

"THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A BAD WEATHER, ONLY INAPPROPRIATE CLOTHING" RANULPH FIENNES

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If you've done some climbing with us before or tackled some of the more common mountains in the Alps (Mont Blanc / Matterhorn / Monte Rosa), then you're likely to recognise most of the kit below. That said, Mera Peak at 6476m, is higher and takes longer to summit than your standard Alpine peak so requires a few more items on the kit list.

Below is a list of our recommended kit for your trip.

You can find more detailed information below and what that looks like on the trip page here. As always, if you have any questions or concerns then drop us a message.

KEY CLOTHING ITEMS

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KIT LIST

- CLOTHING**
 - Waterproof shell jacket (GORE-TEX or similar)
 - Heavyweight Down jacket with hood
 - Midweight softshell insulated jacket
 - 2 x fleece jackets
 - 2 x Base layer tops long sleeve
 - 2 x Base layer tops short sleeve
 - 2 x cotton T-Shirts
 - Leggings x 2 sets
 - Waterproof shell pants
 - Softshell climbing pants
 - Insulated pants
 - Softshell shorts
 - Underwear
- HAND GEAR**
 - Thin liners (warm days)
 - Softshell fleece gloves
 - Thick warm gloves w/insulated liners
- FOOTWEAR**
 - 5 x Trekking socks
 - 3 x synthetic / merino long socks
 - Lightweight shoes/sandals
 - Trekking boots
 - 6000m specific mountaineering boots
 - Snow gaiters
- HEAD GEAR**
 - Warm hat / Sun hat / Balaclava / Buff
 - Sunglasses (Cat. 4) / Sunscreen / Lip balm
 - Ski goggles
- TRAVEL ITEMS**
 - Copy of passport and insurance policy details
 - Small lockable duffel bag x 1 (30-40 litres)
 - Large lockable duffel bag x 1 (90-120 litres)
 - Daypack Rucksack (40-50 litres)
 - Travel Clothes
 - US Dollars for personal expenses
- ACCESSORIES / OTHER**
 - Headlamp plus spare lithium batteries
 - First aid kit and relevant medication
 - Knife / multi tool
 - Pee bottle
 - Stuff sacks
 - Hand and toe warmers
 - Camera
 - Mobile phone
 - Water treatment tablets
- CAMPING GEAR / EXTRAS**
 - Sleeping bag (-20C)
 - Foam sleeping mat
 - Inflatable sleeping mat
 - Camping pillow (Optional)
 - Water bottles x 2
 - Insulated water bottle covers x 2
 - Toiletries
 - Wet wipee
 - Camping towel
 - Cup, bowl and spoon
 - Earplugs
- CLIMBING ACCESSORIES**
 - Ice axe
 - Crampons
 - Climbing helmet
 - Alpine climbing harness
 - Belay/rapel device
 - Locking carabiners x 2
 - Non-locking carabiners x 1
 - 6 metres of 8mm cord
 - Prusik
 - Ascender
 - Collapsible trekking poles

EXPEDITION DOWN PARKA

You'll need an Expedition Down Parka for summit days but potentially in the early morning and evenings of your trip. Ideally this compacts down well and should be around 800-fill. Something like: The Jottnar 'Fenrir' hooded jacket would work well.

HARDSHELL WATERPROOF JACKET

A hardshell jacket of Gore-Tex, or similar standard, is one of your key pieces of kit. Make sure it's big enough to put over multiple layers and that it comes with a hood. You'll use this if the weather becomes a little wild and you need protection from wind and rain. Something like: The 'Hodr', 'Grim' or 'Odin' Jottnar hardshell jacket.

INSULATED MID LAYER

There are a few options here depending on your preferences but this layer needs to be a warm thick fleece, a softshell or a light down jacket. This is one of your key insulating layers so something comfortable and technical is recommended. Something like: The 'Asger' or 'Floyen' jackets from Jottnar are ideal.

