

## 7 Nights - The Ski Safari Experience (4 rifugio nights)

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If you love full days of skiing at a variety of resorts and on different terrain each day, this is the trip for you! Ski safari hut-to-hut through the Dolomites, leveraging lift-service pistes so you can focus on your downhill turns.

## ▷ Overview

If you love to ski, and the more runs you can get in on different slopes each day the better, then you should check out our Ski Safari Experience! We've crafted this trip to maximize your time on the slopes, exploring a wide range of terrain at different resorts, in some of the most beautiful mountains on earth – the Dolomites. On our Ski Safari Experience, you'll have six full days of skiing to get to know these mountains well. Each day you'll ski from resort-to-resort across the Dolomites, enjoying the advantage of lift-service pistes. And one of the beauties of skiing here is that you can ski from rifugio-to-rifugio, staying at a different mountain inn high above the slopes each night! Every day you'll explore a different ski area within the Dolomiti Superski – 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 these mountains. From Alta Badia, to Civetta, to the Marmolada, to Lagazuoi, Cinque Torri to Cortina D'Ampezzo – you'll experience the wide variety of the finest ski resorts in the Dolomites. Each evening you'll experience the welcoming atmosphere of a rifugio – an alpine mountain inn set high atop the mountains with excellent views – and savor the excellent culture and cuisine unique to the region. Crossing from region to region – the South Tyrol, Badia, and Cortina – your taste buds will enjoy the unique combination of flavors resulting from the disparate Italian, Austrian, and Ladin cultures found in these valleys. Throughout your trip, you'll ski with our outstanding UIAGM/IFMGA Professional Mountain Guides, who know their way in and out of the Dolomite Mountains – the best runs, the best slope-side dining, and what wine to order! Plus, while maximizing your turns is the focus, they're always willing to give you pointers to help you improve. Whether you're a seasoned skier or

still honing your skills, if you love full days of skiing on different terrain each run, this is the trip for you!



## ▷ Trip Highlights

- *Experience one of the most beautiful mountain landscapes in the world – a UNESCO World Heritage Site – skiing its beautiful valleys*
- *Take advantage of lift-service pistes that help you move from hut to hut, so you can focus on enjoying your downhill turns!*
- *Enjoy superb skiing with our world-class, certified ski mountain guides, who will show you the best of the Dolomites on skis!*
- *Ski “hut-to-hut” and enjoy the atmosphere of mountain rifugios, the best in all of the Alps*
- *This is the perfect trip for skiers who want to ski a lot – and see a lot – in true hut-to-hut ski safari style!*

## ▷ Day by Day



### ▷ Day 1

#### Day 1 ~ Arrive in Alta Badia

Arrive in Alta Badia on your own (private transfer available on request) and check into your hotel. Located in a large valley surrounded all around by the gorgeous peaks of the Dolomites, Alta Badia is truly the “heart of the Dolomites.” Geographically in the South Tyrol (Südtirol), this area was part of Austria prior to the First World War. Here you’ll find unique mountain scenery with villages rich in natural beauties and ancient traditions, witness the simple everyday life of the local people (the “Ladini”), as well as the customs and traditions of the ancient Ladin culture. You’ll notice the street signs are written in three languages – first in Ladino (a neo-Latin language), then in German, and lastly in Italian. The mixed culture is very well marked not only in the language, but also in the architecture and cuisine. You will surely enjoy hearty meals that are representative of the incredible diversity of this region! Alta Badia is located between 1,400 and 2,700 meters (4,593-8,858’) above sea level and 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.

#### Summary of services included

Hotel in Alta Badia 4 Stars

Dinner

### ▷ Day 2

#### ~ Ski in Alta Badia and Santa Croce Ski Tour

After breakfast meet your local English speaking UIAGM/IFMGA professional ski guide (guided trips). You will have a short trip briefing and equipment check, and rent any equipment if needed (not included). During your trip, we will provide you with a Dolomite Mountains duffel bag. You can pack the belongings you require for the nights where you will be staying away from your hotel in this duffel, and leave the rest of your luggage stored at your hotel.

Today is just a warm up day in Alta Badia. Ski slopes that vary from easy to moderate offer enjoyment for families and skiers looking for a day of relaxation, enjoying the culture and natural beauty of the region.

En route, visit the Santa Croce Sanctuary (2,045m / 6,710'). The sober white church was consecrated in 1484 and holds an image of Christ bearing the cross, hence the name of the mountain – Sasso della Croce, “stone of the cross.” The original chapel on the site was built in the 11th century, when a wealthy count of

the Val Pusteria withdrew here in meditation, in repentance for his harsh treatment of his subjects. He then donated all of his earthly possessions to the nearby abbey, the badia, which gave its name to Val Badia. The “pilgrim’s” hospice (ospizio) building, built in 1718, was originally the sacristan’s lodgings.

## Summary of services included

Local English speaking UIAGM/IFMGA mountain guide

Hotel in Alta Badia 4 Stars

Breakfast, Dinner

## ▷ Day 3

### Day 3 ~ Val Gardena and Val di Fassa

Your second ski day begins on the slopes of Alta Badia and Val Gardena. From December to April each year, this marvelous region invites all winter sports enthusiasts to explore its innumerable pistes and descents. Efficient modern lift systems ensure a comfortable ski holiday in Val Gardena / Alpe di Siusi, world-renowned for its champions. Continue the loop around the famous Sella Massif reaching Val di Fassa. In winter, Val di Fassa drives ski and snowboard fans just crazy. In addition to the Sellaronda, 3 ski tours, 5 snow parks, the 230 kilometers (142.9 miles) of ski slopes are always in perfect conditions thanks to the advanced snowmaking system, and served by 87 up-to-date lifts that guarantee a fast and effective transportation to the highest altitudes.

