A burst of winter has just returned to Wanaka but with labour weekend gone, we are definitely ready for summer activities and warmer weather to arrive soon. Recently our exquisite boutique enterprise has completed its 15th year in business based in beautiful Wanaka and we are still loving it and looking forward to the coming season.

The next few months will again bring opportunities for alpine climbing instruction and technical mountaineering courses in the Southern Alps of NZ. Check out our two new pages of 'new' products: a week of mountaineering culminating with the <u>ascent of Mount Lendenfeld</u> or a week of <u>Classic Peaks</u>, be it from the West coast: Minarets, Haidinger, Glacier Peak, Von Bullow, Grey, Halcom or from the East and Mount Cook village: Hochstetter Dome, Mt Aylmer, Mt Able, Mt Green and Walter... from easy to more demanding.



What is definitely new is that from now on, all Alpinism & Ski trips in New Zealand with Gary Dickson will require to be booked (paid) via Alpine Guides Aoraki Ltd. However, as always, the initial arrangement and details will be sorted via us. If you are planning NZ 2015-16 summer mountaineering, it is never too early to look at some dates and secure your week.

Note please that we no longer offer any standard ascents of Mt Cook nor Mt Tasman; this could be negotiated with Gary in person only. A thing of the past too are Iris's guided trekking excursions.

Mountaineering courses and ascents in Europe each July and August will continue to be a high light of the Alpinism & Ski program. Our last season there seems only just finished but as all good things take their time, we are already organising summer 2016 in Europe. Have you been dreaming about a week of alpinism fun in the land where mountaineering was born? There are so many fabulous areas for rock climbing, via ferratas and mountaineering experiences, so think about **your** dates now, for a week in the European Alps with guide Gary.

A diversification from mountain guiding: Gary Dickson aka Gaz having many passions, a combination of photography, remote control camera use and helicopter flying over the years has lead to the latest new mission and service offered, called <u>Unique Perspective</u> – Iris has used this skill to advertise the Alpinism studio holiday accommodation, <u>you can check it here</u>. So, if you have a project needing some camera action, don't hesitate to ask.

Here at the base in Wanaka, another project of sustainability was ticked off last autumn: the Alpinism studio got an extra floor to improve warmth during winter months. It is now ready again for the summer short term rentals, either via us direct or if you like, via <u>Airbnb</u>. Living sustainably continues to be of high interest to us of course.

May the next few months have interesting, wonderful and amazing adventures in store for you. Let us know if we can be of assistance for one of those, either here in New Zealand or next July/August in Europe.



Take care, enjoy life and we look forward to hear from you, cheers

Iris & Gaz

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