



SNOW ON ETNA

Mount Etna is one of the first Italian mountains where snow falls, often from October onwards, because of its altitude (3,350 metres above sea level) and the sheer size of the great isolated land mass that rises steeply.

These are favourable conditions for snow settling at high altitudes when the cold weather arrives.

However, it disappears just as easily as it settles. You have to wait for the colder winter months to see it snow-white and overflowing, sometimes soiled at the summit by smoke or lava.

Skiing on Etna is a unique experience: if you slip on its whiteness, it seems as if you are diving into the deep blue sea.

For years we have welcomed guests from Piemonte, Trentino and Cadore, many of whom belong to CAI (Club Alpino Italiano, whose [Catania Group](#) is very active). They come to practise [Ski Tourism](#) in the favourable conditions on Etna. The [Rifugio Citelli](#) in S.Alfio, a stone's throw from Case Perrotta, is one of their favourite departure bases.



This speciality, characterised by climbing on foot or using skin-covered skis, requires certain conditions that Etna appears to satisfy.

Indeed, the snow that settles on the slopes becomes compact without hardening due to the weather conditions there.

The slopes are ideal: neither too steep nor too gentle, and they cover many vast surface areas and directions.

Yet what really makes this area a particularly good one is the **absence of avalanches**, the skier's dangerous enemy.

[Cross-country skiing](#) is also practised in Etna's ideal conditions.



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