

SPLITBOARD GUIDES INTERNATIONAL



VALDEZ SPLIT AND SKI TOURING

Valdez, Alaska

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Day 1

Arrive in Valdez, Alaska, on the morning or evening flight the start day of your trip. Airport transfer to your lodging, which begins evening of your arrival. Your guide will be there when you arrive at the airport in Valdez to greet you and bring you to your lodging. The afternoon will be spent practicing a few companion rescues along with last minute gear organization in prep of our upcoming days. That evening your guide and your team will have a meet and greet at the Harbor Brew Station and will lay out your intended plans and details along with answer any last minute questions about your ski touring adventure ahead. Day one is all about you and making sure your set for the touring. Some guests will arrive on the PM flight, therefore the following day will be used for rescue training.

Day 2

The morning of day one will be an overview of companion rescue skills along with a nice ski tour overlooking the Prince William Sound and the town of Valdez below.

Day 3

Once again finding ourselves in the most accessible glaciated terrain in Alaska, we will opt for a crevasse rescue and glacier navigation exercise before beginning our ski days ahead. Each day we will strive to add technical components to your bag of tricks, optimally dialing you out daily in order to access the goods by the trip end!

Day 4

We begin on an early alpine start to gain the upper reaches of a classic ski descent. Lots of legendary skiing has gone down in this zone and we want to showcase its amazing potential, group ability and condition dependant. Areas we will likely encounter during our ski tour in the Chugach Mountains will be Nick's Happy Valley and the classic steep Berlin Wall, or hop down the road to the magical ski tour on Cracked Ice and the mighty Python, or get walled in on the Promised Land couloirs.

Day 5-7

Ticking off classic ski, after classic ski, is the name of the game the next couple of days with endless terrain opportunities. We will tour from 3000-6000' each day, some days could be less due to weather, therefore we spin it into a learning day and always strive to have fun, but always touring!!! Other days will be the full 6,000' per day ski tour with multiple laps, or the big summit strike!!!! We will attempt to get in a heli-bump (Cost Extra). Endless Winter options everyday!!!!

-Skiing on Thompson Pass and the exact routes of your trip will be determined by your guide and according to conditions, group strengths and experience, training, goals, etc. We will teach the basic ski mountaineering training and splitboard skills technique along with an understanding of crevasse rescue on skis and overall fine tune your backcountry awareness and skill set. On your final day of skiing. It is possible to catch a late afternoon flight out of Valdez or choose to spend another night in town which is not included in price. Itinerary subject to change.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO BEING IN THE MOUNTAINS WITH YOU- SGI GUIDES

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