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All Mountain Technique and Tactics Skiing Course
Mt. Hotham resort
Aug 5-9, 2024

Dear Hotham Academy Skier:

WELCOME! We are glad you will be joining us on our **All Mountain Technique and Tactics Skiing Course** this season. We are looking forward to skiing with you and know that you will have a great time with the Academy team up in Mt. Hotham. As one of Australia’s finest resorts, Mt. Hotham has a lot to offer; great skiing, the best snow and terrain in the country, fine dining and plentiful après ski activities. This is a great mountain to elevate and perfect your all mountain skiing technique. This course is a step-by-step progression designed to get you more confident over the entire mountain whatever the conditions. You will get good mileage and lots of personal coaching.

We will meet at **9.00am Monday, AUG 5th**, in Hotham Central’s **Chill Bar**. Below is an initial itinerary for our trip in addition to an equipment and clothing packing guide. This schedule may change slightly based on the group, the weather, etc. We will provide you with an updated itinerary as we get closer to the start of the course. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call us at the Skiing Academy office on 0401 345 844 or send us an e-mail.

Please arrive dressed to ski. After everyone boots up, organizes their lift tickets we will head out on snow.

Monday 5 th	Tuesday 6 th	Wednesday 7 th	Thursday 8 th	Friday 9 th
9:00am Meet in Mt. Hothams Chill Bar (Inside Hotham Central). Orientation meeting in the Academy’s lecture room.	9:00am Meet in the Academy’s lecture room.	9:00am Meet in the Academy’s lecture room.	9:00am Meet in the Academy’s lecture room.	9:00am Meet in the Academy’s lecture room.
9:30am-12:00pm On hill Training Focus: Stance and Balance, all mountain free skiing and individual feedback. Shoot Video	9:30am-12:00pm On hill Training Focus: Short and Medium Turns. Shoot Video	9:30am-12:00pm On hill Training Focus: Terrain Challenges. Steeps, Bumps and Trees. Shoot Video	9:30am-12:00pm On hill Training Focus: Exploring individual weaknesses and goals. Shoot Video	9:30am-12:00pm On hill Training Focus: Introduction to racing and group GS race (weather dependant).
12:00pm-1:00pm Lunch w/ group				
1:00pm-3:30pm On-hill Training	1:00pm-3:30pm On-hill Training	1:00pm-3:30pm On-hill Training	1:00pm-3:30pm On-hill Training	1:00pm-3:30pm On-hill Training
4:00pm Video Review in the Academy lecture room	4:00pm Video Review & Tech Talk in the Academy lecture room	4:00pm Video Review & Equipment talk (ski tuning and boot fitting) in the Academy lecture room	4:00pm Après Ski Drinks @ Zirky’s Bar	4:00pm DEPART Thank you for coming

SAMPLE TRAINING DAY

9:00am	Meet in designated mtg. point, boot up, daily announcements
9:30am-12:00pm	Skill development via drills and technique work
12:00-1:00pm	Lunch with group on hill
1:00pm-3:30pm	On snow: video, free-skiing varying conditions and terrain, personal feedback
4:00pm	Indoor clinic: video review & technical session (tech talk is optional)

Our schedule will vary day to day depending upon snow conditions, weather conditions, desires of your group, and your group's general progression and improvement. Throughout the week there will be video/video analysis, indoor technical sessions, group après ski activities, and personal skiing evaluations.

Mt. Hotham Information

Directions:

Hotham Alpine Resort is located in the heart of the Australian Alps National Park. It's classic Australian wilderness up there. Think snowgums, think rolling mountain ridges, think Man from Snowy River country... it's breathtaking. A great map and directions can be located at:

<https://www.mthotham.com.au/discover/explore/getting-here>

Resort Entry:

A Resort Entry Fee is applied to all vehicles and passengers of coaches and taxis entering the resort during the declared snow season. Day permits can be purchased via the Alpine Easy Access prior to arriving at Mt Hotham. Season Entry Permits are also available and provide great value if you are planning to visit the resort for an extended period of time. Please take the time to consider which option offers the best value for you.

<https://www.mthotham.com.au/discover/explore/getting-here/resort-entry>

Accommodation Recommendations:

Mt. Hotham has a large variety of on snow lodging options. Contact Mt. Hotham Central Reservations for lodging options in the village and advice on which place would work best for your needs.

<https://www.mthotham.com.au/accommodation/places-to-stay/search-book>

Lift tickets

If you don't have a current Mt. Hotham season pass you will need to purchase a 5 day lift ticket. You can do this on the first morning of the course right in Hotham central (next to the Chill Bar). Here are the current multi day lift ticket prices.

<https://www.mthotham.com.au/lift-pass/lift-pass/search-book>

THE FOLLOWING LIST MAY HELP YOU PACK:

- Alpine skis, boots, poles (Rentals and high end demo equipment can be found at Zirkys)
- Helmet, beanie, headband
- Several pairs of ski socks (wool/polypropylene blend or polypro socks best)
- Top and bottom long underwear (silk or polypro)
- Neck warmer or face mask
- Fleece layer, top and bottom and or down insulating layer
- One or two pairs gortex or other water/wind proof material outer **ski pants**
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- Spring and winter gloves (2 pair, waterproof)
- Goggles and sunglasses (2 pair goggles if you have them)
- Evening clothes: pants, shirts, jumpers, track pants, slippers (afternoon tech talks & apre activities)
- Comfortable shoes that work well in snow (waterproof if possible)
- Toiletries, including sunscreen & chapstick, soap & shampoo, body lotion, Hydration pack, camera, alarm clock (all optional)
- Small shovel (always good to have in your car when you travel to snow country) (optional)

Skiing in such a remote part of the country we highly recommend that you have a subscription to ambulance Victoria. Just in case of an emergency or accident, you will be glad you have it for such a small cost.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give us a call 0401-345-844 or email us at Hotham@skiingacademy.com

We are looking forward to skiing with you!

The Hotham Academy Team



****PLEASE NOTE OUR CANCELLATION POLICY**:**

We will notify all registered participants 14 days prior to the event if the course is to be cancelled due to lack of sign ups (as described on our website, a min. of 4 persons per course is needed). If you have to cancel for any reason (including medical), we require written notice in our office 14 days in advance of the first day of the course (you may send this via e-mail). With 14 days or more notice we can refund your payment minus 10% for administrative costs. Once we are within 14 days of the first day of the trip, we unfortunately cannot refund any portion of your payment even in the event of sudden illness or injury to you or your family. We recommend that you buy trip cancellation insurance (available through your travel or insurance agency) in case you get sick or injured (please stay healthy!!) before or during the trip.