

Your gear check time will be provided at time of booking. Please bring as many of the items on the equipment list as you can. We can provide (at no extra charge), any of the items in list A that you are missing. Reminder: all food is provided.

All technical mountaineering equipment (crampons, ice axe, helmet, etc.) is provided by Alpine Recreation. All rafting equipment (wetsuit, booties, helmet, etc.) is provided by Hidden Valleys.

## A. Equipment which Alpine Recreation can provide if you do not have your own:

- backpack, minimum 45L capacity
- sturdy trekking or mountaineering boots \*1
- gaiters
- 2x woollen socks
- waterproof parka (with hood)
- waterproof over-trousers
- synthetic or fleece jacket
- 2x polypro or merino top, long sleeved
- polypro or merino thermal leggings
- gloves or mittens
- wool hat or balaclava
- sun hat
- buff or sun scarf (for protecting ears & neck)
- headlamp with spare battery
- waterproof pack liner (heavy duty plastic bag)
- eating utensils: mug, bowl, spoon
- trekking/hiking poles

## B. Equipment you must bring yourself/Alpine Recreation do not provide:

- personal underwear
- quick-drying shirt, long-sleeved (sun protection)
- quick-drying (nylon) trekking pants or shorts
- sun glasses (high UV rating for snow)
- sun and lip screen (high UV rating for snow)
- personal first aid (please provide your own blister kit) \*2
- toilet gear (minimal)
- camera
- lightweight, 3 season sleeping bag
- lightweight sleeping mat
- drink bottle (minimum  $1 \frac{1}{2}$ L)
- small dry bags for organising gear
- ear plugs (in case of snorers)

<sup>1</sup> Boots must be well broken-in and waterproofed. For November - January departures, crampons may be required. To test if your boots are suitable for crampons, hold them at toe and heel and try bending the sole around like a banana. If you can do this, your boots are too soft. Please note that we stock boots ranging from EU size 37-48; if you have feet outside this range and do not have suitable boots of your own, you will need to hire boots independently from: Gnomes Alpine Sports, Darfield [www.gnomes.co.nz]; Small Planet Sports, Queenstown [www.smallplanetsports.com]; or Mountain Outdoors, Wanaka [www.mtoutdoors.co.nz]. It pays to book any hire equipment well in advance.

\*2 We recommend Compeed and Leukoplast - available at chemists in Christchurch, Queenstown and Wanaka.



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