



Utah/Nevada Ski Mountaineering

(3-7 days)



Course Location

Salt Lake City is the starting and ending location for the course. Salt Lake boasts convenient access to some of the finest skiing on the planet, great accommodations, and is a gateway to multiple wilderness adventures. Utah has a series of lofty ranges that offer incredible mountaineering, skiing, and climbing. The Great Basin National Park on the Utah/Nevada border hosts numerous peaks and the area is dominated by Wheeler Peak. At 13,063 feet it gives participants a big mountain feel at a moderate altitude. The steep snow slopes, rock ridges, and remote wilderness experiences found in this area make it one of the best locations for developing mountaineering skills.

Course Itinerary

This is a flexible trip itinerary that shows the general progression of the trip. Our exact schedule will depend highly on the weather, strength of the group, and time of year.

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Day 0: Pre-trip meeting at 6:00 PM (unless otherwise noted). Meeting location is subject to change and will be communicated to you in advance. We'll go over personal equipment and the plan for the trip.

Day 1: With an early morning start, we'll drive approximately 4 hours to Great Basin National Park or to Grizzly Gulch for shorter trips, at the top of Little Cottonwood Canyon in Salt Lake City. After organizing some gear, we'll travel to our base camp.

Day 2 – 3: We'll spend the first few days learning the fundamentals necessary for safe and efficient ski mountaineering.

Day 4-5: Utilizing the great weather of western Utah and Nevada, we'll attempt some exciting summit climbs above 12,000 feet. We'll also cover some more advanced skills as well as applying previously covered material.

Day 6: Continued application of new skill set and more skiing opportunities.

Day 7: We'll pack up our base camp and make our way back to Salt Lake City in the evening.

Our Guides: Alaska Mountain Guides & Climbing School Inc. instructors and guides are professionals. They are special individuals who have a passion for being in the mountain environment. They bring a wealth of experience from guiding throughout Alaska, and the world, to every trip. Their skill and positive attitudes help our guests to have the best possible experience during their trip. All of our guides are also professional climbing/skiing instructors who genuinely enjoy sharing their knowledge. This is an important consideration for individuals who have not spent a lot of time in the backcountry and are interested in learning the safest and most efficient ways to travel in a winter environment.

Included: Professional guides, all group climbing and camping equipment, meals during trip, and transportation from Salt Lake City to trailhead.

Not Included: Airfare to and from Salt Lake City, lodging or meals while in Salt Lake City, travel insurance, and touring skis.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or if you would like additional information.

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