

Hello,

Soon it's halfway into 2016 and we hope that all is well in your world since we were last in touch, with many adventures on your schedule for the rest of the year? If not, we have some suggestions for climbing in the European Alps, based in Switzerland, as well as in New Zealand from September onwards again for back country ski touring followed by summer mountaineering.

With lots of snow around now and while NZ winter activities will be getting on the way, would you fancy some mountaineering, rock climbing, via ferratas and a different taste of culture in the Northern Hemisphere? Beginning of June, we'll re-locate from Wanaka to Switzerland and should you or somebody you know have a taste for a week of alpinism fun with mountain guide Gaz, get in touch to sort out some dates and itineraries. He is still available between:

1st - 14th July and from 13th – 28th August, in Europe
If you plan for NZ ski touring, his availability at this stage is
between 11th Sept. - 9th October

Gary is particularly good with instruction courses, being a long time expert teaching mountain guides the tricks of the trade as well as individuals and/or teams keen to learn as much as possible in order to tackle a few or many mountains around the globe. A mixture of instruction and guided excursions is often the perfect combination to get the maximum out of a trip.

His technical expertise is called upon again for a couple of weeks during June in Iceland, where he'll instruct the Icelandic Glacier Guides - it's all about having top quality standards of an international level – and he enjoys passing on his knowledge to keen young guides. During that time, Iris will be able to catch up with her Mum.

The past NZ mountaineering and climbing season in collaboration with AGL has gone very well and to mutual satisfaction. So if you are thinking about your special trip into the mountains, get in touch and we'll try to help and don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

Meanwhile, at the base of Alpinism & Ski in Wanaka, we continue to offer accommodation to individuals as well as instruction course members, mountaineers and climbers. The Alpinism Studio was a hit during the busy summer months. It will be available again for

short term holiday stays from mid October. Just recently, we even accommodated the first Chinese couple having a 'typical Wanaka wedding event'.

The climber's bunkroom has seen some alpinism visitors and the honeymoon bedroom, or simply the blue room, can be booked too, so keep that in mind if you need an affordable bed while in Wanaka.

Chief Gaz has taken over the [blog](#), check it out and may be too our other online and social media matters for info and photos or even some feedback if you are so inclined. We'll keep this short and sweet, wishing you loads of good times and stay safe.

Iris & Gary

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