques.

Sun: briefings, Mon-Fri: five days off piste and ski tours (1:6). Sat: depart. Price: £799. Dates: 21 - 27 Jan, 25 Feb - 3 Mar. 4 - 10 Mar. 25 - 31 Mar. 8 - 14 Apr 2018

We also offer a weekend version of this course, from Fri-Sun with 2 nights Chamonix B&B accommodation, for £399. Dates: 30 Mar - 1 Apr, 13 - 15 Apr 2018

#### Gran Paradiso ski tour

A relatively undiscovered gem! You ski through the national park, and summit and ski down the Gran Paradiso 4061m, the highest peak completely in Italy, with a vertical drop of over 2000m down to Pont.

Sun: briefings, Mon-Fri: five days ski touring (1:6). Sat: depart. Price: £1199. Dates: 1 - 7 Apr, 22 - 28 Apr 2018

#### Monte Rosa ski tour

Monte Rosa has the largest land area in the Alps over 4000m, so keeps its snow well into the late touring season, and is great for peak bagging and long ski descents. Four nights in mountain huts.

Sun: travel, Mon-Fri: ski touring (1:6). Sat: depart. Price: £1249. Dates: 25 - 31 Mar, 15 - 21 Apr 2018

#### Ski touring hut weekend

Two days touring, with a night in a hut.

Objectives in France, Italy, & Switzerland.

Sat - Sun: ski touring and hut (1:6). Sat: depart. Price: £399. Dates: 3 - 4 Mar, 24 - 25 Mar 2018

#### Silvretta Alps ski tour

The border of Switzerland and Austria offers many 3000m summits, including Piz Buin. If you only have a couple of days touring experience, the terrain is perfect for improving your skills. The huts are famed for great food!

Sun: briefings, Mon-Fri: five days ski touring (1:6). Sat: depart. Price: £1299. Dates: 4 - 10 Mar, 25 - 31 Mar, 8 - 14 Apr 2018. Extra dates on demand for groups of 4+













Photos: Toubkal ski tour - Elbrus ski - Caucasus ski tour

## worldwide ski tours

#### Aosta Ski Touring, Italy

Early season ski tour alternative to the Chamonix Intro Ski Touring week. Based in hotels in the Aosta valley.

Sun: briefing, Mon-Fri: ski tour (1:6), Sat: depart. Price: £1099. Dates: 17 - 23 Dec 2017, 11 - 17 Feb 2018

#### Otztal Vent Tour, Austria

Ski tour on the Austrian-Italian border.

Peaks include Weisskugel, Fluchtkogel & Wildspitze. Similar level to Silvretta.

Sun-Sat (5 days guiding). £1299. Date: 15-20 Apr 2018

#### Tatras Ski Tour, Slovakia

The Tatras mountains form the border of Slovakia, Poland and Ukraine, and they provide some great hut-to-hut ski touring.

Sun-Sat (5 days guiding). £1099. Date: 21-28 Apr 2018

### Maritime Alps weekend

Fly to Turin, and transfer to region. Two days guiding, and ski touring ascent of Mt Boscasso 2589m. Great for powder!

Fri-Mon (2 days ski). £699. 16 - 19 Feb, 9 - 12 Mar 2018

#### Gourmet Ski Tour, Italy

A ski tour for the cogniscenti, staying in some of the best mountain huts for great Italian cooking, wine lists and hospitality. Enjoy great ski tours in the days, with comfort and good food and drink in the convivial evenings in the mountain huts.

Sun: briefing, Mon - Fri: ski touring (1:6), Sat: depart. Price: £1099, Date: 25 Feb - 3 Mar. 18 - 24 Mar 2018

#### Kebnekaise Tour, Sweden

A secret gem of a ski tour in Lapland. The remote huts, mountain lodges with bastu's (saunas), and the total wilderness, make a ski tour here so special.

