



Hut-to-Hut Ski Traverse - Gear List

Considerations

Packing for a ski traverse is a balancing act. You want your pack to be as light as possible so you can truly enjoy the trek, but you also need to have enough gear to be warm (or cool), comfortable, and well-fed and watered. When buying, renting, or borrowing gear for the trip, please keep weight, performance, and function in mind.

Legend *Optional **Optional but recommended

Technical Gear

- ☐ Alpine touring skis for spring ski touring, no wider than 100 mm underfoot
- ☐ Alpine touring ski boots, compatible with touring binding
- ☐ Ski crampons compatible with your skis and bindings
- ☐ Boot crampons, lightweight, compatible with your ski boot (**Not required for Silvretta Ski Traverse**)
- ☐ Adjustable ski poles
- ☐ Climbing skins, well glued and fitted to your skis (leaving the edges free once applied to ski base)
- ☐ Backpack (40 – 50 liters) with outside straps to attach skis and crampons
- ☐ General repair kit and Leatherman (can be shared between several people)
- ☐ Spare parts specific to your equipment
- ☐ Ski helmet*

Avalanche Rescue Gear

- ☐ Modern, 3-antenna avalanche transceiver
- ☐ Lightweight, metal snow shovel
- ☐ Avalanche probe (two to three meters long)

Technical Gear Provided by OnTop Mountaineering

The following equipment will be provided to you by OnTop Mountaineering for the duration of your traverse. This rental is included as part of your trip package. Should you not require the use of this gear, please inform your Trip Coordinator.

- ☐ Climbing harness (preferably without padding) for glacier travel
- ☐ One triple-action locking or two conventional locking carabiners
- ☐ Crevasse rescue equipment (Prusik slings, webbing, pulleys, auto-locking device). Your guide will bring a full set for the group.

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- ☐ Ice axe for glacier travel (50-75 cm long) **if guide deems necessary for conditions**

Around the Huts

- ☐ Sleeping bag liner – no zippers, plastic, or metal. Silk is lightest (**MANDATORY for HUT LODGING**)
- ☐ Toiletries (minimum supply with small containers for soap and shampoo)
- ☐ Small, lightweight travel towel
- ☐ Down vest or light insulated jacket*
- ☐ Cash – euros for lunches, drinks, snacks, showers, etc.
- ☐ Light hut slippers or crocs. Some huts provide them, others do not
- ☐ Ear plugs**
- ☐ Alpine Club card (if you are a member of an Alpine Club)*

Clothing

We recommend the 'layering system': Bring light, technical clothing that doesn't take much space in your backpack and dries quickly when sweaty or wet. Layers must be put on and taken off quickly as weather conditions change during the day. Merino wool is a nice material for base layers and t-shirts because it is comfortable, warm, and it does not retain odours, even after many days of use. Wind and waterproof shell jacket with hood (Gore-Tex or similar)

- ☐ Wind and waterproof shell jacket with hood (Gore-Tex or similar)
- ☐ Wind and waterproof over pants (Gore-Tex or similar)
- ☐ Ski touring pants
- ☐ Thick fleece or wool pullover, or PrimaLoft jacket
- ☐ Medium weight fleece shirt
- ☐ Capilene, fleece or wool underwear, top and bottoms
- ☐ Two or three pairs of gloves (lightweight and heavier weight)
- ☐ Socks (synthetic or wool, thick outer and thin liners)
- ☐ Spare underwear / sports bra
- ☐ Wool or fleece hat, covering the ears
- ☐ Sun hat, preferably with wide rim
- ☐ Bandana or neck gaiter (eg. Buff)*

Other Items

- ☐ Sunglasses with high UV protection. Nose cover optional. Extra sunglasses is a good idea.
- ☐ Goggles with high UV protection
- ☐ Sunscreen and lip protection with high SPF
- ☐ One-litre water bottle with an insulator. Water bladders not recommended
- ☐ Headlamp with spare battery
- ☐ Personal first aid kit and other needs (eg. blister kit, prescription medicine, anti-inflammatory, contact lenses, prescription glasses, feminine hygiene, toilet paper, hand sanitizer etc.)
- ☐ Passport and health and travel insurance documents
- ☐ Snacks - candy bars, dried fruit, nuts, etc.**
- ☐ Light stuff sacs or Ziploc bags to keep your backpack organized and important items dry**
- ☐ Rain cover specific to your pack, or large plastic bag*
- ☐ Small thermos*
- ☐ Pocket knife*
- ☐ Camera, spare batteries*
- ☐ Adaptor for European charging system*
- ☐ Cellphone with charging cable*
- ☐ Portable powerbank*
- ☐ Compass, maps, GPS, altimeter watch*
- ☐ Ski wax / skin wax*