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We've compiled a list of the most commonly asked questions about this trip.

Hopefully you find some of these useful but if you have a specific question that isn't covered in the FAQ's, then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

For more information please head over to our Ski Touring Intro trip page [here](#).

WHAT'S THE WEATHER LIKE?

Be prepared for a real mix of weather and temperatures, from freezing cold early mornings to warm sunny afternoons. There really is no knowing what to expect for a trip like this. (We're not sure we've really helped here...)

WHAT ARE THE SNOW CONDITIONS LIKE?

As you're probably aware, snow conditions are forever changing and therefore it's very difficult to predict. As a general rule of thumb, February and March will be cooler with a greater potential for powder snow but shorter days. Towards the end of April you'll get more spring snow and warmer weather but there is a chance you'll have to walk some of the lower sections of the route. The unknown is all part of the adventure though, right? Whenever you ski in the mountains there will always be a risk of avalanches. The risk changes on a daily basis due to multiple factors but your guide will manage this and will ensure to select the safest and most enjoyable routes for each day your trip.

WHAT'S THE CULTURE LIKE THERE?

You will experience both the French culture on this trip. Your stay in France is based out of the Chamonix valley, which is widely considered to be the home of modern alpinism. That said, you'll be in the mountains where you will experience people from different parts of the world but all with the same objective and love of the mountains.

HOW DIFFICULT IS THIS TRIP?

We class this as a Level A difficulty. That means, you're not quite sure where to start but you're hungry for an adventure and can't wait to get going. Bring it on! You will need a good base level of fitness and will need to be comfortable skiing off piste. The rest, leave to us.

WHAT INSURANCE DO I NEED?

Let's face it, these types of trips don't come risk free. We're putting ourselves in amazing environments but also environments that carry an element of risk with them. In order to protect yourself adequately you will need a specialist travel insurance that caters for the types of activities you will be undertaking. It is a condition of our agreement that you are covered by adequate travel insurance for your arrangements.

HOW BIG WILL THE GROUP BE?

Our ski courses will be no more than 6 people per guide. If the group is larger than 6, there will be a second guide and we will have the ability to split the group if necessary.

HOW DO YOU MATCH UP PEOPLE ON THE TRIP?

It is very important for you to let us know your previous experience and ski ability level before booking with us. Then we are able to match you up to suitable groups with similar abilities to make sure you get the most out of your trip.

WHAT WILL WE DO IF THE WEATHER IS BAD?

With the help of your guide you will then look at your best options based on the weather forecast and snow conditions. Our aim is always to provide you with the best ski experience and we will drive to other areas in the Alps if necessary to find better weather and make the most of your trip with us.

DO I NEED TO BUY ALL NEW KIT?

As you will have been skiing before you are likely to own most of the kit required. The more technical items (Skis, boots, avalanche kit etc) can be rented which we advise doing in advance. You can rent kit here from our local supplier and you can see the full kit list [here](#).