Sun-Sat (5 days guiding). £1799. Date: 1 - 7 Apr 2018

#### Mont Blanc ski tour

A week of 1:2 guiding to acclimatise and train you for a ski touring ascent of Mont Blanc, via the Traverse or Grands Mulets routes. A high level of fitness is required.

Sun-Sat (5 days guiding): ski touring ascent & descent of Mont Blanc. Price: £1599 (inc. 1 night hut). Dates: 22 - 28 Apr, 20 - 26 May, 3 - 9 Jun, 10 - 16 Jun 2018

#### Ski Mount Elbrus 5642m

Ski tour to the highest mountain in the Russian Caucasus and Europe, in a 10 day trip, with 8 days skiing. Our itinerary is designed to acclimatise to a good level before the summit bid from a private hut. We opt to ski the north side of the mountain, as it keeps better snow conditions later in Spring. Led by an English speaking Russian guide. We also offer summer climbing ascents.

Fri: briefing, Sat-Sat: ski touring (1:6), Sun: depart.

Price: £1499. Date: 20 - 29 Apr, 27 Apr - 6 May, 4 - 13

May, 18 - 27 May, 25 May - 3 Jun 2018

#### Ski Mt Toubkal 4167m

Ski the highest peak in the Moroccan
Atlas mountains. Fly to Marrakesh, and
start the ski tour from the trailhead at Imlil,
via the Mouflon refuge (not Neltner) to the
summit. Five days guiding included, with
all meals on the mountain. Suitable for
experienced tourers, as up to 40 degrees.

Sat: fly to Morocco, Sun-Fri: ski touring, Sat: return flight. Price: £999. Dates: 24 Feb - 3 Mar, 24 - 31 Mar, | 7 - 14 Apr 2018. Extra dates on request.













Photos: Chamonix Vertical KM - Plan d'Aiguille - Flegere

alpine trail running

#### Chamonix trail running

For those regularly running between 10km and half marathon distances, even with limited off road experience. Our trips are based in Chamonix, though you often get to run in Switzerland and Italy too. The courses teach you about coping with varied terrain and steep ground, the use of poles, what to carry, the effects of altitude, hydration, race planning, tactics, and navigation. You are coached by a Personal Trainer and UIMLA International Mountain Leader, often a finisher of major races such as UTMB or Tor des Geants.

Sun: briefings, Mon-Fri: trail running days (1:6), Sat: depart. Price: £699 inc B&B. Dates: 24 - 30 Jun, 1 - 7 Jul, 29 Jul - 4 Aug, 12 - 18 Aug, 26 Aug - 1 Sep 2018

#### Alpine winter trail running

A winter weekend version of our popular summer trail running weeks. You will run both on snow trails, and on untracked backcountry terrain on snowshoes. Two nights B&B, and free loan of av beacons.

Fri: briefings, Sat-Sun: guided running. Price: £299. Dates: 23 - 25 Feb, 6 - 8 Apr '18. Extra on demand

#### Chamonix skyrunning

Skyrunning is a progression from trail running, where you move onto higher and rougher mountain terrain. Highlights are to run Mont Buet and Jonction. Coached by a Personal Trainer and UIMLA guide.

Sun: briefings, Mon-Fri: running (1:6), Sat: depart. Price: £699. Dates: 1 - 7 Jul, 12 - 18 Aug 2018

#### Gran Canaria trail running

Five days running on all mountain terrain from volcanic rocky trails to lush forests. Run up to 15-20km each day, often on sections of Trans Gran Canaria. Stay in a hotel close to the beach, so you can relax and swim after the efforts of each day.

Sun: briefings, Mon-Fri: trail running, Sat: depart. Price: £799. Dates: 28 Jan - 3 Feb, 25 Feb - 3 Mar, 1 - 7 Apr.

#### Mount Toubkal trail run

Two days running, one nights mountain hut, and one night in Marrakesh. Run up the highest peak in the Moroccan Atlas at 4164m. Enjoy an epic long weekend.

