



**Duration of the tour:** 6 days  
**Category:** ski tour  
**Difficulty level:** easy / moderate / **difficult** / very difficult / expert

## 'Ötztal' Ski Traverse

### Skitouring week

The ‚Ötz‘ valley Alps region is the most glaciated region of the east Alps. Over a distance of 50 km, around the central section of the ‚Venter‘ and ‚Gurgler‘ valley, the glaciation is continuous. Reason enough to pack your rucksack and to come and enjoy the awesome views from the highest summits of Tyrol, ‚Wildspitze‘ and ‚Weisskugel‘ peak.

**Region:**  
‚Ötz‘ valley Alps (Austria, Tyrol)

#### Day 1, Sunday

Our meeting point is at 12:00 o'clock at the Hotel ‚Post‘ in ‚Vent‘ (1.894 m), Fam. Pirpamer, Telephone (Austria) 00 43 – 52 54 – 81 19. Leisurely ascent to the ‚Martin Busch‘ hut (2.501 m) in the afternoon.

**Hiking time approx. 3 hours, ascent 600 m.**

#### Day 2, Monday

Today we ascend the first 3.000 m peak. Via the mellow ‚Niederjochferner‘ glacier we reach the summit of ‚Similaun‘ peak. The last 100 vertical meters we have to travel on foot. We stay at the cosy ‚Similaun‘ hut (3.019 m).

**Hiking time approx. 6 hours, ascent 1.100 m, descent 600 m.**

#### Day 3, Tuesday

After a leisurely breakfast we ski up to the place where the famous ‚Tyrolian Iceman‘ (Oetzi) was found. The ‚Fineilköpfe‘ peaks, two gorgeous ski summits, lie along the way to the ‚Schöne Aussicht‘ hut.

**Hiking time approx. 6 hours, ascent 550 m, descent 800 m.**

#### Day 4, Wednesday

Early in the morning we start our ascent to the famous ‚Weisskugel‘ mountain. The last few hundred meters take us through blocky terrain to the summit. A more than 10 km ski run takes us down to the ‚Hochjoch‘ Hospiz (2.412 m).

**Hiking time approx. 8 hours, ascent 1.100 m, descent 1.500 m.**

## Day 5, Thursday

Past the 'Brandenburger' hut (3.272 m) we ascend to the summit of the 'Fluchtkogel' (3.500 m). Early afternoon we reach the 'Vernagt' hut (2.755 m), giving us a chance to rest up for the last big day.

**Hiking time approx. 6 hours, ascent 1.100 m, descent 750 m.**

## Day 6, Friday

The highest summit of Tyrol, the 'Wildspitze' peak (3.772 m), will be the highlight of the week. Via the 'Brochkogel' Col we reach the summit. The last few meters we have to negotiate on crampons. A beautiful run takes us down from the summit to 'Vent', where we started from. Arrival at about 3:00 p.m.

**Hiking time approx. 8 hours, ascent 900 m, descent 1.300 m.**

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### Required:

Ski touring experience, good health, good physical condition, good ski technique in all types of snow and enough physical endurance for ascents with up to 1.100 meters a day.

### Equipment:

Alpine ski touring skis, touring boots, ski crampons, climbing skins, ski poles, ski trousers, down jacket, pullover or fleece jacket, protective wear against wind and rain (Gore-Tex), functional underwear, a change of underwear, rucksack approx. 45 litre. Special advice: you can protect your equipment with a plastic bag inside your rucksack, or use a rucksack cover. 2 pairs of gloves, a cap is advisable to protect against sun and cold, sunglasses, sunscreen, lip salve, a thermos bottle, snacks (power bar, nuts, etc.), toilet bag, first aid, trainers, identity card.

**Special ski touring equipment** (touring skis, climbing skins, ski crampons and touring poles) can also be provided to you. Extra charge € 90.- per week.

**Special high altitude touring equipment** (crampons, ice-axe, climbing harness, locking carabines, sewn slings, etc.) if at hand please bring these along. This equipment can also be lent to you (free of charge).

### Accommodation:

Mountain huts (dormitory, shared accommodation)

### Services:

Mountain guide, 5x half pension, avalanche transceiver, shovel.

### Additional costs:

We recommend € 25,- per day for meals, drinks, extra provisions, etc.

### Participants:

4 – 8 people

### Travel to Vent:

Take advantage of the good bus and train connections to Vent (very small village). By car via 'Fern' pass to 'Imst' and up the 'Ötz' valley to 'Vent'.

### Extension of stay:

We advise you to contact the Hotel 'Post' in 'Vent', [www.vent-hotel-post.com](http://www.vent-hotel-post.com), Telephone (Austria) 00 43 – 53 54 – 8119.



