Backcountry gear checklist

Essential items

- Avalanche Transceiver
- Shovel
- Probe
- Emergency blanket
- Skis with touring bindings
- Poles (collapsible optional)
- Skins
- Map & compass, and GPS
- Water
- Food
- Whistle
- Emergency down jacket
- First Aid
- Sunglasses, sunscreen and lip balm
- Headlamp, and batteries
- Gear repair kit
- Mobile phone and satellite phone
- Matches/lighter
- Backpack
- Note book

Overnight trips

- Tent
- Sleeping mat
- Sleeping bag
- Stove and fuel
- Cup, bowl, knife, fork, spoon
- Toiletries
- Portable tripod chair

Additional possible gear

- Avalung / ABS backpack
- Camera
- Binoculars
- Two-way radios
- Quick dry towel
- Handwarmer packs
- Water bottle
- Crampons / ropes (crevasse rescue gear)
- Poo bag

Clothing

- Wicking/thermal base layers
- Fleece jacket
- Soft wind and waterproof shell
- Down or poly-fill jacket
- Gloves
- Neck warmer
- Helmet
- Beanie
- Cap
- Fleece and waterproof pants
- Socks
- Touring boots (with walk mode)

Food and water

Lunch

- Wraps, with hummus/dips, peanut butter, cheese, sprouts
- Nuts, chocolate, bananas and dried fruit, biscuits, jerky

Dinner

- Pre-made pasta dishes, noodles, soups
- Freeze-dried meals
- Instant mashed potato

Breakfast

- Muesli, oatmeal and powdered milk
- Nuts and fruit
- Coffee (and Aeropress)

Before you go

- Check the local avalanche reports and weather
- Advise a friend or family of your intended route and return time
- Check skins and glue
- Record emergency numbers