LONG SLEEVE BASE LAYER TOPS X 2

Some long sleeve lightweight mid layers are required as they will be the second piece of your layering system. Something like: The 'Svend' or 'Tyer' from Jottnar.

SHORT SLEEVE BASE LAYER TOPS X 2

The first of your layering system. A top tip is to look for an anti-microbial treatment to keep things as fresh as possible. Something like: The 'Ove' or 'Mar' from Jottnar.

INSULATED PANTS

Insulated pants are optional but if you know you suffer from the cold, could be a sensible option. Make sure they pack down well and are roomy enough to get over your other trousers if required. You will potentially use these on the summit day or if you're experiencing particular cold weather. Something like: The Mountain Hardwear Ghost Whisperer.

HARDSHELL WATERPROOF SHELL PANTS

Hardshell trousers of Gore-Tex, or similar standard, are required for this trip. Ideally they come with side zips to provide a little more ventilation when you're working hard. Something Like: The 'Valdyr' from Jottnar works well.

SOFT-SHELL MOUNTAINEERING / TREKKING PANTS X 2

This is the trouser you will spend a lot of your time in so make sure it's comfortable. Something like: The 'Valen' from Jottnar is ideal.

BASE LAYER LEGGINGS X 2

Make sure you've got some full leg, lightweight leggings will keep you warm and toasty.

SHORTS X 1

A shorts option is great for warm days or when spending time indoors.

DOUBLE LAYER MOUNTAINEERING BOOTS

You'll need a double layer, expedition boot, often referred to as a '6000m boot'. The double layering system works as insulation as well as a gaiter and is designed for mountains up to 6000m. Make sure you've got some room in the toes but not too much that your foot moves when you walk. Something like: The LA SPORTIVA – G5 Evo.

TRAIL SHOES / HIKING SHOES

Trail or hiking boots will be more comfortable on the lower section of the mountain as well as any days you're in the town.

CAMP SHOES

Your camp shoes are used when not on the mountain and indoors. There's nothing quite like slipping your foot out of your boots and in to something a little more comfortable. Something like: Some Crocs... It's not a fashion show after all.

HATS / FACE COVERINGS

You'll need a sun cap, a warm hat that covers your ears and a buff or balaclava. The idea should be that if needed, you can cover your whole face.

EYEWEAR

You'll need sunglasses (ideally glacier glasses), that provide 100% UV protection. You'll also need some goggles (Ski goggles are ideal) that can be thrown on if it's windy.

HAND GEAR

Making sure your hands stay warm is one of your most important jobs. Although optional, we recommend a liner glove as it's very versatile. Your mandatory gloves are a thin softshell glove that provide protection in the cooler temperatures and a thick warm glove (Like expedition shell gloves) that are ideally Gore-Tex and have a removable inner glove.

PACKS

Your duffel bag (75-100 litres) is for the gear transport and your backpack is for the hikes and summit days. We recommend a 35-50 litres pack but it all depends on how you light to pack and what you like to bring. It should be large enough to carry your clothing, sleeping bag, equipment and clothes.

ICE AXE

You will need one ice axe with or without a strap. Something like: The Black Diamond 'Raven' Ice Axe.

CRAMPONS

You will need some 12-point steel mountaineering crampons with anti-balling plates. Something like: The Black Diamond 'Serac' crampons.

CLIMBING HELMET

While it's highly unlikely anything will fall on you, a head injury can occur. Taking every precaution in a remote environment is important which is why you will need a lightweight climbing helmet. Something like: The Black Diamond 'Vision' Helmet would work well.

HARNESS

This should be comfortable, adjustable and large enough to fit over all clothing. Something Like: The Black Diamond 'Couloir' harness is great.

TREKKING POLES

Adjustable poles will help on some of the trekking sections both ascending and descending.

NYLON ACCESSORY CORD

You will need 4m (length) of 7mm (width) cord to be used if we need to use the fixed rope near the summit.

CARABINERS

You will need 3x screw gate carabiners.

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