



Equipment List

2-4 DAYS

Black Peak Ski Touring / Splitboarding



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. Our team will be in touch in the weeks leading up to your trips departure to confirm the details of your pre-trip meeting, which will take place on the evening before your trips departure. Please ensure you bring all of your equipment and clothing to this meeting, as your guide will carry out a comprehensive gear check.

This is a fly-in, fly-out trip based at our private alpine hut. You will need to carry your personal gear as well as avalanche safety equipment. **We recommend packing your overnight and personal items in a seperate small backpack or duffel bag that can be left at the hut.** All touring and avalanche equipment, including extra layers, lunch and water will need to fit into your 30-40L backpack, which you'll carry with you during each day of touring.



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
- ☐ 2 pairs of ski socks

HEAD/FACE

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

HANDS

- ☐ 2x Warm waterproof gloves
- ☐ Light gloves

SKI OR SNOWBOARD EQUIPMENT

(Not included with trip cost, available for hire from Wānaka Splitboard Rentals or MT Outdoors in Wānaka and Small Planet or SKI HIRE NZ in Queenstown)

- ☐ Ski touring skis and bindings, skins & poles

OR

- ☐ Splitboard, skins, & collapsible poles
- ☐ Ski or Splitboard crampons

AVALANCHE SAFETY EQUIPMENT

- ☐ Transceiver*
- ☐ Probe*
- ☐ Shovel*

ACCESSORIES

- ☐ Backpack (30+ liters) - with straps to carry skis or snowboard*
- ☐ Sleeping bag (3 season, -5°C) *
- ☐ Sleeping bag 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 hut shoes (eg Crocs®)
- ☐ Inflatable pillow
- ☐ Towel and change of clothes (for any time staying in town)

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/splitboard crampons

Aspiring Guides requires that all clients have ski/splitboard crampons. If you are on a private trip and 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/riding. If one person in the group does not have ski/splitboard 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

A note to splitboarders

Due to the softer boots and wider skis (when splitboarding) snowboarders will have to use their splitboard crampons long before skiers must.

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/splitboard crampons; they are useful in an entirely different set of circumstances such as direct climbing an icy couloir to reach a ridge. Often when someone using ski/splitboard 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.

