

SKI

FREERIDE WEEK ALPES FRANCESES

Cinco jornadas guiadas entre La Grave y los mejores sectores según la nieve



FRANCE



Una semana de freeride en los Alpes franceses con cinco jornadas guiadas, tres días en La Grave y dos días flexibles buscando la mejor nieve. Esquí fuera pista con remontes y sin necesidad de foquear, disfruta las mejores bajadas.

View program on the web

<https://b4experience.com/es/freeride-week-alpes-franceses>

RECOMMENDED MONTHS

MARCH



PRICES

From 2.350€ /person

Group discounts

Ski

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Highlights

- TRES DÍAS DE FREERIDE GUIADO EN LA GRAVE
- DOS JORNADAS FLEXIBLES BUSCANDO LA MEJOR NIEVE
- SIN PIELES NI EXPERIENCIA PREVIA EN SKI TOURING
- SEIS NOCHES EN HOTEL CASTILLAN CON MEDIA PENSIÓN.

Private group

100% customizable

From (People)	Category	Availability	Days	Price per pers.
✕ No private groups available, only open groups				

Travel with your family or group of friends.

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Open group

Share the experience with other travelers

Dates	Nº days	Avail. spots	Price per pers.
14 Mar 2027	7	T:4 O:0 4	2.450€
14 Mar 2027	7	T:1 O:0 1	2.750€
14 Mar 2027	7	T:3 O:0 3	2.350€

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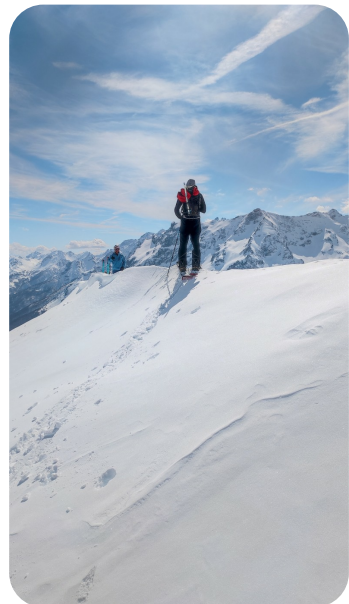
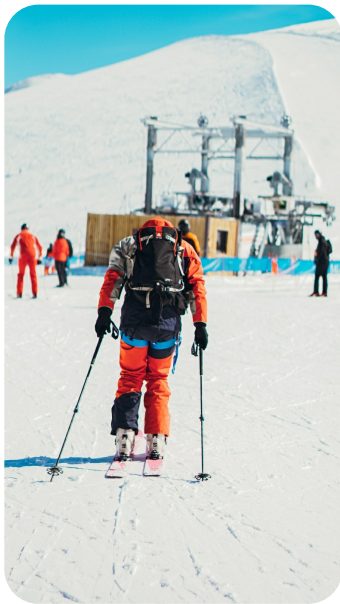
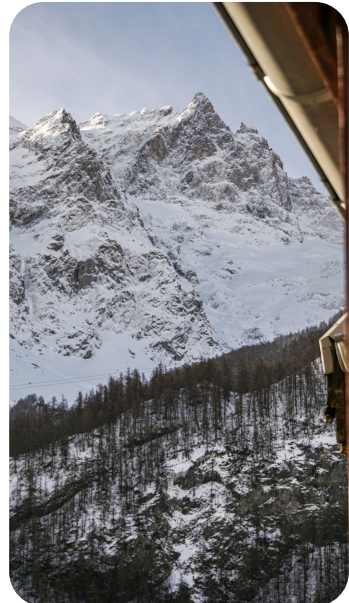
Includes

- 6 noches de alojamiento en Hotel Castillan, La Grave
- Régimen de media pensión durante la estancia
- Desayunos y cenas según programa
- Habitación triple, doble o individual según tarifa y disponibilidad
- 5 jornadas de actividad de freeride guiado
- Xavi Bonatti, guía de alta montaña UIAGM, durante las 5 jornadas
- Nacho Garrido, guía UIAGM y experto local, durante 3 jornadas en La Grave
- Ratio aproximado 1:4 durante las tres jornadas de La Grave
- 3 días de forfait La Grave / La Meije
- 2 días de forfait para las jornadas flexibles en otras estaciones
- Formación online gratuita previa sobre rescate en avalanchas
- Briefing inicial y revisión del material
- Repaso práctico de protocolos de DVA, pala y sonda en montaña
- Coordinación logística y de comunicación de Elton (NWPD)
- Asesoramiento previo técnico y de material.

