

Jura Highlights Weekend

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£655 or 790 Euros
Intro/Intermediate

Following the success of our Grand Traverse of the Jura (GTJ) we have created a 'Jura Highlights' weekend offering a taster of this rural area.

The 'Jura Mountains Natural Park' covers some 1600 square kilometers and is situated just north of the Alps bordering France, Germany and Switzerland. The region is very proud of both its traditions and sports and is steeped in history, geology and gastronomy. Making it the perfect weekend get away!

We have based our weekends in Les Rousses, close to Geneva, to ensure it's easy to access and that we are on the doorstep of some of the regions 'highest' cross country ski locations. The Jura's forested limestone plateau makes for perfect 'nordic rolling' terrain.

- Advance your ski skills with this long weekend
- Ski at the La Vattay with views of Lake Geneva & Mont Blanc
- Enjoy a taste of the Jura's culture and cooking!

This weekend is an excellent taster for those thinking about booking on the Grand Traverse of the Jura.

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Our base is in the small town of Les Rousses. Set in a valley surrounded by limestone cliffs Les Rousses boasts many prime nordic ski domains and is a key stage for France's longest International Cross Country Ski Race, the *Transjurassienne*. During our weekend we have easy access to a large number of locations many of which do not even feature on the Grand Traverse of the Jura.

The Jura is well known for its traditions & crafts. Good food is high on the agenda especially the cheeses, wines & liquors! Farming traditions continue today and historically in the winter months farmers became craftsmen working in wood and leather. The region is also very well known for making clocks, watches and glasses. Almost every village has a museum!

So enjoy a weekend getting away from it all whilst exploring valleys, forests and high places on your skis.

Day 1 Meet in Les Rousses

Your guide we then meet you all at your hotel in Les Rousses at 6.30pm to brief you on the days ahead and answer any questions.

Day 2 Lac des Rousses

After organising our ski hire we start our weekend by finding our ski legs along the local trails starting from Les Rousses. We plan to tour around the Lac des Rousses, 1070m, and down to Bois d'Amont taking a picnic lunch with us. The terrain is ideal for practising technique and covering some kilometres. On our return we will enjoy some time in Les Rousses and afternoon tea. If you would like to ski on then the trails are right on the doorstep.

Day 3 Forest trails

Today we head out on a tour through ancient forests steeped in history of warfare. We slide and glide along the 'combes' or valleys towards Lamoura. We link several sections of woodland through the Massif de la Sambine and the Forêt du Massacre. The skiing is varied and the trails are always tracked and groomed, we have many options to lengthen or shorten our day. We plan to have lunch out today and just take a few snacks for the journey.

Day 4 Monts Jura & View of the Alps

Our final ski day is at La Vattay, a nordic skiers paradise known worldwide. The La Vattay plateau in the Monts Jura region is situated at 1300m so offers reliable snow conditions along with superb 'Vues des Alpes'. High up on this limestone plateau we have access to a variety of ski trails. We plan to start on the plateau itself and out onto the snow covered meadows and then head up higher through the woods to a superb 'point de vue' where we see Mont Dôle 1677m, Lake Geneva and even Mont Blanc.

Departure can be arranged today if you'd prefer.

Day 5 Departure

Today is departure day and the package ends after breakfast.

Price

Included: The price includes half board accommodation, based on two people sharing in a 2*

hotel, transport between ski venues, collection from La Cure station at the stated times and 3 days of instruction by a fully qualified BASI Nordic Instructor.

Not included: Insurance, flights & transfers, lunch & drinks, ski hire (approximately 45 euros for the 3 days) and ski passes (approximately 20 euros in total), any uplifts which may be used as an alternative in bad snow conditions.

Insurance

Please note that you must have the appropriate insurance for your chosen activity. You must be covered for helicopter rescue, repatriation and medical costs. With regard to this please be sure you have read the Insurance section in our

[Terms and Conditions.](#)

Minimum numbers

This trip requires a minimum of 4 clients to run. We take a maximum of 8 clients. We may run this trip on less numbers but it will incur a price increase. We advise you to not make your travel arrangements until this trip is guaranteed to run.

Further Details

Upon booking a full list of the necessary suitable clothing will be provided. For this trip you will only need Euros.

If you would like to extend your trip we would be happy to help arrange extra nights accommodation for you. You may wish to enjoy exploring more nordic trails or perhaps some alpine skiing. Les Rousses offers 4 different downhill ski areas with a free bus to and from the town centre making it all very accessible.

We run our Jura trips at a time of year when the snow is most reliable and the tracks are well maintained in preparation for one of France's most important cross country ski races. However, in the event of poor snow conditions, we will offer an alternative Jura ski itinerary visiting the highest nordic ski areas offering the same quantity of kilometres per day.

Getting to Les Rousses

The Jura is easily reached by road, rail or air. The easiest way to arrive to Les Rousses is by rail to La Cure just 3km away. The small tourist train gently climbs up from Lake Geneva to La Cure, which is the Swiss/French border, and offers a beautiful panoramic view of the Lake and the Alps with Mont Blanc behind. The nearest airport is Geneva which is just under 1h30 by rail and you need to change once at Nyon. Once in La Cure a taxi can be arranged to Les Rousses or at

certain times we will offer a shuttle bus service to your accommodation. Please refer to the [Swiss Rail website](#) for connections to La Cure and our [Travel pages](#) for airlines and international rail & coach services. A single train fare from Geneva to La Cure is approximately 25 Euros, we suggest you buy 2 singles. The rail ticket includes municipal travel around Geneva if you have time to spare.

For further details and a map on how to reach the resort please refer to the [Les Rousses tourist office website](#).

Bespoke Jura Trips

This trip can also be organised as a bespoke holiday where the itinerary can be changed to suit the quantity of days, ski locations and distances to suit the requirements of your group.

This trip is run in conjunction with our partners The Telemark Ski Company

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