



Backcountry Ski and Splitboard Course Equipment List

A full range of conditions and temperatures can be expected in the NZ mountains in winter and all participants must be equipped for backcountry travel with suitable clothing, eyewear and ski or splitboard touring equipment. Your guide will do a comprehensive check of your gear at the start of the course to ensure it is in good working order and fit for purpose and there will be the opportunity to purchase or hire gear that is not deemed suitable.

If there is anything you don't have or have any questions, please get [in contact](#) with us.

Body

- ☐ Base layer top and bottoms (merino or polyprop, no cotton)
- ☐ Mid-layer top (fleece or windproof)
- ☐ Insulating jacket (synthetic fill or hydrophobic down preferred)
- ☐ Waterproof jacket
- ☐ Softshell or waterproof ski trousers

Feet

- ☐ Ski touring or snowboard boots
- ☐ Socks

Head / Face / Hands

- ☐ Sunhat or cap
- ☐ Warm hat & neck gaiter (eg Buff®)
- ☐ Sunglasses
- ☐ Googles
- ☐ Helmets are recommended for backcountry travel
- ☐ Lightweight ski gloves
- ☐ Warm ski gloves

Accessories

- ☐ Day backpack, around 20-30 litre capacity, ideal with an avalanche tools pocket.
- ☐ Water bottles (1.5 to 2 litres capacity)
- ☐ Head torch and spare batteries
- ☐ Personal toiletries (blister kit & personal medication)
- ☐ Small container of sunblock & lip balm

Ski touring and safety

- ☐ Ski or splitboard touring equipment including skins*
- ☐ Shovel, transceiver (with fresh batteries) and probe**

OPTIONAL – Personal preference items

- ☐ Notepad and pencil
- ☐ Snow saw
- ☐ Inclinator, compass and altimeter
- ☐ Topomaps

*Ski/Splitboard crampons are recommended for skiers and mandatory for splitboarders.

**We recommend shovels with a telescopic handle and probes around 240cm in length. Available to borrow.

