

SASS CANADA PACKING LIST

If you are like us, getting all of your gear laid out and ready to go is an exciting step to any great shred trip. This first page is a list of items specifically tailored to your trip to Canada with us. Page 2 addresses some additional packing considerations.

SKI/BOARD BAG (wheels preferred and highly suggested):

- 1-2 snowboards/pairs of skis - *Freeride specific boards and skis that are 100mm+ under foot suggested*
- 1 pair of poles - *Powder baskets suggested (no need if you are a snowboarder)*
- 1-2 jackets - *Water proof material recommended for keeping you dry and warm on a snowmobile*
- 1-2 pairs of snow pants - *Waterproof and durable material recommended*
- 2 pairs of GLOVES* - *You need to have free fingers for riding a snowmobile - **NO MITTENS***
- 1 helmet - *Bring your ski helmet, full face helmets provided for riding snowmobiles*
- 1 pair of ski/snowboard boots - *Keeping as carry-on is never a bad idea in case bags are delayed*
- 2-3 pairs of Goggles - *Low light (storm) and dark (sunny) lenses recommended*
- 2 winter hats - *For skiing, hiking and walking around town and while in transit*
- 2 facemasks/neckies - *Absolutely necessary for high speeds under your provided full face helmet*

AVALANCHE SAFETY GEAR:

- 1 beacon
- 1 avalanche specific shovel - *No plastic shovel blades*
- 1 avalanche probe - *Test it before leaving*
- 1 backpack - *Waist strap, chest strap and ski/board carry required*

SMALL DUFFLE OR ROLLER BAG:

- 2-3 pairs of long underwear*
- 3+ pairs of ski/snowboard socks*
- 2+ wicking baselayer tops* - *Non-cotton layers are better for hiking.*
- Casual T-shirts
- Underwear
- Relaxation wear (sweatpants, pajama pants, etc)
- Sweatshirts/hoodies
- 2+ jeans/pants
- Nightlife/on-the-town wear
- Toiletries
- 1 pair of shoes
- 1 pair of snow/hiking boots - *Over the ankle water-proof boots highly recommended*

CARRY-ON:

- Passport
- SASS Canada Travel Document
- 1 full change of clothes
- Camera/GoPro - *Gotta get the shot*
- All necessary cords for your electronics
- Lightweight jacket or fleece
- Headphones
- Toothbrush and deodorant

ON MOUNTAIN ACCESSORIES:

- Sunblock
- Lip Balm
- Sunglasses
- Water bottle - *Camelback tubes will freeze even if you have an insulated sleeve*
- Small first-aid kit
- Multi-tool

PACKING CONSIDERATIONS

SNOWMOBILE-SPECIFIC CONSIDERATIONS:

If you are not used to snowmobiling, consider the additional speed and wind-chill in cold weather conditions. Additional layers may be necessary.

Gloves (or lobsterclaw-style gloves) are absolutely necessary due to the need to have your index finger free for using the brake when riding your own snowmobile. We suggest at least 2 pairs of warm gloves.

Facemasks are also necessary to keep the wind off of your face even when wearing your provided full-face helmet. We recommend at least 2.

If you are a skier and would like to push your snowmobiling, consider bringing a pair of non-ski boots (Sorrel style or snowboard boots). This could allow you to wear these winter boots while snowmobiling, strapping a boot bag to your sled and converting to ski boots in the field. Not required at all, but an option.

RENTAL EQUIPMENT:

If you are planning on renting any ski equipment, *make sure we know* so we can help make the necessary arrangements prior to your arrival in Whistler.

AIRBAG PACKS:

Airbag packs are available to rent. Please make sure to let us prior to your arrival if you would like to rent one. If you plan to bring your own airbag pack, please note that filling a compressed air cylinder (BCA packs) must be done the night prior to our first day on snow. If you are planning to buy a cartridge in Canada (ABS packs) this must also be done prior to our first day on snow.

TOURING EQUIPMENT:

Touring equipment setups (AT bindings, splitboards, skins, etc.) are not necessary at SASS Canada. We will be accessing all terrain via snowmobile. Bring the skis/boards/boots you prefer for big mountain terrain and powder conditions.