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▷ Overview

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On this ski safari traverse you'll enjoy 12 ski areas featuring 1,200 kilometers (746 miles) of prepared pistes (all on one ski pass!) that will lead you to discover the breathtaking beauty of the Dolomites. With such expansive skiable terrain, this is truly a vacation in paradise: we'll move from valley to valley on skis, enjoy the welcoming atmosphere of the rifugios, explore the fascinating culture and history of these mountains, all while dining on incredible cuisine and sampling fine wines found in the region.

The imposing peaks of the Dolomites emerged from primordial marine expanses, created by microorganisms that were embraced and molded by the glaciers during the ice age. Providing extraordinary terrain, these incredible mountains have become famous the world over as one of the most beloved areas for winter sports. Boasting the number one ski resort in the world, the Dolomites are a winter sports paradise for families, beginners, and champions alike.

This ski tour offers you the opportunity to explore the Ladin valleys of the Dolomites and their people, as well as discover the traditions and history of these places, all while engaging in the beautiful sport of skiing.



▷ Trip Highlights

- *Experience the refined cuisine of northern Italy accompanied by excellent wines*
- *Enjoy the advantage of lift-service pistes to help you move from hut to hut, so you can focus on enjoying your downhill turns!*
- *Savour the atmosphere of charming mountain rifugios and the delicious, hearty cuisine the Dolomites are known for*
- *Ski the world famous “Armentarola” run, one the most beautiful – and longest – slopes in the Dolomites*

▷ Day by Day



▷ Day 1

Day 1 ~ Arrive in Alta Badia, Dolomites

Arrive in Alta Badia on your own (private transfer available on request). Alta Badia is located between 1,400 and 2,700 meters (4,593-8,858') above sea level. This altitude ensures optimal ski conditions throughout the winter, and offers breathtaking views of the most beautiful peaks of the Dolomites. Fast and comfortable ski lift connections, miles of wide, well-groomed slopes (130km / 81 miles), and the spaciousness of the ski area allow you to enjoy pleasant and safe skiing days. Charming mountain huts and first class mountain restaurants round out the appeal, making Alta Badia a ski area for connoisseurs. Depending on your arrival time, you may be able to collect your ski gear (not included) before 7pm.

Summary of services included

Hotel in Alta Badia 4 Stars
Dinner

▷ Day 2

Day 2 ~ Sellaronda

In the morning, you'll meet your UIAGM/IFMGA ski guide for a trip briefing and equipment check (and rent any equipment if needed), and pick up your 5-day Dolomiti Superskipass. Enjoy a full day of skiing today, on one of the most spectacular ski tours in the world! The Sellaronda Ski Tour circumnavigates the majestic Sella Massif. Considered somewhat of a "merry-go-round" for intermediate level skiers, this unique circular connection of lifts and runs was once the only way the ancient inhabitants of the Ladin villages could maintain a connection with each other. Nowadays it's a modern day carousel that connects four Dolomite passes and four Ladin valleys (Val Gardena, Alta Badia, Val di Fassa, and Fodom). You will ski part of the Sellaronda, and arrive at your comfortable rifugio on Passo Sella. Option to ski to Alpe di Siusi, depending on the skiing abilities of the participants.

Summary of services included

Rifugio
Breakfast, Dinner



▷ Day 3

Day 3 ~ Passo San Pellegrino

From your rifugio this morning, ski towards Passo San Pellegrino. You will have the chance to ski on relaxed slopes in the sun, as well as more challenging ones in the shade of the Col Margherita gondola, and to ski down to Passo San Pellegrino, and over to the opposite face towards Cima Uomo. At the end of the day of skiing this beautiful terrain, a snowmobile will pick you up on the pass and bring you to your rifugio for tonight (1,980m / 6,496'). Set in a magnificent group of isolated old huts, this charming rifugio is immersed in the marvelous silence of a wide valley, with a view of the Pale di San Martino (1,467m / 4,813'). But in addition to charm and the views, the real highlight here is the restaurant. You will get to taste delicious dishes typical of the Trentino region, combining Ladin, Italian, and Austrian cuisine. This renowned and traditional restaurant, mentioned in several culinary guides, will be appreciated not only for the quality of the food, but also for its warmth and welcoming hospitality. Specialties include ravioli alle pere selvatiche (ravioli with wild pears), fagot da mont (tasty tortelli-pasta with black mirtillo and braised deer), and la zuppa di porcini e patate (soup with mushrooms and potatoes). The rifugio also features an extensive cellar, laboriously dug up into the mountain side to create just the right environment for the storage and ageing of wines.

