

Welcome to Dolomite Mountains



Dolomites Ultimate Ski Safari – 2 rifugio nights

Join us for the ultimate ski safari, and ski the Dolomites most famous resorts, staying in mountain rifugios and charming B&Bs, and enjoying lift-service access to hundreds of miles of prepared terrain – you may never ski the same run twice!

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Highlights

- Experience the Dolomiti Superski – a “carousel” of 12 inter-connected resorts with 1,200 kilometers (746 miles) of prepared pistes!
- Ski “hut-to-hut” staying in family-run mountain rifugios and charming B&Bs – the perfect combination of mountain accommodations
- Explore some of the Dolomites most famous resorts including Cortina d’Ampezzo, Val di Fassa and Civetta areas, surrounded by superb Dolomite panoramas
- Savor the delicious, hearty cuisine the Dolomites are known for as you taste your way from valley to valley...

OVERVIEW

The imposing peaks of the Dolomite Mountains provide extraordinary terrain for skiing and snowboarding. Boasting the number one ski resort in the world, and a past Winter Olympics site to boot, the Dolomites are a winter sports paradise for families, beginners, and champions alike. Plus, the sun shines an unparalleled 8 days out of 10 in the sunny winter paradise of the Dolomites – more than any other range in the Alps!

On this incredible Ski Safari, you’ll explore a wide variety of the finest ski resorts of the Dolomiti Superski. You’ll have 5 full days of skiing to get to know these mountains well. And one of the beauties of skiing in the Dolomites is that you can ski from resort to resort, returning to a base camp hotel, or moving from rifugio-to-rifugio each night. And, on this exciting ski safari, you’ll do both!

Each evening you’ll experience the welcoming atmosphere of a hotel or 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 flavours resulting from the disparate Italian, Austrian, and Ladin cultures found in these valleys.

With lift-service pistes to help you move from resort to resort, and this much terrain, you may never ski the same run twice!

RECENT PRESS:

[The Guardian, UK: Italian Dolomites ski and snowboard safari!](#), 4 October 2013

CLIENT FEEDBACK

“I would like to thank you for everything you did to make our vacation wonderful... The trip was everything we hoped for and more.” – [Jody & Mike Bartman / USA – March 2015](#)

“We arranged a ski safari trip with Dolomite Mountains and it was great from the time we stepped foot in Italy until we returned home...” – [Michael / USA, December 2010](#)

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PLANNING ASSISTANCE TO ALL
SURROUNDING CITIES ETC. IF
YOU NEED HELP WITH YOUR
HOTELS OR TRAIN TICKETS,
FEEL FREE TO CONTACT YOUR
TOUR COORDINATOR TODAY.**



Day by Day

Join us for the *ultimate* ski safari and ski the Dolomites most famous resorts, staying in mountain rifugios and charming B&Bs, and enjoying lift-service access to hundreds of miles of prepared terrain – you may never ski the same run twice!

Day 1 – Arrive in Alta Badia, Dolomites

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.

In the afternoon meet with a Dolomite Mountains representative who will provide you a trip briefing and orientation as well as maps and the Skipass for your self guided ski safari.

B.D... Hotel in Alta Badia

Day 2 – Warm up day in Alta Badia

Corvara, Colfosco, La Villa, San Cassiano, Badia and La Val are the famous names of the towns of Alta Badia that represent the cradle of the Dolomites winter tourism. 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 breath-taking views of the most beautiful peaks of the Dolomites. Fast and comfortable ski lift connections (53 total), 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. You will have the opportunity to venture on the famous World Cup slope of Gran Risa or on the more relaxed slopes of Piz La Villa, Gardenaccia and Santa Croce.

Try the traditional Ladin specialties or even lobster, served in the many rifugios on the slopes. Thanks to the Ladin, Tyrolean, and Mediterranean influences this area has developed a unique and extremely varied cuisine.

B.D... Hotel in Alta Badia

Day 3 – Sellaronda

The Sellaronda Ski Tour is one of the most fantastic spectacular ski tours in the world, circumnavigating the Sella Massif. Today you will ski a part of it. 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 Arabba).

