Ski Touring Equipment for the West Oberland Haute Route Equipment List

Waterproof, breathable jacket

Waterproof trousers ski pants

Warm ski gloves and lighter fleece gloves. Mittens are also a good reserve.

Thermal Tops x 2

Mid-layer

Soft shell jacket

Light weight down jacket

Mountain ski trousers

Warm hat

Ski socks (calf length) and spares

Buff, neck sock

Maps - (optional)

Altimeter (watch) and GPS (optional)

Head torch (small)

Rucksack 40 litres, ideally a ski touring rucksack

Small personal first aid kit (tape for blisters and pain killers such as aspirin or ibuprofen)

Water Bottle (1 to 1.5 litres recommended)

Sunglasses (Cat 4 rating is preferable) with retaining strap

Goggles (lenses for flat light, poor weather)

Sun cream (factor 25+, total block) and lip block

Sun Hat

Toothbrush/toothpaste

T shirt for evening hut wear

Money, Passport, Alpine Club/BMC membership if you are a member

Sheet sleeping bag (silk)- obligatory in most huts

Ear plugs - optional

Camera

Approach shoes - travelling and evening wear

Spare clothes for wearing in the valley

Phone and charger

Technical Equipment

- *Boot Crampons
- *Harness
- *Screwgate karabiner and a long sling
- *Avalanche Transceiver and spare batteries. Mammut (Barryvox S or Pulse recommended),
- *Snow shovel
- *Avalanche probe

Helmet (optional)

Ski scraper and wax for skis/skins

*Can be rented, but please contact me prior to reserve.

I will supply ropes, group shelter, repair and first aid kit. I will have the maps and navigation tools.

SKI EQUIPMENT

Skis with ski touring bindings. Ski brakes are strongly recommended. Ski touring boots Ski Poles - fixed length are better than the telescopic as they are stronger. Big snow baskets essential.

Ski Crampons (also called harscheisen or couteau) are an essential touring accessory Skins - If these are cut to fit the ski then that is an advantage. It is important to only have the ski edges showing at the ski waist when the skins are fitted)

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