Not included

- Round trip to La Grave
- Internal transfers and shuttles
- Lunches during the days
- Drinks
- Personal ski or snowboard equipment
- Avalanche transceiver, shovel and probe
- Mandatory mountain rescue insurance (we can arrange it)
- Travel and cancellation insurance
- Equipment rental
- Any service not expressly described in the "Included" section.

Transfers from Grenoble, Lyon or Geneva and equipment rental can be additionally arranged by B4Experience.



Itinerary

DAY 1: ARRIVAL AT LA GRAVE AND PROGRAM PRESENTATION

Arrival by your own means to La Grave during the afternoon and check-in at the Hotel Castillan. Once settled in, we will hold the program presentation, meet the team and review individual equipment. The briefing will serve to explain how the week will work, the expected conditions, the safety criteria and the organisation of the first freeride days.

Accommodation: Hotel Castillan

Meals: Dinner.

DAY 2: FIRST FREERIDE DAY AT LA GRAVE

First freeride day at La Grave / La Meije with Xavi Bonatti and Nacho Garrido. We will start with a safety equipment check and a practical review of the protocols with avalanche transceiver, shovel and probe. The day will allow us to assess the group's level, adapt to ungroomed snow and begin to discover the terrain of La Grave, choosing descents according to conditions, safety and level.

Accommodation: Hotel Castillan

Meals: Breakfast + dinner.

DAY 3: FREERIDE AND PROGRESSION ON UNGROOMED SNOW

Second day at La Grave to continue progressing on off-piste terrain and different types of snow. Xavi and Nacho will adapt the lines to the group's level and the mountain conditions, working on fluidity, slope management and terrain reading. The goal will be to accumulate vertical metres of descent and experience, always maintaining safety and the ability to adapt the plan to real conditions.

Accommodation: Hotel Castillan

Meals: Breakfast + dinner.

DAY 4: THIRD FREERIDE DAY AT LA GRAVE

Third freeride day at La Grave and last day with Xavi Bonatti and Nacho Garrido as the guide team. With the knowledge accumulated over the previous days, we will look to make the most of the best options available in the resort. The day can be approached with greater continuity and variety of terrain, always depending on the snow, weather, visibility and the group's progress.

Accommodation: Hotel Castillan

Meals: Breakfast + dinner.

DAY 5: IN SEARCH OF THE BEST FREERIDE CONDITIONS

The week opens up to a flexible format to seek the best conditions outside La Grave. Depending on the snow, wind, visibility and lift openings, the team will be able to choose a destination such as Le Chazelet, Alpe d'Huez or another suitable resort in the French Alps. It will be a day entirely focused on lift-served freeride, with no need for skins or ski touring equipment.

Accommodation: Hotel Castillan

Meals: Breakfast + dinner.

DAY 6: LAST FREERIDE DAY IN THE ALPS

For those who enjoy more technical terrain, day 6 offers the opportunity to ski in gullies and steeper forest trails. Alternatively, you can choose softer, more open powder runs for a more relaxed experience.

Accommodation: Mountain cabin

Breakfast + dinner + lunch

DÍA 7: DESAYUNO, CIERRE DEL CAMP Y SALIDA

We will start early to make the most of your last day in the mountains. After a few runs on Sunset Mountain, we will ski through the trees of the Sajavakho forest before returning to the lodge around 3:00 p.m. There will be time to pack, shower, and enjoy a meal before your overnight transfer to Kutaisi. Accommodation is provided overnight in Kutaisi (or Batumi or Tbilisi if you are departing from those airports), giving you the opportunity to explore one of the oldest cities in the world.