B.D... Hotel in Val di Fassa

Day 4 – Ski in the Val di Fassa and Passo San Pellegrino Ski Areas

In the morning, discover the Belvedere and Ciampac areas of the Val di Fassa, a veritable paradise for families, children and skiers looking for soft, gentle slopes. In the afternoon, take a private transfer from Canazei to Passo San Pellegrino, where you will ski this beautiful terrain for the remainder of the day. At the end of the day, a snowmobile will pick you up on the pass and bring you to your rifugio for tonight (1,980m / 6,496'). Rifugios are a great place for families – a personal experience of the lifestyle of the people and cultures of the Dolomites! 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').

In addition to the charm and views, the real highlight this rifugio 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. They even make all of their own prepare all of their own jams and preserves during the quieter months, as well as all of the breads, cakes, and desserts in a combined bakery and pastry shop, that churns out a variety of breads each day. And, there is such a triumph of sweets available that it feels like a sin not to be able to taste them all!

B.D... Rifugio

Day 5 – Ski the Passo San Pellegrino & Civetta Ski Resorts

In the morning, take a private transfer to Alleghe and ski in the Civetta area.

Today may well be the visual highlight of your skiing this week, with some of the most stunning views of the Veneto and Trentino Dolomites that consistently solicit emotional responses! You'll ski into the Civetta ski resort, passing by little romantic towns set between impressive mountains, magnificent valleys and silent forests for your family to explore: 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 for tonight (2,413m / 7,917'), where your luggage will await you.

This rifugio is a gem among mountain huts. While known for its beautiful vistas and its friendly hospitality, meals are where the it 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. In winter, many more than the 40 overnight guests come for the food, filling the dining room making for a very festive evening that your family will surely enjoy!

B.D... Rifugio

Day 6 – Ski in the Cinque Torri and Cortina d'Ampezzo Areas – Return to Alta Badia

In the morning, ski down from your rifugio and ski in the area of Cortina d'Ampezzo. Well-known all over the world for its fascinating beauty, surrounding mountains, Cortina was host to the 1956 Winter Olympics. Get to know all of its slopes – including the famous Olympia (where the men's Olympic downhill events were held, and for many years the stage of the Women's World Cup), and the superb Canalone (or Canyon in English), where the women's downhill Olympic events took place.

Ski to the area of Cinque Torri, and on to Passo Falzarego; take the Lagazuoi cable car, which arrives at an altitude of 2,800 meters (9,186') in just three minutes! Once you reach the top, stop to enjoy the breathtaking panorama from the terrace of the Rifugio Lagazuoi, famous throughout the world for its spectacular views of the Dolomite peaks.

When you're ready to descend, you're in for a treat! The Armentarola slope 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 fairy-tales, the run ends with a horse-drawn lift. What better conclusion can you imagine for your family winter vacation?

B.D... Hotel in Alta Badia

Day 7 – Depart

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

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EXTEND YOUR ADVENTURE!

You've come all this way... why not stay a little longer? Explore the spectacular city of Venice, or, if you join us in December, explore the magical Christmas Markets of the Dolomites!

Venice

Venice is one of the world's most beautiful and intriguing cities, with so much to do and see, for adults and kids alike! Of course there are the must-see icons of Piazza San Marco, the Rialto Bridge, and the surrounding tourist shops and restaurants, but we'll also introduce you to a maze-like city with new mysteries (and gelato!) to explore around every corner. *Option to add 1 or more nights in Venice.*

Christmas Markets

Experience the magical Christmas Markets that are held in the area each year in celebration of the holidays. From dazzling lights and décor to local merchants peddling handcrafted, one of a kind treasures to peaceful horse drawn carriage rides along ancient cobblestone streets, from the moment you step foot in one of these enchanting markets you're certain to be captivated by the holiday spirit. *Option to add 1 or more nights in the Dolomites on December departures.*

Itinerary may vary based on weather conditions, fitness levels, age, and skiing abilities of participants, and/or the recommendations of your guide. Whether you are a beginner/intermediate on-piste skier or an advanced off-piste skier, this itinerary can be adapted to the groups' skill level, and is customizable for a wide variety of abilities.

