

Welcome to Dolomite Mountains



Dolomites Gourmet Ski Safari – 3 rifugio nights

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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*

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.

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YOU NEED HELP WITH YOUR
HOTELS OR TRAIN TICKETS,
FEEL FREE TO CONTACT YOUR
TOUR COORDINATOR TODAY.**



Day by Day

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Day 1 ~ Arrive in Alta Badia, Dolomites

Arrive in San Cassiano, 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.

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

D... Hotel in Alta Badia

Day 2 ~ Sellaronda

In the morning, you'll meet your [UIAGM/IFMGA ski guide](#) (guided trips) for a trip briefing and equipment check (and rent any equipment if needed), and pick up your 4-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.

B,D... Rifugio

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.

B,D... Rifugio



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 ensure preparedness for quickly changing weather conditions and varying activities.



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!
B,D... Rifugio

Day 5 ~ Return to Alta Badia

Ski in the area of Cinque Torri, reach Passo Falzarego and 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 from where you can do it all again, or move on to another fabulous adventure.

There are several lunch opportunities during this tour: Rifugio Lagazuoi, at the arrival station of the cable car, Rifugio Scotoni, along the slope and where you can taste one of the best grilled meat of Alta Badia, and Capanna Alpina, a typical restaurant just before the horse-drawn lift.

Enjoy your final dinner this evening at a Michelin-star-rated restaurant.
B,D... Hotel in Alta Badia

Day 6 ~ 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.*

Trip itinerary may vary based on weather conditions, fitness levels, abilities of participants, accommodations availability and/or the recommendations of your guide.



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 € 3.480 per person (minimum 2 participants)

From € 2.620 per person (minimum 4 participants)

Group Departures:

€ 2.440 per person (minimum 4 participants)

Self Guided Trips:

From € 2.100 per person (minimum 2 participants)

From € 1.860 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: 1st February – 7th March 2020 --- 5% increase on costs

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

Christmas / New Years — 26th December 2019 – 6th January 2020

Cost Includes:

- Trip briefing
- Logistics and map of the area
- 2 nights accommodation in 4-star family run hotel in Alta Badia
- 3 night accommodation in charming mountain inns in private rooms with private/shared bathroom
- All breakfasts
- Dinners as per itinerary (dinner at Michelin Star restaurant on day 5)
- Wine tasting
- Local English speaking [Professional UIAGM/IFMGA Ski Guide](#) for 4 days (if guided)
- Dolomiti Superskipass for 4 days
- Transportation in the area as per itinerary
- 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 Luxury Hotels?

Luxury accommodations in the Dolomites combine the ultimate in comfort and refinement. From five star hotels, Michelin star-rated restaurants, and pampering spas, just because you are in the mountains does not mean you cannot have a truly luxe Italian experience in the Dolomites! From the chic town of Cortina d'Ampezzo, a popular destination for the rich and famous, to the quiet and discreet luxury of San Cassiano in Alta Badia, you will find accommodations with credentials ranging from membership in the exclusive Relais & Châteaux to The Leading Hotels of the World!

You can also book a custom departure of this trip using our [Hotels and B&Bs](#). 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!

