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

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Our splitboarding Gran Paradiso tour is a great way to open the mountains up to all sorts of snow boarding adventures. The secret to a trip like this is layers, and lots of them. However, the more you pack, the heavier you are which isn't a good thing when you're spending large amounts of time going up hill.

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

### SUMMARY

- Hard-shell waterproof shell jacket (GORE-TEX or similar)
- 1 Down jacket
- 2 Insulated mid layers (fleece, soft shell, or light down jacket)
- 2 Base layer tops
- Hard-shell ski touring pants (GORE-TEX or similar)
- Base layer leggings
- Underwear
- Sun cap
- Warm hat
- Buff
- Cat 4 glacier sunglasses
- Ski goggles
- Thin softshell gloves
- Thick warm gloves

- Warm socks (Merino wool is ideal)
- Headlamp plus spare batteries
- First aid kit and relevant medication
- Mobile phone
- Snacks (bars, gels, dried fruit)
- Water bottles (1-1.5L)
- Wash kit (Ear plugs recommended)
- Copy of passport and insurance policy
- Travel clothes
- Credit card / cash for personal expenses
- Splitboard
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- Snowboard boots
- Telescopic poles
- Skins
- Avalanche transceiver
- Snow shovel
- Avalanche probe
- Backpack (35-45L)
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- Helmet
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## **HEAD GEAR**

- Sun cap
- Warm hat
- Buff
- Cat 4 glacier sunglasses
- Ski goggles

## **HAND GEAR**

- Thin softshell gloves
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## **FOOTWEAR**

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## **2 BASE LAYER TOPS**

You'll wear this everyday as your first layer so it's worth bringing a minimum of two so you always have a dry one to wear. We recommend moisture wicking material as you will work up a sweat on the uphill but you want that moisture to disappear so it doesn't freeze when you stop at the top. Something Like: The 'Ove' or 'Mar' by Jottnar but ideally long-sleeve.

## **2 INSULATED MID LAYER**

There are a few options here depending on your preferences but this needs to be either a warm fleece or a thicker base layer item. This is one of your key insulating layers so something comfortable and technical is recommended. Something like: The 'Erling' or 'Heimdall' from Jottnar.

## **1 SYNTHETIC DOWN JACKET**

A synthetic down jacket comes in handy when an extra layer of warmth is required, which can also be removed easily when too warm. You will also use it for wearing in the evenings at the huts or popping outside for a view of the night sky. Synthetic down is more breathable than feather down jackets. This jacket will likely sit in your bag for the ascents, but be pulled on at the top and perhaps also worn for the ski down if you're in the shade. Something like: The 'Asger' or 'Floyen' jackets from Jottnar are ideal.

## **1 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 wear 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 snow. Something like: The 'Hodr', 'Grim' or 'Odin' Jottnar hardshell jacket.

## **1 LIGHTWEIGHT, DURABLE SKI TOURING PANT**

You will spend all week in these ski pants so make sure they have zips on the side of each leg, to ventilate on the ascents. They must be Hardshell of Gore-Tex or similar standard, to keep you dry and protected in all conditions. Something Like: The 'Magan' or 'Vanir' from Jottnar works well.

## **1 BASE LAYER LEGGINGS**



Make sure you've got some three quarter length or full leg, lightweight leggings to keep you warm and toasty if the forecast is particularly chilly. These are also useful to wear in the huts.

### **3 HATS / FACE COVERINGS**

1 sun cap, 1 warm hat that covers your ears and 1 buff. The idea should be that if needed, you can cover every part of of your face in bad weather.

### **EYEWEAR**

You'll need sunglasses with Cat. 4 sunglasses (ideally glacier glasses with side shields), that provide 100% UV protection. We recommend VALLON Heron Glacier sunglasses. You'll also need some goggles (ski goggles are ideal), that can be easily thrown on if it's windy. We recommend VALLON's Freebirds™ goggles.

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### **HAND GEAR**

You will need a thin, yet durable, soft-shell glove for most of the ascents and a thick warm glove that are ideally Gore-Tex for descents and when it's cold. Avoid mittens as these are often a little bulky and clumsy.

### **BACKPACK**

We recommend between 35-45 litres pack but it all depends on how you like to pack and what you like to bring. The backpack must have an ice axe loop, so look for something specific to mountaineering / ski mountaineering. Something like: The Osprey Mutant 38 Litre

### **SPLIT BOARDING BOARD AND BINDINGS (CAN BE RENTED)**

Splitboarding should be lightweight. You need to have splitboarding specific bindings fitted to the board. If you're bringing your own set up, make sure you have had it professionally fitted and you have experience using the skins and bindings.

### **SPLIT BOARDING SKINS AND CRAMPONS (CAN BE RENTED)**

The skins stick on the bottom of your board and help you glide uphill, whilst the crampons clip into your bindings and help provide stability on steep touring terrain. The crampons will be sold or rented as part of the touring binding. Do not mix brands as they might not fit.

### **ADJUSTABLE SKI POLES (CAN BE RENTED)**

Ski poles where you can adjust the length are useful on the ascents where you may want a longer pole before shortening for the descent. They are also useful to pack away during travel. Something Like: Black Diamond Expedition 2 Ski Poles

### **SNOWBOARD BOOTS (CAN BE RENTED)**

Lightweight is essential as you don't want to be lugging a heavy pair of boots up each climb. You can use normal snowboarding boots but splitboarding boots are becoming more and more popular.

#### **AVALANCHE KIT (CAN BE RENTED)**

Transceiver, shovel (not plastic) and probe. You can buy all three in a kit, or rent locally.

Something Like: Black Diamond Recon Avy Set

#### **ICE AXE (CAN BE RENTED)**

Lightweight ski touring ice axe. Something like: Black Diamond Raven Ultra

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