



# Whare Kea Chalet Ski Tour 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. 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 polypro, no cotton)
- Mid-layer top (fleece, windproof, or lightweight synthetic)
- Insulating jacket (synthetic fill preferred)
- Waterproof jacket
- Softshell or waterproof ski trousers

## Head / Face / Hands

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

## Accessories

- Touring backpack, around 30 - 40 litre capacity, ideal with an avalanche tools pocket.
- Water bottles (1.5 to 2 litres capacity)
- Small container of sunblock & lippy

## Feet

- Ski touring or snowboard boots
- Ski/snowboard socks

## Ski touring gear

- Ski touring skis and skins or splitboard with skins
- Ski or splitboard crampons\***
- Ski poles

## Safety gear (can be provided)

- Shovel, transceiver (with fresh batteries) and probe\*\*
- Crampons and ice axe may be required for late spring trips

## Overnight

- Evening and sleeping clothes
- Lightweight shoes for around the hut
- Head torch and spare batteries
- Personal toiletries (blister kit & personal medication)

\*mandatory

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



## What to Expect

The Chalet is available for exclusive use by private groups and redefines luxury ski touring in New Zealand.

It sleeps up to 6 guests with two double bedrooms and two single mattresses on the mezzanine. All bedding is provided, and there is a gas fire and a full kitchen. There are warm slippers in the Chalet for use inside, but it is good to have some lightweight shoes for heading out to the bathroom. All bedding and food is supplied so you will just need a change of clothes for the evening, sleeping and any personal toiletries etc.

There is no running water at the Chalet during winter so, unfortunately, no hot showers (though we take in fresh water for drinking).

For flying in, overnight gear can be packed separately to day touring packs. Small to medium-sized soft bags work best for fitting into the helicopter.

## Meeting Point

On the morning of the trip, we can pick you up from your accommodation in Wānaka, you can meet us at our base at 14 Finch Street, Albert Town, or meet at the Aspiring Helicopters Hangar near the bottom of the Treble Cone Ski Field Road.

We will be in touch a few days before the tour to confirm the meeting time.

## 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.

