



Duration of the tour: 2 days
Category: snow shoe tour
Difficulty level: easy / moderate / difficult / very difficult / expert

‘Hörner tour’

Snow shoe weekend with hut romanticism

You can either hibernate through the long winter, spend it on a palm treed island or you enjoy it where it is the most magical - in the mountains. Snow shoes enable the non-skier to intensively experience the fascinating winter world. Thanks to the modern designs the snowshoes are light and can be handled without any difficulty. Already after a short time you will enjoy crossing the famous ‘Oberallgäuer Hörner’ chain, accompanied by an experienced mountain guide.

Region:
 Alps of the ‘Allgäu’ area (Germany)

Route proposal:
 The choice of the route depends on the snow conditions and can be changed accordingly.

Day 1, Saturday

Our meeting point is at 10:00 a.m. at the OASE AlpinCenter. Together we travel by taxi over the ‘Riedberg’ pass (1.420 m) to ‘Grasgehren’ (1.447 m). Already after the first hiking attempts in the fairly level ‘Bolgenmoos’ we get used to the snow shoes and start our tour towards the ‘Riedberger Horn’ peak. After a gentle 2 hours ascent we reach the summit (1.787 m). We descend after a well earned summit break, where we have an awesome view of the ‘Allgäu’ mountains far into Switzerland. The trail down is steep at the top and levels out somewhat via the plateau of the idyllic ‘Bolgen’ valley to the ‘Berghaus Schwaben’ hut (1.520 m).

Hiking time approx. 4 hours, ascent 400 m, descent 300 m.

If conditions permit it is possible to ascend the ‘Großen Ochsenkopf’ peak (1.662 m) in the afternoon.

Hiking time approx. 1½ hours, ascent 150 m, descent 150 m.

Day 2, Sunday

Today we hike via the famous ‘Oberallgäuer Hörner’ trail to the village of ‘Oferschwang’. After a short descent of 100 meters we reach the ‘Ochsen’ saddle. From here we descend via the ‘Ober-Alp’ down the ‘Oster’ valley. Passing the ‘Rangiswanger Alpe’ we ascend to the ‘Rangiswanger Horn’ peak (1.616 m). A gentle trail leads us to the ‘Sigiswager Horn’ peak

(1.527 m) and continues to the 'Ofterschwanger Horn' peak (1.406 m). From there it is downhill all the way and soon we reach 'Ofterschwang' with its ski resort. Here is the possibility of having a break at the 'Weltcup' hut. Descent with a ski bob. Return journey by bus to 'Oberstdorf', arriving there at about 4:30 p.m.

Hiking time approx. 5 hours, ascent 500 m, descent 1.200 m.

Required:

Suitable for sporty beginners, good health, moderate physical condition, a sure foot and enough physical endurance for day trips with up to 5 hours hiking time. There is no snow-shoeing experience necessary.

Equipment:

Trekking shoes with good grip, 2 pairs of trekking socks, warm pants, eventual gaiters, pullover or jacket, protective wear against wind and rain (Gore-Tex), underwear with climate function, a change of underwear (stored in a plastic bag), rucksack approx. 35 litre (a maximum weight of 8 kg is recommended). Special advice: you can protect your equipment with a plastic bag inside your rucksack, or use a rucksack cover. 2 pairs of warm gloves, hat (against sun and cold), sunglasses, sunscreen, lip salve, a thermos bottle, snacks (power bar, nuts, etc.), indoor shoes or trainers, toilet bag, small first aid.

Special equipment like snow shoes, avalanche transceiver and extendible ski poles are provided (free of charge).

Accommodation:

Mountain hut (shared accommodation)

Services:

Mountain guide, 1x half pension, 2x bus transfer, 1x descent with a ski bob, equipment

Additional costs:

It is advised that € 25,- per day is set aside for drinks, extra provisions, etc.

Participants:

6 – 12 people

Travel to Oberstdorf:

Take advantage of the good train connections to Oberstdorf. If you drive by car: we recommend local parking opportunities, at € 5,00 per day (in coins) (for the maximum duration of 7 days), underground parking is available at the skating stadium and costs up to 7 days € 35,-. Payable at the counter at the skating stadium.

Extension of stay:

We advise you to contact tourist information in Oberstdorf if you need accommodation before or after the tour. Telephone (Germany) 00 49 - 83 22 – 700 – 412, www.oberstdorf.de

OASE AlpinCenter:

The OASE AlpinCenter is adjacent to the train station in Oberstdorf, opposite platform 1.

