



The Signal Crest is one of the most famous ridge in the Monte Rosa area and, perhaps, in the whole Alps. It divides two impressive faces: the wild south face and the east face that with 2500 meters of vertical drop is the highest one in the Alps. Very classic mix climbing in an impressive and wild environment.

Program:

- 1st day:** Meeting with the guide in Staffal around 7:00p.m. - Equipment check. Thanks to the cable car we cross to Alagna and we take a taxi to Acqua Bianca where starts the trail to the Bivacco Resegotti. The ascent is pretty long and it goes from the pine forest to the moraines and the glaciers of the south side of the Monte Rosa. The bivouac is standing at the beginning of the ridge in a very exposed situation.
↑ 6:00/7:00 hours - 2100m
- 2nd day:** Departure around 4:00 depending on the period of the year. The beginning of the ridge is not too steep but pretty narrow and exposed with some rocks to climb at the light of the headlamp. After the Colle Signal the ridge, become steeper with two different cliffs to climb with some easier mixt terrain in between. After the second one, you will hear the voices of the people standing on the balcony of the Margherita hut. Normally from here, in 1:00 to 1:130 hour of more effort we join them. The descent is along the regular route. After a stop to Gnifetti hut, we go back to the cable car and the valley.
↑ 5:00 hours 950m ↓ 3:00 hours 1300m

You have to know:

- Accommodation:** Resegotti bivouac CAI (3627m). The bivouac is equipped with burner, pots and all the stuff necessary to cook and eat. We have just to carry the food. Water with melting snow.
- Meeting point:** At 7:00p.m. in our office in Staffal (Hotel Nordend near to the bar da Giovanni).
- Requirements:** Long approach and long climbing require very good shape. Steep terrain, exposed snow ridges and rock climbing up to grade IV° with several steps on III°. You should have already made similar tours.
Please note: Depending on the conditions of the ridge the mountain guide, to guarantee a reasonable margin of safety, can decide to do this tour with 1 or 2 participants.
- Equipment:** See the equipment list below.

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- Weather:** In the high mountains, even in summer, there could be extreme weather conditions. Three/four days before the tour/trip, we will check the weather forecast in the area, and we will inform you about it!
- Leading Guide:** Mountain Guide of Guidemonterosa. Shortly before the tour, you will get the phone number of the guide. For all other questions, please contact our office.

Services and prices:

- Services included:** Mountain Guide IFMGA for two days
- Additional costs:** Overnight stay in the bivouac (food for dinner and breakfast has to be agreed with the guide), cable car to Alagna and back from Punta Indren, taxi, drinks, lunch, travel expenses, if necessary equipment.
- Prices:** 1 participant Euro 1250,00
2 participants Euro 813,00 per part.

Helpful for preparation:

- Apparel / Clothing:** We recommend functional clothing / layering principle so you can react to the different temperatures.
- Boots:** Mountaineering boots for crampons.
- Lunch:** Please take some snacks and drinks with you. At the Margherita hut if time allow us we can stop for some warm food.
- Back pack:** Do not put too many things! You will be amazed how few things you need. Functional clothing for the day and a change shirt for the hut is usually enough. At the end, you have to carry your backpack. We recommend a backpack with 30-40L.
- Maps:** Monte Rosa - Alte valli d'Ayas e del Lys - L'Escursionista | ESC08 | 1:25000
Swisstopo – Combination No. 2515 Zermatt-Gornergrat 1:25000
Swisstopo – No. 294 Gressoney 1:50000

For any further questions...

We are happy to help you for any further questions. Please contact our office.
The equipment list is attached below.

Equipment list

All you need for this event is marked as

Apparel / Clothing

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mountain jacket Gore-Tex | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gloves |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Poss. light mountain pant Gore-Tex | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Warm, breathable clothing |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robust and elastic mountain pants for example Soft Shell pants | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trekking / Mountaineering socks |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Spare underwear | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beanie / headband |

Additional material

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses with high protection | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Headlamp with spare batteries |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sun-tanning crème / lip balm - lip care | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water bottle |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Light toiletry not too much | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pocket knife |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Event. silk sleeping bag | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alpine club identification CAI/DAV/SAC |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Poss. photo equipment | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ID / Passport |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Poss. first aid kit to coordinate with mountain guide | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Poss. Oropax |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Poss. map |

Boots / Gaiter

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mountaineering/Trekking boots | <input type="checkbox"/> Climbing boots |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mountaineering boots for crampons | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gaiter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Approaching boots | |

Technical mountaineering material

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Harness | <input type="checkbox"/> Via ferrata set |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 x HMS screw gate carabiner | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Helmet |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2 x HMS screw gate carabiner | <input type="checkbox"/> Chalk bag |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quick draw | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 x Ice screw |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Belay/Rappel Device with screw gate carabiner | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crampons with anti-balling/anti-snow |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 x runners/tubular sling 120cm | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ice axe |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 x runners/tubular sling 60 cm | 1. Ice climbing axe |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1,2m Cord 6mm | 2. Trekking poles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2,4m Cord 6mm | 3. Backpack 30/40L |