

Mt. Baker

Details below provided by AAI

Elevation: 10, 781 feet

Guide Service: Alpine Ascents International (AAI)

Fundraising minimum for this climb: \$4,000.00 USD

Overview

Mt. Baker, the highest point of the North Cascades, is a heavily glaciated dormant volcano. The 12 active glaciers of Mt. Baker cover an area exceeding 20 square miles. Mt. Baker is unique with respect to its great mass of snow and ice and its easy accessibility (requires less than one day of hiking). This combination creates a perfect alpine training ground and a great introduction to mountaineering. This climb of the ice-king of the North Cascades via some of the largest and most scenic glaciers in the contiguous United States will be conducted by our experienced guides and is bound to be an unforgettable adventure.

Climbing skill level

This climb is open to any physically fit, enthusiastic novice, beginner or advanced beginner. One day of training is included in the climb. Prior experience with backpacking and camping is required.

Physical conditioning: 60 pound pack

In the best interest of personal safety, success and team compatibility, adequate training and excellent physical condition are required. Climbers must be able to carry an average of 60 pounds or more.

Climbers need to be in excellent physical condition for both personal enjoyment and team safety. We encourage you to contact AAI so that they can assist you in developing a training program that meets your particular needs.

Tents Equipment and Meals

Provided: All group climbing equipment: climbing ropes and technical hardware; meals and tents.

Not provided: Personal equipment. You are responsible for all items on the gear list. Transportation is not provided for this climb. Climbers will need to provide their own transportation to the trailhead.

Note: *If you are a beginning climber, we strongly advise renting as much gear as possible. Specialty outdoor equipment can be quite expensive. AAI and other local retailers provide quality rental equipment at reasonable prices. Other personal items are available through local outdoor stores.*



Mt. Baker Climb Itinerary

Climbers are required to arrive in Seattle the afternoon before our trip begins. A mandatory gear check is performed on this day. A thorough gear check ensures everyone is fully equipped and prepared to depart the next morning. Rental gear is fitted and packed at this time.

Location: Alpine Ascents International office, Seattle

Duration: Approximately 2 hours

A guide and our gear manager will give you an overview of the climb, answer all your questions and make sure you have all the necessary equipment or rental gear.

What to bring: Please bring your pack fully loaded with all required items from the gear list.

Day 1: Most of the day is spent on the moderately strenuous approach, as we hike from 3,400 feet in subalpine meadows. Climbing continues through forest, high alpine meadows and seasonal snow-covered regions to high camp, spectacularly situated beneath the Easton glacier, just under 7,000 feet. Views from this elevation are both expansive and stunning.

Day 2: Snow skills. AAI covers basic snow skills, proper stepkicking, use of ice axe, self-arrest, walking/climbing in crampons and rope techniques for our heavily crevassed glacier climb.

Day 3: Summit day. To ensure safety and optimum traveling conditions, AAI will begin the climb early to reach the summit by dawn. The route takes us to approx. 9,800 feet where we reach the crater rim and look deep into the steaming center of Mt. Baker. After a brief rest, we head up along the crater rim to the summit. At a moderate pace, the summit climb should take five to eight hours. Clear weather offers an awe-inspiring 360-degree view from this most magnificent North Cascades summit.

Mt. Baker Climb Gear List

For a current list of required gear please visit <https://www.alpineascents.com/climbs/mount-baker/gear-list/>.

