



Avalanche Skills Course 2 Equipment List

A full range of conditions and temperatures can be expected in the New Zealand mountains in winter and participants need to be suitably prepared with suitable clothing, eyewear and ski or splitboard touring equipment. This includes a shovel, transceiver and probe.

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 or waterproof ski trousers

Feet

- Ski touring or snowboard boots
- Socks

Head / Face / Hands

- Sunhat or cap
- Warm hat & neck gaiter (eg Buff®)
- Sunglasses
- Goggles
- Helmet*
- Lightweight gloves
- Warm gloves

Accessories

- Day backpack, around 20-30 litre capacity (avalanche tools pocket recommended)*
- Water bottles (1.5 to 2 litres capacity)
- Head torch and spare batteries
- Personal toiletries (blister kit & personal medication)
- Small container of sunblock & lipy

Ski touring and safety

- Ski or splitboard touring equipment including skins
- Splitboard crampons are mandatory and ski crampons* are recommended
- Shovel, transceiver (with fresh batteries) and probe (can be provided)

OPTIONAL – Personal preference items

- Notepad and pencil
- Snow saw
- Inclinator, altimeter and compass
- Topo maps

*available for hire \$20 per day.



Logistics

We are based in Wānaka, which is an easy 1-hour transfer from the nearest international airport in Queenstown by [bus](#) or [private transfer](#).

If you need accommodation in Wānaka during the course, shared and private rooms are available for clients in our [Kea Lodge](#), which is adjacent to the WMG Base.

Unless otherwise agreed, trips start at the WMG Base at 8:00 on the first day of the course where there is off-street car parking and luggage storage available. It is also possible to arrange to be picked up from accommodation in town.

Equipment

We work with [MT Outdoors](#) for ski touring equipment hire and Wānaka Splitboard Rentals. Get in touch with them early for discuss your requirements as availability may be limited at busy times of the year.

We recommend a transceiver with a marking function, a robust shovel with a telescopic handle and a robust 240cm length probe. These can be provided. Check out our [Knowledge Base](#) for more advice on equipment selection for ski and splitboard touring.

Course Resources

Course resources can be downloaded from our [Downloads](#) page.

Insurance

WMG fees do not include insurance for personal circumstances (including but not limited to travel, injury, medical, and equipment).

We strongly recommend you obtain:

- Travel insurance to cover you in the event of a trip cancellation by either you or us, for trip changes, or for medical emergencies to cover you for your personal health needs;
- Personal and third-party insurance is required to cover damage or loss of equipment and property.

We do not accept liability, responsibility, or any expenses for insurance-related costs incurred by participants in preparation for or participation in our trips and courses.