Accommodation: Hotel

Meals: breakfast + lunch

Payment and cancellation policy

Initial reservation: To secure your spot, an initial payment of 30% of the total trip amount is required at the time of booking.

Final payment: The remaining amount, equivalent to 70% of the total, must be paid no later than 60 days before the departure date.

Extras: Additional travel costs, such as insurance, flights, or other optional services, must be paid in full at the time of booking.

Cancellation insurance: The client may purchase travel cancellation insurance to recover the total amount paid (according to the insurer's conditions).

Right of withdrawal: The end user may withdraw from the contracted trip, having the right to a refund of the amounts paid, except for the penalties indicated. In addition, once the trip is confirmed, the client must pay the Agency the amounts detailed below. If the trip does not take place due to not reaching the required minimum number of spots, the client may keep the credit for future trips or request a full refund of the amount paid.

Cancellation policy 3:

Full refund up to 24h after purchase

Up to 60 days before the trip: 100% refund of the trip amount

Up to 45 days before the trip: 50% refund of the trip amount

Cancellations less than 45 days in advance: the amount already paid will not be refunded

*Management fees of €250 apply

*Cancellation fees for already issued bookings will not be refunded. If there are other non-refundable costs already incurred, these will also not be refunded and will be deducted from the total amount.

*The cancellation cost of issued flights is 100% of the amount.

Off Trail S.L. acts in this combined trip as a retailer/marketer. For open scheduled departures, the trip's realization requires a minimum of 10 confirmed registered people, with the traveler informed via the client portal when said minimum is reached to confirm the departure. If the indicated minimum number is not reached, the organizer may cancel the trip and notify the traveler within the applicable legal period of up to 20 calendar days before departure. For private departures or custom trips, the program will be considered confirmed upon acceptance of the reservation, as it is a trip specifically designed for the number of people indicated in the contract and priced accordingly. In case of cancellation due to not reaching the required minimum, the traveler will be entitled to a full refund of the amounts paid, without additional compensation.

Equipment list

MANDATORY EQUIPMENT

- Skis suitable for off-piste skiing or snowboard
- Ski or snowboard boots
- Poles for skiers
- Avalanche transceiver (DVA), Shovel and Probe
- Helmet
- Backpack to carry safety equipment
- Waterproof and breathable jacket
- Technical ski or snowboard pants
- First thermal layer
- Second thermal layer or fleece
- Down or synthetic insulated jacket
- Gloves
- Sunglasses
- Ski goggles.

It is not necessary to bring skins, ski touring bindings, ski crampons, ice axe, crampons or harness.

RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

- Avalanche airbag backpack
- Spare gloves
- Hat and neck gaiter
- Sunscreen and lip protection
- Water bottle or thermos
- Snacks and energy food for the days
- Dry and spare clothing
- Mobile phone
- External battery / powerbank
- First aid kit and personal medication
- Personal identification documents
- Mandatory rescue insurance documentation.

FAQs

What technical and physical level do I need to participate?

You need a solid alpine skiing level, with confidence on all types of slopes, control of turns on steep terrain, and the ability to handle ungroomed snow. A minimum prior off-piste experience is required, along with a medium to medium-high fitness level to complete five full days of freeride.

Do I need experience in ski touring or knowing how to use skins?

No. The program is designed to enjoy freeride using ski lifts and does not include any uphill days with skins. You do not need prior experience in ski touring, making transitions, or using touring bindings. You do need a minimum of off-piste experience and feel comfortable skiing ungroomed snow.

Can I participate if I have little freeride experience?

Yes, as long as you already have a real off-piste foundation and a solid alpine skiing level. This is not a program for learning to ski from scratch or for those who only ski on groomed runs. The team will adapt the descents to the group so you can progress, build skills, and make the most of the week safely.

Can snowboarders participate?

Yes. The program welcomes both skiers and snowboarders, provided they meet the required technical level and have minimum experience on ungroomed snow. Since there are no ski touring days or uphill sections with skins, you do not need a splitboard. The technical team will also assess that your level is compatible with the rest of the group.

What safety equipment is mandatory?