SAFETY AWARENESS AND TRAINING

Adventurous activities in the mountains have their dangers. These can never be removed altogether but 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 that of others. We give you the opportunity to learn mountain-craft skills and understand about the hazards, how to minimize the risk, and how to cope with incidents should they happen. All mountain activities require appropriate clothing and equipment. This is to ensure preparedness for quickly changing weather conditions and varying activities.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

We strongly recommend that you purchase trip cancellation / interruption insurance to protect your travel investment when you book your trip. We offer optional trip cancellation / interruption insurance through [World Nomads](#) at a supplemental cost. It combines trip cancellation and interruption coverage (for covered reasons only), baggage loss protection, and medical coverage along with additional emergency evacuation are available through our web site.



Guided Trips:

From € 4.120 per person (minimum 2 participants)

From € 3.090 per person (minimum 4 participants)

Self Guided Trips:

From € 2.400 per person (minimum 2 participants)

From € 2.190 per person (minimum 4 participants)

Single room supplement: on request, in hotels only

The cost is based on 4-star hotels, it can be upgraded to 5-star, please contact us for a quotation.

High Season Dates: 2nd February – 9th March 2019 --- 5% increase on costs

Holiday Blackout Dates: (7-night minimum hotel stay required)

Christmas / New Years — 26th December 2018 – 6th January 2019

Cost Includes:

- Trip briefing
- Logistics and map of the area
- 3 nights accommodation in 4-star hotel in Alta Badia
- 1 night accommodation in 4-star hotel in Val di Fassa
- 2 nights accommodation in charming mountain inns/rifugios in private rooms with private/shared bathroom
- All breakfasts and dinners
- Local English speaking [Professional UIAGM/IFMGA Ski Guide](#) for 5 days (if guided)
- Dolomiti Superskipass for 5 days
- Transportation in the area when needed
- Luggage transfers
- Local tourist tax
- Italian VAT tax

Airport transfers available on request.

Ski equipment rentals available on request.

Helicopter Sightseeing & Airport Transfers – There's Nothing Else Like It!

Take to the skies for an aerial look at the spectacular Dolomite Mountains, and make memories to last a lifetime! Whether on a panoramic sightseeing ride or an airport transfer, you'll appreciate a bird's eye view of the stunning scenery aboard state-of-the-art single engine helicopters. With over 30 years in operation, our experienced pilots and ground crew employ the utmost safety standards, quality, and service. Contact us for a quotation.

Rides are weather dependent. Heli-transfers from/to airports require advanced reservation.

In-resort rides can be reserved with shorter notice.



Accommodations

Want to learn more about our Hotels and B&Bs?

The Dolomites has a multi-faceted culture and history that is reflected in each village we visit, and we make sure to provide you with the most authentic experience of the region possible through the hotels and B&Bs we offer. Hotels and chalets are available in the larger villages, while agriturismos (working farms with accommodations similar to B&Bs) are more common in rural areas. And we always make sure you have access to inspired regional cuisine, and the best panoramas you can get in the Dolomites!

Prefer luxury accommodations?

You can also book a custom departure of this trip using our [Luxury Hotels](#). For details, please [contact us](#).

Want to learn more about our Mountain Inns & Rifugi?

Rifugi – or *mountain huts* in English – are the classic accommodation for hikers, climbers, mountaineers, and ski mountaineers in the Alps. Set in spectacular locations high in the Dolomites, rifugi are accessible only on foot (with a few exceptions that are reachable by car). These marvelous establishments are open primarily in the summer, with a select few in winter, and offer meals and sleeping facilities.

The Dolomite rifugi are considered the best in the Alps. While some are dormitory style with bunk beds, many meet the standard of a simple guest house with private rooms and en-suite bathrooms, and each has its own unique character and charm. Bedding and linens are provided, hot showers are available, and meals are served in common dining areas – like a small mountain inn set high in the mountains with the most incredible vistas in the Dolomites. Whether you're hiking in summer or skiing in winter, an overnight rifugio stay is not to miss on a Dolomite holiday.

To learn even more about rifugi in the Dolomites, check out our [Rifugios in the Dolomites](#) article, and learn about one of the best ways to experience these incredible mountains!

