

Dear Alpinism & Ski Friends,

Just over a month ago, before leaving New Zealand for our summer alpinism adventures in Europe, Wanaka saw some beautiful snow right down to lake level. And a splendid panorama it was with the white gold creating just the right excitement for the winter season:



As Gaz, our chief mountain guide, was helping out on the construction site for the new Wanaka Search and Rescue “shed” after the last alpine climbing instruction course, Iris prepared for the 3 months of mountaineering, trekking and climbing in the Swiss, French and Italian Alps, though a last hike from the Blue Pools to the Young river had to be done which turned out to be a great half day trip from Wanaka.

[Ski touring in New Zealand](#) and back country snowboarding are on the program from 10th September onwards again and available dates with Gary – if you are interested or somebody you know – are a week during second half of September or sometime between 11-31st October.

In the meantime, alpinism activities continue from our temporary base in Leysin, from where many fabulous climbing adventures get off the ground with [ISM](#). Earlier, during June, Gary was in Iceland again, delivering expert training to guides there. We also look forward to share a Swiss Alps week with Phil and Barb from Wanaka during August. This year, fully qualified IFMGA/UIAGM mountain guides seem to be particularly in demand and Gary is fully booked out here. Should you plan a potential mountaineering trip-course in Europe during July-August 2015, get in touch with us early.

The next summer mountaineering season in New Zealand also looks to be busier than the past couple of years. We already look forward to ascents of Mt Aspiring with Andrew and Dave, Mt Cook with Peter and later Simon plus some ‘Pure’ Alpinism fun in January with Andy who climbed Mt Blanc with Gaz a while ago and is now coming to check out NZ alpine climbing.

The [Alpinism](#) holiday studio-cottage has seen just the right amount of short term visitors during the last NZ summer months and it will be available again from approx. mid October onwards. It has been a pleasure to host a variety of people for either action packed adventures or relaxing moments and sometimes both. The 'soft' recreational [trekking](#) trips from Wanaka during the warmer season were of perfect variety and Rob Roy Glacier Cirque is still the most popular day trip. Tracks like the more demanding Pakituhi to Breasthill – part of the Te Araroa trail system – or the steep Brewster hut and easier Glacier Burn up the Matukituki valley in Mt Aspiring National Park plus the most exceptional and beautiful half day excursion via Diamond lake to Rocky Crop are just the right combination.

We hope you get your fair share of adventures and fun during the next months and should you be interested to join us or have some questions about our activities, we are available through email anytime and back in our Wanaka office on 5th September.

Stay safe and enjoy it all!

Iris & Gary

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