

The Ötztaler Alps

...” Haute Route” of the Eastern Alps to the highest mountains of Tyrol.
Wildspitze 3770m & Weißkugel 3739m

Over the highest peaks of the Ötztal Alps in five days. The Venter tour is a true ski touring classic and is among the most popular "haute routes" of the eastern Alps. Since the reopening of the Hochjoch Hospiz during ski touring season, the once-popular high-alpine ski tour is now possible again.

Program:

Day 1:

Our meeting point is the mountaineering village Vent in Ötztal. The access through Niedertal leads over mountain sides exposed to the south east. Therefore, an early ascent to Martin Busch hut (Samoar hut) at 2501 m is necessary. After a short break the tour continues further into the valley past Niederjochferner (glacier), and then on wide slopes to Niederjoch with the Similaun hut at 3019 m.
Ascent 1122 m.

Day 2:

Today's first destination the Similaun Peak at 3606 m is well visible already from the hut. Once we have left our skis at the ski depot at approx. 3460 m, the ridge leads us over the north west range to the summit of the Similaun at 3606 m, with crampons if necessary. We will be descending close to our uphill track to Similaun hut at 3019 m. About 100 meters below the hut we will put the climbing skins on and ascend to the Obelisk at 3210 m where Ötzi was discovered. From here we can see Hauslabjoch and get a good look at the second destination of the day the Fineilspitze at 3514 m. A wide ridge with a narrow firm edge shows us the way to the peak of Fineilspitze, with crampons if necessary. After the downhill run over the Hochjochferner we will once again attach the climbing skins and with a short and easy ascent we reach the Schöne Aussicht (Beautiful View) at 2486 m. Here we are in the middle of the glacier skiing area Schnalstal.
Ascent 1284 m. – descent 1461 m.

Day 3:

We start today climbing along the slope from the Schönen Aussicht to the top station of the Hintereis chairlift – ascent 300 m. From here we will ski down to the Hintereisferner. The further ascent over the mighty Hintereisferner takes us to Hintereisjoch at 3460 m. From the pass we come over the south side to the ski depot. An easy climbing section over block terrain and a narrow ridge takes us to the peak of Weißkugel at 3739 m. Here we enjoy a magnificent panoramic view over the glacier world of the Ötztaler Alps and the Dolomites. A great downhill run takes us over the wide glacier of the Hintereisferner. From the bridge over the Rofenbach we ascend over the summer path to Hochjoch Hospiz at 2405 m.
Ascent 1350 m. – descent 1789 m.

Day 4:

From the Hochjoch Hospiz we leave our tracks in northwestern direction to a small hut and then we cross steeply up to the Kesselwandferner. Here we reach the upper Guslarjoch at 3361 m, where a steep south side leads us to the peak of the Fluchtkogel at 3500 m. Our fourth summit of this ski crossing in the Ötztaler Alps Nature Park is the Fluchtkogel. Back at Guslarjoch 3361 m we will enjoy skiing the snow of the Guslarferner to the Vernagt hut at 2755 m.

Ascent 1090 m. – descent 741 m.

Day 5:

Today we aim for the Petersenspitze and the Hinteren Brockkogel, because here we will find the passage from Großen Vernagtletscher to the Taschachferner. Going past the Hinteren Brochkogel north face and Mitterkarjoch we will reach the ski depot after a short steep step. With crampons we walk up the range which turns into a narrow ridge, now and then requiring easy climbing until we reach the summit. Here we will be standing on the highest peak of the Öztaler Alps – the Wildspitze at 3774 meters. The way back brings us to the ski depot and then further with skis to Mitterkarjoch. From here descending back to Vent at 1895 m. Concentration is required to climb down a steep snow gutter with crampons and pick axe. We will pass around a cliff collapse secured on the rope and so we reach the Mitterkarferner. In a logical line we head to the Breslauer hut at 2844 m (unattended in winter). At a suitable place we cross over to the small skiing area of Vent in order to reach the slopes coming back to our starting point.

Amazing touring days are coming to an end and we will all go home with a smile on our faces.

Ascent 1061 m. – descent 1193 m.

Important information ...

Duration:

5 days

Requirements:

Confident and advanced skiers in open terrain. Physical fitness for ski touring ascent of 1400 m and 6 hours walking time.

Included:

Organization
5-day tour guided by UIAGM mountain & ski guide
Rental high-alpine touring gear
Overnight stay at the hut with half board

Not included:

Drinks
Ski touring equipment

Minimum number of participants:

4 – 6 people per mountain guide

Meeting point:

09:00 am in 6458 Bergsteigerdorf Vent im Ötztal

Weather:

Weather and snow conditions can be extreme in the mountains. Two till three days before we arrive, we will check the current weather forecast and the conditions in the area we are going. You will be informed immediately if there are any changes to the plan.

Guidance:

Mountain Sports Guides - you will receive the mobile number of your mountain guide shortly before the trip. This number is intended only for urgent matters. For all further questions and inquiries please contact our Alpine office using the following mobile number +43 664 312 02 66.

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General Business Terms:

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Safety Concept:

Our courses are led by qualified mountain guides IVBV. In order to keep up with the latest knowledge, regular further training is compulsory. In this way we offer the greatest possible safety. We are a member of the Austrian Alpine Schools Association.

Thank you very much for your interest in Mountain Sports:

To ensure that your tour runs smoothly from booking to execution, we kindly ask you to consider the following:

Decide which is your optimal course or tour. Read the detailed programs carefully: Requirements, dates, costs, meeting point, number of participants, etc.

Once you have decided which tour, you can register online, by email or phone.

Go through the equipment list and tell us what you would like to rent at Mountain Sports.

The booking becomes legally valid upon receipt of your registration by Mountain Sports. If the execution of the tour is uncertain due to the minimum number of participants not yet reached, we will inform you immediately.

Payment must be made up to 20 days before the start of the tour. Exception: Tours with separate regulations.