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Backcountry Traveller

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Level 2 Backcountry Traveller

Having now successfully run our Backcountry courses for seven years we have decided to introduce a new product for Level 2 skiers this season called our "Backcountry Traveller". This course is all about exploring further afield while using Chamonix as a base.

For those clients who have skied with us before this is a great way to further develop your skills while getting the chance to see some new places and ski some new routes. Even if you have not done a Backcountry course with us then this is a great way to explore the Mt. Blanc region and see how much great skiing there is within easy reach of Chamonix.

Potential destinations include:

- Verbier, Brusson (on the Verbier lift ticket) and St. Bernard pass in Switzerland
- Courmayeur, Helbronner (access to Italian Vallee Blanche and Tula Glacier) in Italy
- Les Contamines and Les Chattrix (part of St. Gervais/Megeve system) in France

The above are just examples of the destinations we could use and all offer some great off piste skiing and touring potential in the right conditions.

A couple of good books to get are;

- 1) Mont-Blanc Ski Tours, Eric Delaperriere & Franck Gentilini ISBN: 2-910672-08-5
- 2) Chamonix Hors Piste, Francois Burnier & Dominique Potard ISBN: 2-910672-10-7

Lift passes

Flexibility is required here. For our standard backcountry courses we recommend the Mt-Blanc Unlimited which covers many of the destinations mentioned above but not the likes of St. Bernard pass in Switzerland or Les Contamines/Les Chattrix in the Evasion Mt. Blanc. The best advice is to hold off on buying a ticket until you meet with your guide/instructor on the introductory evening prior to day 1. That way we can discuss possible options based on the snow and weather conditions and formulate a plan for the week.

Transport

Transport costs are not included in the course price.

For trips to Switzerland we will use the train from Chamonix to Martigny and then a taxi to our destination. For example the 07.43 train from Chamonix gets to Martigny at 09.15.

For trips to Italy there is a public bus from Chamonix to Courmayeur (which must be booked in advance). Alternatively we will use a taxi transfer with MountainDrop-offs.

For trips to the Evasion Mont Blanc resorts we will use a Mountain Drops-offs taxi transfer. Prices for taxi transfers have still to be confirmed.

