

Haute Route, April 7-12





Geneva train station, on the way to Chamonix



Karyn and Tom Hunt



Getting started the first morning



Going up to our starting point at Chamonix



Mt. Blanc, the highest peak in Europe



Into Switzerland and up that glacier



Chris, Pierre, Karyn, and Tom



Into Switzerland and up that glacier





Tom Hunt, Chris Hunt, Karyn Hunt, Pierre Beuscar (the guide)



A French party of 18 skiers always ahead of us









On the other side of the saddle, we drop into a coloir



Belaying down the 50-degree colourir



The colour we descended was next to this one









The first night's hut





Chris, Karyn, Tom, Pierre





Pierre Beuscar



Tom Hunt



Chris Hunt



Karyn Hunt







Staring out the 2nd day



Skiing all the way down the valley







We just came down that glacier



Taking a taxi from the village Champex across the valley



Starting up the next valley

















WC at the second hut



Karyn, exhausted, in the second hut

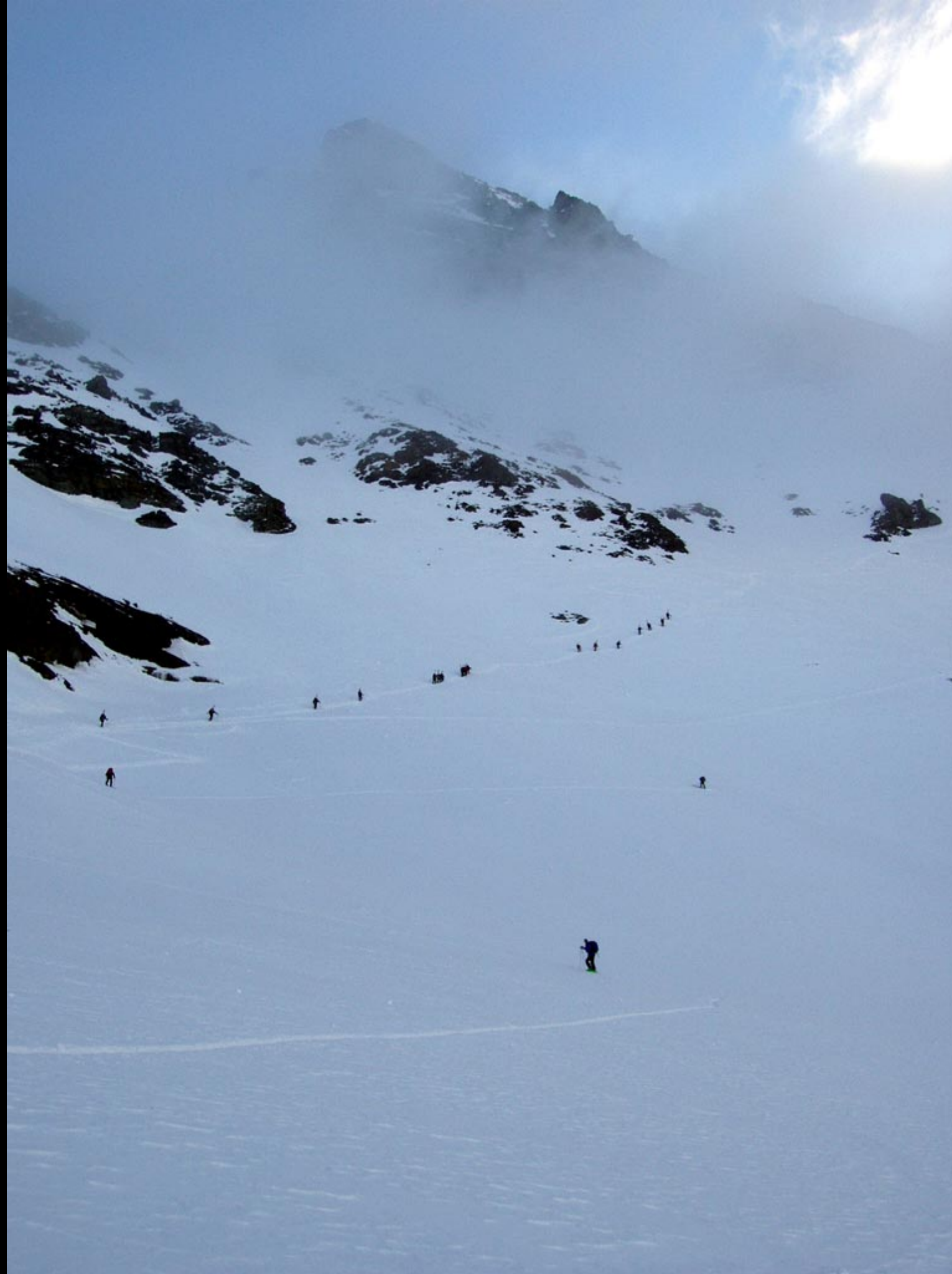


Sunset



Starting out the third morning at 7a

















A fun descent



Some wind slab mixed with good snow





Karyn coping with wind slab





Pierre, Tom, Karyn, Tom





Karyn





The third hut is lower center



We're skiing all the way down



Karyn and I joined the French party while Chris was going out



Karyn approaching the third hut



Pierre's solution to shin-bang: bubble wrap



The fourth morning, in light snow



Ice cave at base of the next glacier







A long all-day slog up the glacier





Approaching the fourth hut (120 skiers that night)



Bubble wrap works!



Tom and Pierre



Sunset







WC on the edge of a precipice



A 1000-foot dump



The fifth morning; WC is to right of hut



Karyn and Tom



Pierre counted 80 in front of us!





Tom, Pierre, and Karyn waiting for me (as usual)



Our tracks to the right in 8" of perfect snow





Karyn and Tom



Karyn shreds!





We skied perfect powder, center to lower right









The Matterhorn







Karyn skis past the Matterhorn



The Matterhorn



The fifth hut, below the Matterhorn (8 skiers that night)



The Matterhorn in the moonlight



Skiing down to Zermatt



Zermatt



Fur coats and grubby skiers in Zermatt



Karyn and I spent a lay-over day in Chamonix/Mt. Blanc



Pigging out on fondue in Chamonix



Karyn and Mt. Blanc



Taking the train to Geneva



Sunday night in Geneva