

ITALIAN HAUTE ROUTE SKI TOUR 2015

HIRE OR BUY?

For any of our trips, whether they be climbing, skiing or hiking, there will always be a balance between hiring and buying expensive gear. The same applies to our Italian Haute Route Ski Tour. With many airlines also becoming increasingly strict about overweight luggage - the decision to hire or buy becomes important.

Here are our thoughts and recommendations on a couple of specific issues:-

- 1. Hire the technical glacier touring equipment** There is a really good sports store in Aosta where we start our trip. Galsport has all the gear in the Technical Section of the gear list for hire. If you have your own transceiver that you're familiar with - this would be worth bringing. For further information see their website: <http://galsport.com/en>.
- 2. Bring your own touring set up:** Travelling on long haul flights with skis & boots can be a pain. But if you are really comfortable with your own gear it is probably worth persevering. At a minimum - if you have comfortable well worn in touring boots - make sure you bring them. You are a long time in ski boots on this tour!
- 3. Trip Optional Equipment** - This is a separate section on most of our gear checklists. Variable weather and mountain conditions means that it is impossible to predict whether you need this optional equipment or not.