You must carry an avalanche transceiver (DVA), a shovel and a probe, as well as a helmet, which will be mandatory throughout the days. Before the trip you will have access to a free online avalanche rescue training, and once in La Grave, the guides will review the action protocols and the use of the equipment before entering off-piste terrain.

Do I need an ice axe, crampons, a harness or ski crampons?

No. This programme does not require skins, ski crampons, an ice axe, crampons, a harness or any specific technical ski mountaineering or alpinism equipment. The concept focuses on freeride days accessed via ski lifts. An airbag backpack is recommended for those who have one, but it is not mandatory.

Is it mandatory to take out rescue insurance?

Yes. To participate you must have insurance that specifically covers the practice of off-piste skiing or snowboarding and mountain rescue costs. The coverage must be valid during the dates of the programme. If you do not have a suitable policy, B4Experience can help you arrange a compatible option.

Is travel and cancellation insurance included?

No. Travel and cancellation insurance is not included in the programme price. We recommend taking it out to protect your travel expenses against the situations covered by the policy. If you wish, B4Experience can help you arrange this insurance together with the mandatory mountain rescue coverage.

What is the accommodation like during the week?

We will stay six nights at the Hotel Castillan, in La Grave, on a half-board basis. The group allocation includes one triple room, two double rooms and one single room. Each option will have a different price and can be selected during booking as long as places are available in that room type.

Which meals are included?

The programme includes breakfast and dinner at the Hotel Castillan during the stay, initially including dinner on the Sunday of arrival and breakfast on the Saturday of departure. Lunches during the ski days and drinks are not included.

Are lift passes included?

Yes. The programme includes five days of lift passes: three planned days at La Grave and the corresponding passes for the two flexible days at other resorts. The destination for those two days will be decided based on snow conditions, weather and lift operations in order to find the best available freeride option.

Where will we ski during the five days?

The first three days are planned at La Grave / La Meije with Xavi Bonatti and Nacho Garrido. The remaining two days are flexible and may take place at Le Chazelet, Alpe d'Huez or another suitable resort depending on conditions. The goal is not to follow a fixed itinerary, but to choose the best available terrain each day.

Who guides the program?

Xavi Bonatti, a UIAGM high mountain guide, will be the lead guide throughout the five days. During the three days at La Grave, he will be joined by Nacho Garrido, also a UIAGM guide and local specialist, allowing the group to work at an approximate ratio of 1:4. Elton, from No Working on Powder Days, will support the logistical coordination of the week.

How many people are in the group?

The program is designed for a maximum of eight participants. During the three days at La Grave, both Xavi Bonatti and Nacho Garrido will be present, allowing the group to be split and managed with greater flexibility. Throughout the entire week, a small group format will be maintained, with Elton supporting coordination and logistics.

How do I get to La Grave and are transfers included?

Getting to La Grave is by your own means and ground transfers are not included. As a reference, you can plan your journey via Grenoble, Lyon, or Geneva. If you prefer to arrange a transfer from one of these airports, B4Experience can help you coordinate it as an additional service.

Are transfers between resorts included?

No. Internal transfers needed to reach Le Chazelet, Alpe d'Huez, or any other resort chosen during the flexible days are not included in the package. The organization will coordinate the group's operations, but each participant should be aware that these transfers are part of the logistics not included.

Can I rent skis or freeride equipment at the destination?

Yes, personal ski or snowboard equipment is not included, but it is possible to rent it locally. If you need skis, a snowboard, boots or any other gear, please let us know before the trip so we can guide you on the available options. Mandatory safety equipment must also be arranged before the trip begins.

What happens if snow conditions or weather change?

The programme is deliberately flexible. The guides will decide each day where to ski, taking into account snow conditions, wind, visibility, safety and lift availability. The resorts and descents mentioned are possibilities, not fixed commitments. The priority will be to make the most of the best available conditions for the group.

What languages is the programme conducted in?

Programme communication can be conducted in Spanish, English and French. The guide team is able to operate in these three languages, facilitating the participation of international travellers and local coordination. The main operational information for the trip will be provided by B4Experience before departure.



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