

Equipment List

2-8 DAYS

Ski Touring - Multi Day



Throughout the winter season, a full range of conditions and temperatures can be expected in the New Zealand Mountains. Due to the remote nature of the terrain, clients need to be suitably prepared. Your guide will do a comprehensive gear check at your pre-trip meeting.

These are usually fly-in, fly-out trips based at backcountry huts. You will need to carry your personal gear as well as avalanche safety gear and will be asked to assist in carrying some food and group equipment from the heli-landing site to the hut.



PERSONAL EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

*Available for loan as part of trip cost

BODY

- ☐ Underwear
- ☐ Base layer (150-120g weight, merino or polypop, no cotton) Example: Icebreaker 200 Oasis LS Crewe
 - ☐ top
 - ☐ leggings
- ☐ Mid layer top (fleece or windproof)
- ☐ Insulating jacket (down or synthetic fill)
- ☐ Waterproof jacket (eg Gore Tex® or similar)
- ☐ Softshell or waterproof ski/snowboard trousers

FEET

- ☐ Ski or snowboard boots* (available for hire from www.mtoutdoors.co.nz)
- ☐ 2 pairs of ski socks

HEAD/FACE

- ☐ Ski or climbing helmet
- ☐ Sunhat - cap
- ☐ Warm hat & neck gaiter (eg Buff®)
- ☐ Sunglasses - glacier rated category 4
- ☐ Snow goggles

HANDS

- ☐ 2x Warm waterproof gloves
- ☐ Light gloves

SKI or SNOWBOARD EQUIPMENT

(Not included with trip cost, available for hire from Wanaka Splitboard Rentals or MT Outdoors in Wanaka or Small Planet in Queenstown)

- ☐ Ski touring skis and bindings, skins & poles
- OR
- ☐ Splitboard, skins, splitboard crampons & collapsible poles
- ☐ Ski or Snowboard crampons

ACCESSORIES

- ☐ Backpack (30+ liters) - with straps to carry skis or snowboard*
- ☐ Avalanche transceiver/shovel/probe*
- ☐ Sleeping bag (3 season, -5°C) & liner*
- ☐ Water bottles - 2 liters capacity
- ☐ Head torch - and spare batteries
- ☐ Toiletries - blister kit & personal medication
- ☐ Small container of sunblock & lip screen

OPTIONAL - Personal preference Items

- ☐ Camera
- ☐ Earplugs for sleeping
- ☐ Lightweight approach/hut shoes (eg Crocs®) (not on all trips, check with your guide at gear check)
- ☐ For any time staying in town - towel and change of clothes

Please bring all your equipment to the scheduled pre-trip meeting. If you have any equipment questions prior to your trip, please feel free to contact our team at info@aspiringguides.com

[Watch this video for a full equipment run-through with one of our guides](#)





Information regarding ski/snowboard crampons

Ski Crampons

Aspiring Guides always recommends that clients bring ski crampons. If clients don't have them, we will still be able to guide you but your guide will have to consider this parameter and potentially limit options for getting to the best skiing. If one person in the group does not have ski crampons then your guide will most likely guide your group as if no one has got crampons. This is because they have to set a skin line for everyone in the group. Note your guide may carry and use their own crampons if it necessary to better protect the whole group even if the guest do not have crampons

Splitboard Crampons

Due to the softer boots and wider skis (when split-boarding) snowboarders will have to use their split board crampons long before skiers must. Again, if a split boarder is without crampons your guide will have to make conservative route choices for the entire group

Foot Crampons

Your guide may decide everyone needs to carry foot crampons especially if you are touring on a glacier. Aspiring guides will supply all guests with foot crampons and ice axes if needed. Foot crampons are not substitute for ski crampons; they are useful in an entirely different set of circumstances such as direct climbing an icy couloir to reach a ridge. Often when a skier using ski crampons can move efficiently over a firm crust, a person on foot will be busting through a breakable crust. This is slow and energy sapping made worse by needing to carry the weight of your skis or split board on your back.

Ski and snowboard crampons are specific to the binding. Unfortunately it's not a one size fits all approach. If you are hiring touring equipment you may need to specifically ask for the crampons as part of your boots, skis and skins setup as it's not standard to provide crampons.

