



Dolomites Off Piste Skiing

Dolomites, Italy

ITINERARY

Note: We will keep the exact ski descents very flexible so as to pick the best option for the day based on weather and snow conditions.

Day One:

Arrive in Cortina d'Ampezzo in the heart of the Dolomites. It is only about two hours shuttle bus ride from Venice, Italy.

Days Two:

Ski lifts up to Cristallo, one of the ski areas in the Cortina area. One of our off-piste options is the Cresta Bianca, an exciting valley run that begins with a short rappel from the top. We stay back in Cortina for the night.

Day Three:

We leave Cortina via ski lift and make our way to the top of the Tofana ski area where we will attempt the Bus di Tofana, a long and sustained off piste couloir that deposits us down by the Cinqi Torri lifts which we will use to make our way to an on-slope refugio for a gourmet lunch. After lunch we take lifts and possibly another off-piste run on our way to the top of the Lagazuoi cable car to the Rifugio Lagazuoi where we will spend the night atop the mountain.

Days Four:

From Lagazuoi we have many options for couloirs and wide backcountry valley skiing in the morning depending on the group's goals. In the afternoon we take the famous piste run down to Alta Badia with another Rifugio lunch on the way. At the bottom of the run we take the "horse lift", basically a horse drawn sleigh that drags us across about a mile of flat terrain where we connect with the Dolomiti Superski lifts again. We then take a backcountry run down into the village of Arabba where we spend the night in a hotel. We have a luggage transfer this night.

Day Five:

Skiing right from the hotel we board a series of lifts that take us over to Marmolada where we board the cable cars that take us close to the highest point in the Dolomites. We will ski multiple glaciated runs on the Dolomites largest glacier. Each run is about 6,000 vertical feet each... today could be a lot of vertical. We stay back at our hotel in Arabba that has a well-earned spa.

Day Six:

Today we ski over to the Sella Massif and up to the Piz Pordoi cable car. From Piz Pordoi we have many, many options of steep couloirs to ski as well as the Val Lasties. We will choose

according to group goals. We spend the evening at the Rifugio Fredarola which is at the top of the lifts and perched on a steep valley with expansive views of Marmolada.

Day Seven:

Leaving Fredarola, we once again ascend the Piz Pordoi cable car and begin a 30-40 minute hike over to the entrance of the famous Val Mesdi, a long and beautiful backcountry valley that takes us to the other side of the Sella Masif into the town of Corvara. After another on piste lunch at a local refugio we will make our way to the Hotel Pralongia at the top of the ski runs for the night.

Day Eight:

Leaving Pralongia, we will ski a beautiful backcountry run through the trees down to Armentarola and then a short cab ride up to the Falzarego Pass where we will have numerous options for couloir skiing or perhaps a short peak ascent before another gourmet on-slope lunch and then a final descent (with short bus ride) back into Cortina d'Ampezzo. We stay back in our hotel in Cortina for the night.

Day After the trip ends:

Departure for the airport or your next Europe destination

Itinerary subject to change