



# Introduction Backcountry Ski and Splitboard Course Equipment List

A full range of conditions and temperatures can be expected in the NZ mountains in winter and participants need to be suitably prepared and 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, windproof or lightweight synthetic)
- ☐ Insulating jacket (synthetic fill preferred or hydrophobic down)
- ☐ Waterproof jacket
- ☐ Softshell ski trousers or waterproof overpants

## Feet

- ☐ Ski touring or snowboard boots
- ☐ Socks

## Head / Face / Hands

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

## Accessories

- ☐ Day backpack, around 20-30 liter capacity, ideal with an avalanche tools pocket.
- ☐ Water bottles (1.5 to 2 liters 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
- ☐ Inclinometer, compass and altimeter
- ☐ Topomap

\*Splitboard crampons are required for splitboarders and ski crampons are highly recommended for skiers

\*\*We recommend shovels with a telescopic handle and probes around 240cm length. Can be provided on request