Summary of services included

Rifugio

Breakfast, Dinner



▷ Day 4

Day 4 ~ Civetta Ski Resort

Take a private transfer to Alleghe and ski in the Civetta area. Today may well be the visual highlight of our skiing this week, with anticipated emotional responses to some of the most stunning views of the Veneto and Trentino Dolomites: you'll ski into the Civetta ski resort, passing by little romantic towns set between impressive mountains, magnificent valleys and silent forests: this is the ski area between the peaks of the Pelmo and the Civetta, in the heart of the Veneto Dolomites. Take a private transfer from Pescul to Fedare to reach your rifugio (2,413m / 7,917') for the night. While known for its beautiful vistas of Monte Civetta (3,220m / 10,564') and the Marmolada Massif (3,343m / 10,968'), meals are where the rifugio truly shines. The cuisine is of the highest standard, and includes expertly re-worked traditional dishes from the valleys of the Dolomites, exquisitely prepared and served. You may discover antipasti featuring a bowl of juicy caper berries, plump green olives, and tortilla chips to dark bread perfumed with fennel seeds; house-made spinach ravioli, stuffed with chopped walnuts and topped with a sauce of coarsely chopped tomatoes to an aromatic, slightly smoky plate of rough-cut pappardelle noodles with porcini, chopped

parsley and tiny slices of speck; grilled venison steak, served with a pile of tangy-sweet cranberries to juicy roasted lamb chops, served with a large lemon wedge and a healthy portion of polenta; and speck-fried potatoes to spinach salad topped with even more speck and fat chunks of Parmesan; and many other culinary delights!

Summary of services included

Rifugio

Breakfast, Dinner



► Day 5

Ski at Cinque Torri and Cortina

Today you'll enjoy the Slopes at Cinque Torri and Lagazuoi, before moving onto the slopes in Cortina.

Thanks to their infinite variety of shapes and sizes, the marvellous Cinque Torri ideally represent the entire Dolomites. The ski slopes of the Lagazuoi 5 Torri Giau area are always perfect, thanks to the favourable exposure and to the use of artificial snow programmes when necessary. The slopes are easy or moderate, and all are immensely satisfying.

Once you are ready to leave the Lagazuoi-Cinque Torri ski area, take a private transfer to Cortina and the Tofane ski area. Cortina D'Ampezzo is well-known all over the world not only for playing host to the first-ever televised Winter Olympics in the 1956, but also for its fashionable attire. The Tofane ski area offers some of the most exhilarating and beautiful alpine ski runs in the world, from the famous Olympia (where the men's Olympic downhill events were held, and for many years a stage of the Women's World Cup), to the superb Canalone (or Couloir in English, on which the women's downhill Olympic events took place). In the afternoon, you have the option to explore Cortina's stylish town center, the Corso d'Italia, a pedestrian walk-street at the center of centro storico (historic center), where there is such an abundance of shops and stores that it has become one of the biggest attraction for visitors! Dinner included in a typical restaurant in the area.

Summary of services included

3-course dinner included in a typical restaurant in the area

Hotel in Cortina D'Ampezzo 4 Stars

Breakfast



▷ Day 6

~ Dolomites of Sesto/Sexten – Alta Pusteria Ski Area

In the morning take a private transfer to Sesto/Sexten. A real snow paradise awaits you at easternmost resort of the Dolomiti Superski area, Alta Pusteria, set at the foot of the largest natural sundial made up by five Dolomite peaks: Cima Nove, Cima Dieci, Cima Undici, Cima Dodici and Cima Una. Here 82 kilometers (50.9 miles) of marvelous slopes with 31 lift facilities turn the breathtaking mountain world of the Dolomites of Sesto into a purely enjoyable experience for everybody from beginners to experts alike. Demanding skiers can choose the Holzriese slope, Italy's steepest prepared slope and known as one of the steepest descents in the entire Alps chain, or the Raut slope at Monte Elmo, one of the most beautiful red slopes (medium difficulty) in the Dolomites, with fast and driven curves.

From the slopes at Sesto you can admire the view of the "Tre Cime di Lavaredo" meaning the three peaks of Lavaredo (also called the Drei Zinnen in German). The Tre Cime are perhaps the best most recognizable trio of peaks in the Dolomites, and certainly some of the most beautiful mountains! Return to Cortina and enjoy the rest of the afternoon at leisure. Dinner included in a typical restaurant in the area.

Summary of services included

7-course degustation dinner at 1-star Michelin restaurant in Cortina

Hotel In Cortina D'Ampezzo 4 Stars

Breakfast, Dinner

▷ Day 7

Day 7 ~ Depart

Breakfast and departure on your own (private transfer available on request).



► Costs

Please contact us to request a quote

Cost includes

- Trip briefing
- Logistics and map of the area
- 2 nights accommodation in 4-star hotel in Alta Badia
- 3 night accommodation in charming mountain inns in private rooms with private/shared bathroom
- 1 night accommodation in 4-star hotel in Cortina D'Ampezzo
- All breakfasts and dinners
- Local English speaking **Professional UIAGM/IFMGA Ski Guide** for 5 days
- Dolomiti Superskipass for 5 days
- Transportation in the area as per itinerary
- Luggage transfer from Alta Badia to Cortina
- Duffel bag transfer to Rifugios
- Local tourist tax
- Italian VAT tax

Airport transfers available on request.

