



Tour + Explore Backcountry Camp 1 Week Serre Chevalier, France

Available in: Ski

CAMP OVERVIEW

Bio

This is a week-long journey through the Southern French Alps, combining technical coaching, sidecountry exploration, and an unforgettable backcountry finale. First, you'll find your groove in Serre Chevalier, then push your limits on the legendary slopes of La Grave. The journey culminates with a three-day hut-based touring expedition from the remote Refuge du Chardonnet – raw, unspoiled, and extraordinary.

Location

Based in Serre Chevalier, one of France's best-kept freeride gems, this camp immerses you in a diverse mix of local terrain: steep couloirs, open powder bowls, and some of the finest tree skiing in Europe. Beyond the slopes, the valley's easy-going vibe, rich mountain culture, and friendly local spots create the perfect setting to relax, recharge, and connect.

Goal

This Tour + Explore Camp is designed to take your backcountry skills to the next level. You'll develop stronger off-piste technique, enhance your touring ability, and gain practical safety knowledge. With a focus on coaching, guiding, and real-world backcountry experiences, the goal is to equip you with the skills and mindset to ride further, deeper, and smarter.

Riders

Designed for adventurous skiers who are familiar with touring basics and hungry for more challenge, more adventure, and more progression. Whether you're ready to break out of the sidecountry or step into bigger missions in more complex terrain, you'll join a supportive crew of solo travellers, friends, and couples – all united by a shared stoke for powder, exploration, and backcountry culture.

Accommodation

You'll stay in the beautiful village of Villeneuve in Hotel Mont Thabor, a friendly and welcoming ski lodge.

You can choose between twin-share or private rooms.

Dates + Prices

Refer to the website Course Page for upcoming dates and prices.

Inclusions

The camp includes all your coaching, touring and accommodation, with lift passes, airport transfers, breakfasts, evening meals, hosting and more.

The main additional costs you need to factor in are travel, insurance and equipment.

Refer to the website Course Page for a full breakdown of inclusions.



RESORT

Serre Chevalier, La Salle-les-Alpes

Snowfall

20ft

Serre Chevalier averages around 20 feet of snowfall each winter, thanks to a unique blend of local microclimates and Mediterranean weather systems. This combination brings consistent snow throughout the season, often followed by stretches of sunshine and classic bluebird days. With elevations ranging from 1,200m to 2,800m, the resort offers excellent snow retention – particularly in the higher alpine zones, where conditions stay reliable deep into the winter.

Ski Area

250km

Spread across three valleys, Serre Chevalier's 250km of skiable terrain offers something for every style of skier, with everything from steep chutes and challenging descents to cruisy groomers and open bowls. Off-piste potential is massive, with vast larch forests and sheltered snowfields keeping the powder fresh. The area's natural variety and easy backcountry access make it a favourite among riders looking for freedom and exploration.

Runs

80

Featuring 80 marked ski runs, Serre Chevalier provides something for everyone. The Luc Alphand Olympic Run is one of the most iconic, stretching for 9km and offering a challenging descent for advanced skiers. Other notable runs, like L'Ours, provide long and scenic descents. With a well-balanced mix of routes and 60% of the terrain rated intermediate to advanced, plus plenty of tree skiing and off-piste access, riders are able to progressively challenge themselves.

Town

Serre Chevalier is a charming region composed of four distinct villages: Briancon, Chantemerle, Villeneuve, and Le Monetier. Each village offers its own unique atmosphere, with a laid-back vibe to boot. Briancon, a UNESCO World Heritage site, boasts a medieval feel with its a fortified town centre and picturesque streets. Chantemerle and Villeneuve serve as the main hubs for accessing the ski area, with a vibrant selection of shops, bars and restaurants, while Le Monetier is famed for its rejuvenating thermal spas, making it the perfect place for a change of pace.



COACHING

Sessions

All-Mountain

The camp features two resort-based coaching days to sharpen your all-mountain skills. Equipped with touring and avalanche gear, we'll use the lift-system to access sidecountry terrain via boot-packs, traverses and small tours. The goal is to find your rhythm, build confidence, and fine-tune your technique, as well as familiarise with equipment, touring and avalanche protocols.

Freeride

La Grave

La Grave is the stuff of legend – steep, raw, and unlike anywhere else. Guided by your expert coaches, you'll access big, wild terrain via the iconic Telepherique des Glaciers de la Meije. This day is all about stepping up, testing your freeride skills, and soaking in the atmosphere of one of the most renowned off-piste zones in the world.

Backcountry Trip

Refuge du Chardonnet

The finale is a true backcountry immersion: three days and two nights at the remote Refuge du Chardonnet, nestled in the Mont Blanc massif. Each day, you'll set out on guided ski tours through pristine alpine landscapes, conquering all kinds of terrain, with ongoing coaching and feedback to refine your touring technique, transitions, and downhill flow.



A TYPICAL DAY

This is a guideline only of a day at the Refuge du Chardonnet

07:30

Breakfast

Rise with the sun in the quiet of the high mountains. Your day begins with a warm, simple alpine breakfast at the refuge – fresh bread, jam, coffee, and maybe a bit of cheese or charcuterie. It's fuel for the touring day ahead.

09:00

Briefing + Morning Touring

Gather with your guide and group to discuss the day's plan: weather, avalanche risk, snowpack, and route options. Skins go on, beacons are checked, then it's time to go. Explore stunning terrain, learning as you go, with tips on technique and backcountry travel.

12:00

Lunch

At a scenic high point or sheltered col, take a well-earned break to refuel. Lunch is simple and satisfying: sandwiches, trail snacks, and hot tea, enjoyed with panoramic views. Your guide may use this moment to talk through terrain choices for the next descent.

13:00

Afternoon Touring

Continue your backcountry exploration – maybe a playful powder field, a couloir, or long cruisy run back to the hut. You'll apply touring techniques, route-finding, and freeride skills as you go.

16:00

Return to Refuge

Arrive back at the refuge with tired legs and full hearts. Kick off your boots, hang your gear to dry, and settle in with tea, snacks, or maybe a cold beer. There's time to relax, chat, journal, or just stare out at the peaks.

19:00

Dinner + Social Time

Everyone gathers around the long table for a hearty, home-cooked meal prepared by the refuge guardian. Expect hearty alpine classics made with local ingredients. Over dinner, the group shares laughs, insights, and thoughts on tomorrow's objectives.



WHY RIDE WITH NONSTOP

Coaching

Helping riders progress at sports they love in skiing and snowboarding is at the heart of what we do. With expert local coaches and guides, we create a supportive and social environment to ensure you're challenged, progressing, and riding the best zones on the mountain.

Authentic Travel

Run-of-the-mill is just not our thing. We focus on authentic destinations with the perfect blend of snow, terrain and culture, adding local twists and touches of adventure to create experiences you'll remember long after your time with us.

People

Designed for like-minded skiers and riders, you'll join a diverse group of people bound by a love of the mountains and shared desire to progress together. You're guaranteed a sociable trip, and everyone leaves with new friends.

All You Need

Just turn up and ride – we'll take care of the rest. Our packages include all your coaching and accommodation, with lift passes, airport transfers, meals, socials, hosting and more. Less hassle, more ride time.

Experience

When you travel with Nonstop you can have peace of mind that you are booking with a trusted and award-winning travel operator with over 20 years of expertise. You can rest easy knowing you're in expert hands.

Responsible

We're a proud member of 1% for the Planet, dedicated to fostering positive environmental change. By donating 1% of all sales to environmental non-profits, including Protect Our Winters, we're committed to supporting meaningful initiatives that make a difference.

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