



2012 is disappearing fast and the good news is that for Alpinism & Ski it's been great – and hopefully for you too! Lately, a couple of Mt Aspiring ascents trips have gone very well and to finish off the December mountaineering adventures, chief guide Gaz has summited Mt Cook with kiwi alpinist Peter from Wellington.

Now looking at our 2013 activities and we start the year with a Total Alpinism intermediate [mountaineering course](#) from 6-12<sup>th</sup> January where two blokes have signed up, however, there is space for two more participants – some climbing experience and a good fitness level is expected for this intermediate **Technical Mountaineering Course**. Just ask if you have a special project in the mountains and don't wait to realise your dream(s).

Summer in Wanaka: a great base to start all sorts of outdoor adventures from [ascents](#) to instruction courses, soft recreational trekking, [bird watching](#) and sightseeing. [Guided walks](#) have started again and the Rob Roy glacier cirque stays a favourite day excursion with an introduction to flora and fauna. The charming Alpinism [Studio](#) is also available for an independent holiday stay or a combination of some activities with us and enjoying the multitude of other attractions in Wanaka and surrounding areas.

Not long and the summer Alpinism season in the Swiss, French and Italian Alps will come upon us again, so, if you have ever considered a mountaineering stint in Europe during June/July or August, why not this coming year? It could be a week of peak bagging, a special project or a mix of alpine climbing with a bit of instruction by chief Gaz. Incidentally, he has been starring on NZ TV with the Alpine Cliff Rescue team and on this [blog](#) are the links.



On that note, this is the time of the year to receive loads of mail, so we close off with our very best wishes for a wonderful Christmas time and a Happy New Year as well as our thanks for your support!

Stay safe out there and enjoy everything to the max, cheers

Iris & Gary

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