Ski equipment rentals available on request.

Cost does not include

- Air fare
- In/Out airport transfers
- Transfers or excursions on trains, lifts, buses, taxis
- Extra charges due to changes in itinerary
- Lunches
- Items not on set dinner menu
- Beverages except what is served at breakfast

- Bottled water
- Ski equipment rental
- Insurances
- Trip cancellation coverage
- Items of personal nature (phone calls, laundry, excess baggage charge, etc.)
- Tips and gratuities
- Anything not mentioned in cost includes

▷ Location



▷ Ski – Moderate

Moderate trips are active, with full days of activities. These trips are perfect for people who want to be active, yet still have some time to explore the cultural aspects and opportunities for relaxation available in the area in the afternoon. You can expect to ski 4 to 6 hours per day, with a stop for lunch.

Classic ski trips include groomed, lift service skiing on red and black (intermediate and expert) pistes, and the option for an introduction to easier off-piste runs. Ski safaris also feature lift service skiing on red and black pistes, moving from valley to valley, skiing different resort areas, and changing accommodations one or more times during the trip.

▷ Our Guides

Our guides are experienced, mountain professionals who work year round in the outdoor industry, love sharing their passion for the mountains, and are dedicated to providing our guests an exceptional experience. We offer a range of guides, from professional hiking and biking guides, to UIAGM/IFMGA Guides – professionals in their field who are certified for climbing, mountaineering, and skiing activities.

In order to ensure the safety and enjoyment of your trip, your guide may decide to alter the scheduled itinerary or activity, based on weather conditions and/or fitness levels and abilities of participants. At his or her discretion, your guide may also exclude one or more participants if they do not comply with the requirements indicated above.

▷ UIAGM/IFMGA Guides

UIAGM/IFMGA certification is the highest mountain guide qualification in the world. In order to become a certified IFMGA mountain guide, a vast amount of training and demonstration of skills during rigorous performance exams is required in four different disciplines: rock climbing, ice climbing, mountaineering, and ski mountaineering. Ensuring client safety is a primary objective of the association. Proper guide training guarantees an international standard of mountain guides. Guides develop and are certified with a skill level that prepares them to work on any mountain range, whether they already know the mountain or not.

The IFMGA is a world wide association – founded in 1965 by guides from Austria, France, Switzerland, and Italy – and currently includes mountain guide associations from more than 20 countries in Europe, Asia, the Americas and Oceania, representing a total of almost 6,000 guides.

To learn more about our guides, visit:

http://www.dolomitmountains.com/en/dolomite_mountains/dolomite_mountains_guides.htm

▷ Safety awareness and training

Adventurous outdoor activities, particularly in the mountains, have inherent risks. While these risks can never be removed entirely, they can be minimized. At Dolomite Mountains, our aim is to provide you with a thrilling holiday, directed with maximum attention to your safety and the safety of others. We don't want you to just blindly follow our indications; we take pride in providing you the opportunity to learn mountain skills, and to understand potential hazards, how to minimize risk, and how to cope with an incident should it occur.

All mountain activities require appropriate clothing and equipment. This is to ensure preparedness for quickly changing weather conditions, varying activities, and to take into consideration the different ability levels of each participant. Each trip participant should carry a small personal backpack containing a lightweight waterproof jacket, and the appropriate amount of water and food for the length and difficulty of the activity. Each trip member must wear appropriate footwear for the activity they are engaging in.

▶ Travel Insurance

Dolomite Mountains recommends Global Rescue to provide evacuation and advisory services to our clients when traveling. We strongly suggest purchasing a travel membership anytime you will be more than 100 miles from home. Both short term as well as annual memberships are available. Please use this link or call Global Rescue directly and mention you are traveling with Dolomite Mountains. There are no restrictions on activities with a Global Rescue memberships.

It is important to note that Global Rescue is a membership organization and not an insurance company. While Global Rescue provides the industry's best evacuation and advisory services, for complete protection while traveling, a membership should be combined with a travel insurance policy.

Global Rescue also offers IMG Signature Travel InsuranceSM, which is a great option to protect you from financial loss due to trip cancellation, trip interruption, emergency medical care, lost luggage, etc*. Trekking, climbing, biking, and off-piste skiing are covered with this insurance. To add a Signature Travel Insurance policy to an existing Global Rescue membership, please click here.

For specific questions, please contact the member services department 24 hours a day by calling +1-617-459-4200 or emailing memberservices@globalrescue.com. Be sure to mention that you are traveling with Dolomite Mountains so they can provide you with the best travel advice for your upcoming travels.

We look forward to welcoming you...

Thank you