## Summary of services included

Local English speaking UIAGM/IFMGA mountain guide

Rifugio

Breakfast, Dinner



## ▷ Day 4

### Day 4 ~ Passo Fedaia and Marmolada Glacier

After breakfast, ski towards the town of Arabba to reach the ski area of the Marmolada. This imposing mountain dividing the region of the Bellunese from the region of Trentino, reaches a height of 3,342 meters (10,965') – the highest in the Dolomites. It is also one of the most scenic of the Dolomites, and home to her largest remaining glacier. The ski runs are well groomed and run down the glacier towards the valley. The highest point of the ski area is also the starting point of one of the most beautiful ski runs of the Alps: La Bellunese. The Marmolada ski area offers wonderful intermediate and high difficulty ski slopes on the glacier, surrounded by breathtaking landscapes that will make your ski day on the Queen of the Dolomites an unforgettable experience.

## Summary of services included

Local English speaking UIAGM/IFMGA mountain guide

Rifugio

Breakfast, Dinner



## ▷ Day 5

### Day 5 ~ Civetta and Passo Staulanza

Ski to Malga Ciapela at the bottom of the glacier and take a public bus to Alleghe (not included). Spend the day skiing at the Civetta ski resort. Surrounded by plenty of majestic peaks and unobstructed views, the valleys of Alleghe, Selva di Cadore, Zoldo, and Palafavera on Monte Civetta are rich in history and tradition. This area became famous during the 19th century, during the final century of the Venetian Doges, when the first winter guests discovered the imposing beauty and timeless charm of Monte Civetta, and in particular Monte Pelmo – known as “God’s Throne.” At the end of the day the owner of your next rifugio will pick you up and bring you to the mountain inn by van (about 15 minute transfer).

### Summary of services included

Local English speaking UIAGM/IFMGA mountain guide

Rifugio

Breakfast, Dinner

## ▷ Day 6

### Day 6 ~ Lagazuoi / Cinque Torri Area

You’ll start the day with a short transfer to the slopes of the Civetta area. Ski down to the locality Pescul and take a private transfer to Passo Giau. Enjoy the rest of the day in the Cinque Torri and Lagazuoi ski area. In winter, the ski slopes of the Lagazuoi - 5 Torri - Giau area are always perfect, thanks to the favorable exposure, and to the use of artificial snow when necessary. The slopes are easy to moderate, and all are immensely satisfying. Facing the Lagazuoi Massif, the Gallina Ridge is a paradise for children, with slopes that are also suitable for beginners. At the end of your skiing day, take the Lagazuoi cable car from the Falzarego Pass, which arrives at an altitude of 2,800 meters (9,186’) in only three minutes! From the top, enjoy the breathtaking panorama from the terrace of the Rifugio Lagazuoi, famous throughout the world for its spectacular views of the Dolomite peaks.

### Summary of services included

Local English speaking UIAGM/IFMGA mountain guide

Rifugio

Breakfast, Dinner





## ▷ Day 7

### Day 7 ~ Armentarola – Alta Badia and Cortina D'Ampezzo

With its 8.5 kilometers (5.2 miles) and magical scenery, the Armentarola is without doubt one of the most fascinating slopes in the Dolomites, and one of the most beautiful ski runs in the world. It unfolds along the foot of the imposing Fanes mountain, in an enchanting fairy-tale valley surrounded by majestic castles of rock and frozen waterfalls, making this magical descent an endless flow of thrills and surprises. And just like in the fairytales, the run ends with a horse-drawn lift (not included) from where you can take a private transfer to Cortina.

Discover the Cortina d'Ampezzo ski resort, with its 140 kilometers (87 miles) of slopes and 42 lifts. It 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. This area offers some of the most exhilarating and beautiful alpine ski runs in the world. Today you will get to know its slopes.

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 attractions for visitors!

### Summary of services included

Local English speaking UIAGM/IFMGA mountain guide

Dinner in a typical restaurant of the area

Hotel in Cortina D'Ampezzo 4 Stars

Breakfast, Dinner

## ▷ Day 8

### Day 8 ~ Departure

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

### Summary of services included

Breakfast

## ▷ Costs

**Please contact us to request a quote**

### Cost includes

- Trip briefing
- Logistics and ski maps
- 2 nights accommodation in 4-star hotel in Alta Badia
- 4 nights 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 6 days
- Dolomiti Superskipass for 6 days
- Transportation in the area as per itinerary
- Duffel bag transfer
- Local tourist tax
- Italian VAT tax

*Airport transfers available on request.*

*Ski equipment rental available on request.*

### Cost does not include

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

- Bottled water
- 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.

## ▷ 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.dolomitemountains.com/en/dolomite\\_mountains/dolomite\\_mountains\\_guides.htm](http://www.dolomitemountains.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.

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## ▶ 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 Insurance<sup>SM</sup>, 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](mailto: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*