Fri-Sun. Price: £499. Dates: 2 - 4 Jun, 22 - 24 Sep 2018

#### UTMB guided recce run

If you've ever dreamt of running the Ultra Trail du Mont Blanc, or if you have a place and want to recce the full race route. Five days guiding, led by a UTMB finisher.

Sun: briefings, Mon-Fri: trail running, Sat: depart. Price: £999 (inc. half board in huts). Date: 15 - 21 Jul '18. NB: we also offer this as self-guided for £149. See website.

#### Mont Blanc one-shot run

One training day, then a one day ascent. Led by IFMGA guide & elite trail runner.

Price: from £1899. Dates: 28 - 29 Jul, 4 - 5 Aug 2018. Price includes B&B accommodation and safety kit.













Photos: Kentmere fells - Inov8's - Coniston trail running

# lake district mountain runs

#### Fell & trail run weekend

Based in the Lake District, these weekend courses are for those wanting to get into fell and trail running. They are aimed at those running c.10km distances. Two full days of running coaching on a wide variety of mountain terrain. You focus on descent techniques, pacing, kit, use of poles, and runners navigation.

Sat & Sun: fell / trail running coaching (1:6). Price: £99. 6 - 7 Jan, 17 - 18 Feb, 28 - 29 Apr, 12 - 13 May, 2 - 3 Jun, 9 - 10 Jun, 15 - 16 Sep, 29 - 30 Sep, 10 - 11 Nov

#### Night runner sessions

Scheduled on Saturday nights, these runs offer experience and training for those contemplating ultra-trails or 24hr events.

Learn about night running kit, choice of head torches, and mountain safety skills.

Price £40 in total for groups of between 1 to 4 runners. Dates: 16 Dec 2017, 13 Jan, 26 May, 24 Nov 2018

### Running personal training

Book a running coach to develop skills, or to provide race specific training and plans.

Price: £25 per hour (2 hours minimum). On demand.



#### Ultra-trail weekend

If planning your first ultra-trail running event, learn key skills such as pacing, race strategy, hydration, nutrition, kit, psychology, and night running.

Guiding: Sat & Sun. Price £149. Dates: 16 - 17 Dec 2017, 13 - 14 Jan, 26 - 27 May, 24 - 25 Nov 2018

#### Intro trail running day

Take your first steps off road running, on an introductory day in the Lake District.

Price: £75pp. Dates: 16 Dec 2017, 06 Jan, 17 Feb, 28 Apr, 12 May, 02 Jun, 09 Jun, 15 Sep, 29 Sep, 10 Nov 2018. Extra days on demand for 2+ booking together

#### Lake District trail week

Spend a full week trail running in the Lake District. Learn varied terrain techniques and steep ground, the use of poles, kit, hydration, and race plans. Run sections of famous Lake District fell and trail races.

Sun: travel, Mon-Fri: running, Sat: depart. Price: £499. Dates: 29 Apr - 5 May, 3 - 9 Jun, 18 - 24 Nov 2018

#### Bob Graham Round recce

Run over the 42 peaks of the famous Bob Graham round over 3 days, covering a total of 66 miles with 26,000ft of ascent. Three days guided running, two nights half board YHA / hostel accommodation.

Price £499. Dates: 4 - 6 May, 25 - 27 May, 12 - 14 Oct 2018. Self-guided option also available £149.

#### Runners nav & race recce

Many mountain running events require you to navigate. Dates are scheduled to be a few weeks before events, to learn to navigate on a section of the race route.

Price: £75pp. Dates: 03 Dec 2017 (Tour de Helvellyn), 7 Jan (Grizedale 26), 16 Sep (Lakes in a Day) 2018





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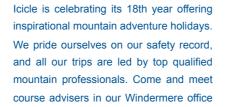
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We hold a series of open evenings in the store. Mont Blanc nights, and trail running talks are very popular!



to chat through your plans over a cuppa!





















