



A full range of conditions and temperatures can be expected in the New Zealand mountains and participants need to be suitably prepared with suitable clothing, eyewear and safety equipment. Your guide will do a comprehensive check of your gear at the start of the trip 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 preferred)
- Waterproof jacket and trousers
- Softshell climbing or trekking trousers

Head/Face

- Sunhat or cap
- Warm hat & neck gaiter (eg Buff®)
- Category 4 (glacier rated) Sunglasses
- Goggles

Hands

- Lightweight gloves
- Warm climbing gloves

Accessories

- Backpack, around 50 liter capacity, with ice axe attachments and the ability to carry overnight gear
- Water bottles (1.5 to 2 liters capacity, one wide-mouth recommended)
- Small container of sunblock & lippy

Feet

- Mountaineering boots: Full shank November/December (eg La Sportiva Nepal Evos®) or ¾ shank from January onwards (eg La Sportiva Karakorum®)*
- Gaiters*

Technical gear and safety (can be provided)

- Ice axe and hammer
- Boot crampons
- Mountaineering helmet
- Lightweight harness
- Long (120cm) and short (60cm) prusik loops
- 120cm length sling
- Belay device (eg Black Diamond ATC Guide®)
- 4-6 carabiners
- Ice screw

Overnight

- 2 season sleeping bag and liner
- Head torch and spare batteries
- Personal toiletries (blister kit & personal medication)
- Sleeping mat*

Recommended

- Progress Capture Pulley (eg Petzl Microtraxion®)
- Trekking poles*
- Rock shoes (if you have them)
- Power bank
- Bivi bag

*available for hire



What to Expect

There are no huts in the area so the climb is based from Turners Bivi, a very accommodating rock bivi.

It is possible to walk-in and out, but it is a long and steep approach requiring excellent fitness to be in position for a summit attempt. Most parties would helicopter in.

The route starts off ascending the glacier so it is a mixture of snow and rock. Depending on the season the South-West face above can get cut off by a bergshroud and you end up climbing the ridge that has three rock bands with scrambling of around Australian grade 10.

Preparation

If you need accommodation in Wānaka the night before and after the trip, 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 8:30 on the first day of the trip where there is off-street car parking and luggage storage available. It is also possible to arrange to be picked up from accommodation in Wānaka or meet in Frankton.

Insurance

WMG fees do not include insurance for your 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 own personal health needs;
- Personal and third-party insurance for the cover of 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.

