

50 Classic Ski and Snowboard Tours in New England and New York

New England and New York are renowned for their stunning winter landscapes and world-class ski and snowboard resorts. Whether you're a seasoned backcountry adventurer or a beginner looking for a gentle to winter sports, there's a tour to suit every ability and preference.



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Beginner-Friendly Tours

- **Mount Washington Cog Railway Snowshoe Tour (New Hampshire):** Enjoy breathtaking views of Mount Washington as you snowshoe along a gentle trail beside the iconic cog railway. Suitable for all ages and fitness levels.

- **Lost River Cross-Country Ski Trail (New Hampshire):** Explore a scenic 5-mile loop trail through a forest of towering trees. Perfect for beginners and families.
- **Gore Mountain Freestyle Terrain Park (New York):** Practice your snowboarding skills on a variety of beginner-friendly features, including rails, boxes, and jumps.
- **Mount Sunapee Ski Area (New Hampshire):** Head to Sunapee's "Easy Street" trail for a gentle and scenic downhill ski experience suitable for beginners.
- **Black Mountain Ski Area (Maine):** Opt for the "First Timer" package, which includes a lift ticket, beginner ski lessons, and equipment rental for a comprehensive to skiing.

Intermediate Tours

- **Mount Chocorua Loop Snowshoe Hike (New Hampshire):** Ascend Mount Chocorua via a moderate 4.4-mile loop trail, offering panoramic views of the surrounding peaks.
- **Crawford Notch Cross-Country Ski Trail (New Hampshire):** Traverse the historic Crawford Notch along an 11-mile ski trail, passing by frozen waterfalls and stunning rock formations.
- **Wilderness Mountain Ski Trail (Vermont):** Embark on a challenging 10-mile ski tour through the remote wilderness of the Green Mountains.
- **Gore Mountain Double Diamond Backcountry Tour (New York):** Explore Gore Mountain's challenging backcountry terrain with a guided tour, encountering steep slopes and powder-filled glades.

- **Mount Mansfield Alpine Touring Route (Vermont):** Ascend Mount Mansfield via a scenic alpine touring route, gaining elevation while admiring the surrounding mountain views.

Advanced Tours

- **Mount Washington Winter Ascent (New Hampshire):** Attempt the summit of Mount Washington, the highest peak in the Northeast, on a demanding winter ascent involving steep slopes, ice, and potentially extreme weather conditions.
- **Tuckerman Ravine Headwall Ski (New Hampshire):** Experience the legendary Tuckerman Ravine Headwall, one of the most challenging and dangerous ski runs in the world, reserved for expert skiers only.
- **Mount Katahdin Winter Ascent (Maine):** Tackle the summit of Mount Katahdin, the northern terminus of the Appalachian Trail, via a strenuous winter climb.
- **Catskill Cabin Loop Snowshoe Trek (New York):** Embark on a multi-day snowshoe trek through the Catskill Mountains, staying overnight in cozy cabins and exploring remote wilderness trails.
- **Adirondack High Peaks Winter Traverse (New York):** Undertake an ambitious winter traverse of the Adirondack High Peaks, involving multiple summits, steep climbs, and demanding conditions.

Guided Tours

- **Eastern Mountain Sports (EMS) Guided Ski and Snowboard Tours (Various Locations):** EMS offers a variety of guided tours for all levels, including backcountry skiing, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing.

- **International Mountain Guides (IMG) Winter Skills Courses (New Hampshire):** IMG provides comprehensive winter skills courses, including avalanche safety, ice climbing, and advanced mountaineering techniques.
- **Adirondack Mountain Club (ADK) Winter Hikes and Snowshoes (New York):** ADK leads guided winter hikes and snowshoe tours in the Adirondack Park, offering a range of options for various abilities.
- **Catamount Trail Association (CTA) Snowshoe Tours (Vermont):** CTA organizes snowshoe tours along the Catamount Trail, a scenic 300-mile cross-country ski and snowshoe trail.
- **Maine Huts & Trails Winter Excursions (Maine):** Explore the remote backcountry of Maine on guided winter excursions that include overnight stays in cozy huts.

Self-Guided Tours

- **Mount Greylock State Reservation Winter Trails (Massachusetts):** Enjoy a variety of self-guided ski and snowshoe trails on Mount Greylock, the highest peak in Massachusetts.
- **Stowe Pinnacle Trail Snowshoe Hike (Vermont):** Ascend the Stowe Pinnacle Trail without a guide, offering panoramic views of the surrounding mountains and valleys.
- **Kancamagus Highway Snowmobile Trail (New Hampshire):** Explore the scenic Kancamagus Highway on a self-guided snowmobile tour, encountering breathtaking mountain views and pristine forests.
- **Whiteface Mountain Cross-Country Ski Trails (New York):** Access miles of groomed cross-country ski trails on Whiteface Mountain,

ranging from beginner-friendly to more challenging options.

- **Ausable Chasm Snowshoe Trails (New York):** Wander through the icy wonderland of Ausable Chasm on self-guided snowshoe trails, admiring towering cliffs and frozen waterfalls.

Whether you're seeking a gentle stroll through a winter wonderland or an adrenaline-pumping backcountry adventure, New England and New York offer an abundance of ski and snowboard tours to suit every taste. Embark on a memorable winter expedition and experience the unparalleled beauty of these iconic mountain regions.



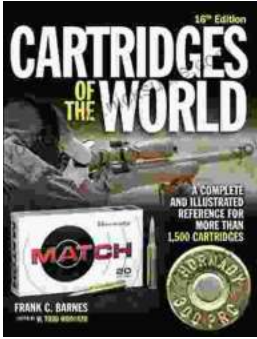
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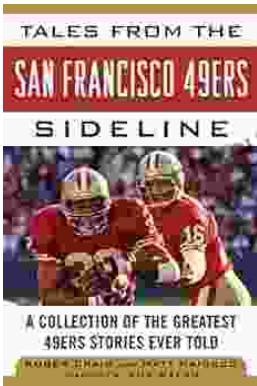
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