



Avalanche Safety Basic Course - Andermatt

STAYING SAFE OUT THERE! (CH) | 2 DAYS

Sound avalanche training is essential for anyone who spends their time in the mountains away from groomed slopes and trails during the winter months. Our Avalanche Safety - Basic Course offers you a comprehensive combination of theory and practical training. You will learn how to assess snow conditions from the planning stage of a tour to its realization, therefore laying the foundation for future ski tours.

This course is suitable for ski tourers, snowboarders and snowshoe enthusiasts.

Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interpreting dangers using avalanche forecasts and applying this information to tour planning• Developing understanding of the 3 x 3 method• Identifying danger signs in avalanche terrain and knowing how susceptible the terrain is to avalanches• Safe setting of tracks for ascent and descent• The use of emergency equipment (avalanche transceiver, avalanche shovel, avalanche probe and avalanche airbag backpack)• Correct behaviour in an accident
Destination	You will be able to identify potential avalanche situations using the tools and skills acquired and will be able to evaluate conditions on simple ski tours independently. You will know how to efficiently organize and carry out an avalanche burial scenario procedure.
Technique	Beginner Piste: confident on skis, Powder snow: no experience necessary, Terrain: relatively steep, open terrain For snowboarders: confident traversing (frontside/backside), ability to ride flat areas using a sliding technique (ski poles)
Condition	easy-moderate Duration from 4 to 6 hours, up to approx. 1,000 vertical meters, approx. 250 vertical meters per hour.
Meeting place	9.30 Uhr Mammut Store Piazza Gottardo, Furkagasse 2, 6490 Andermatt (train arrival 9.21 Uhr Andermatt)
Departure	Approx. 4.00 p.m. from point of departure
Accommodation	Hotel Rössli Hospental, Gotthardstrasse 14, CH-6493 Hospental

Services

**Included**

- Guidance and supervision provided by a mountain guide
- Accommodation with half board: 1 x hotel (standard multi-bed room)
- Mammut Safety Equipment to test (Avalanche Safety Equipment and Avalanche Airbag worth CHF 89.-)
- Eiger Extreme Hardshell Jacket
- "Caution Avalanches" course materials
- Swiss topographic map of Urseren 1231 (worth CHF 14.-)
- 15% discount on mammut.com
- 12 months Fatmap Explore membership

Not included

- Travel to the course
- Transport (possible journey by mountain rail)
- Snacks and drinks
- Ski touring equipment (skis, binding, skins, ski crampons, poles and insurance CHF 89.-)
- Ski touring boots (CHF 42.-)
- Snowboarders incl. poles (CHF 40.-)
- Optional: Swiss Mountain Training Certificate CHF 30.-



Program

Day 1

After the initial welcome at the meeting point, you will receive your ordered rental equipment and the course schedule will be discussed as a group. And then it's time to get out in the snow. In the evening, you will plan the next day's tour in your group.

Day 2

On day 2, you will put the plans you made yesterday into practice during your tour. Along the way, you will take part in ongoing discussion regarding theory and practical application. And you will also enjoy the stunning surroundings and a fast descent back into the valley. (Distance: 5-7 km, Duration: 2-4 hours, Ascent: approx. 700 m vertical meters).



Rental equipment

Our mountain guide will bring the ordered rental equipment to the meeting place. The following equipment can be rented:

- Barryvox (Avalanche Transceiver)
- Avalanche Probe
- Avalanche Shovel
- Avalanche-Airbag-Backpack
- Ski touring equipment (skis, binding, skins, ski crampons, poles and insurance)
- Ski touring boots
- MSR Snowshoes
- (telescopic) Ski poles
- Eiger Extreme Hardshell Jacket to test

Technical equipment

- Barryvox (Avalanche Transceiver)
- Avalanche Probe
- Avalanche Shovel
- Avalanche airbag backpack (approx. 30 l with ski carrier)
- Ski touring equipment (skis, bindings, skins, ski crampons)
- Alpine ski boots or touring ski boots
- Alternative to ski touring equipment for Snowboarders: Splitboard with skins or snowboard and snowshoes including snowboard boots
- Alternative to ski touring equipment for snowshoe enthusiasts: Snowshoes including Winter/Mountaineering shoes
- (telescopic) Ski poles
- Ski helmet (optional)

Clothing

- 1x Ski jacket and 1x ski pants (Gore-Tex or similar material)
- 1x Soft shell and/or fleece jacket
- 1x Short/long functional underwear
- 1x Beanie and 1x headband
- 2 pairs of gloves (1 thin pair, 1 warm, windproof and waterproof pair)
- 1x Functional socks and 1x spare socks

Overnight cottage

- Clothes and shoes for the evening (for wearing in the accommodation and in the village)
- Own toiletries, ear plugs if required

Food

- Breakfast and dinner at the hotel
- You need to bring your own hot drinks and lunch or you can buy them in the village
- Snacks (e.g. energy bars, dried fruit, dried meat)

Various



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- Sunglasses and ski goggles
- Sun cream and lip cream (SPF 30 or higher)
- Camera and binoculars (optional)
- Half fare travelcard (if existing)
- Thermos flask made from break-proof material
- Small medicinal supplies for personal requirements