

# MT. SHUKSAN

WASHINGTON | NORTH CASCADES | 4 DAYS | 9,127'



IMG climbers on the Sulphide Glacier (Max Bond)

## CLIMB MT. SHUKSAN WITH IMG

Mt. Shuksan is one of the most photographed mountains in the US. Its picturesque peak not only allows for amazing views but also creates a special climbing environment. From glacier climbing to alpine rock, Mt. Shuksan has it all.

The **Sulphide Glacier Route** program gives climbers an opportunity to practice both glacial climbing skills such as cramponing, ice axe arrest, and rope team travel as well as test themselves on alpine rock. The Sulphide Glacier is a mellow cascading glacier on Mt. Shuksan, and is perfect for both novice climbers and those wanting to gain more technical experience before attempting bigger objectives.

The **Fisher Chimneys** is an intermediate climb perfect for experienced climbers wanting to gain more technical experience before attempting bigger objectives. Both the approach and the summit climb will involve technical climbing as well as some glacier travel on the White Salmon glacier.

## PREREQUISITES & TRAINING

The **Sulphide Glacier Route** is a novice route well suited to beginners with no previous mountaineering experience. The program will include training that will cover ice axe arrest, cramponing, and rope travel, the skills you need to be successful on this program. Prior experience hiking and backpacking is a plus and

## DATES/PRICE

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## GROUP SIZE

Max: 8 climbers + guides  
Guide Ratio 2:1

## QUICK LINKS

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## REGISTER

[Click here](#) to get started.

\$500 non-refundable registration fee is due upon registration and applies to total Selected Program price. Remaining balance is due 120 days prior to Scheduled Arrival Date. All fees and payments are non-refundable and non-transferable.

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will allow you to focus on practicing your mountaineering skills.

The **Fisher Chimneys** is an intermediate route well suited to climbers with some prior climbing experience. Climbers must be familiar with basic mountaineering skills such as cramponing, ice axe self-arrest, and rope travel. Additional skills such as belayed climbing, lowering, and rappelling will be taught. Prior experience hiking and backpacking is a plus and will allow you to focus on practicing your mountaineering skills.

While these programs is suited for novice and intermediate climbers, Mt. Shuksan is still a strenuous climb. All participants must be in very good physical condition. For several months prior to the start of the climb, training should include many long, slow runs or hikes over hilly terrain, an hour or more in duration. Add additional weekend outings carrying a heavy pack (40-45 lbs.) up steep hills or stairs, ideally gaining 3,000 feet over 3 or more miles. Aim to move consistently at a moderate pace, with breaks approximately every hour.

## THE SULPHIDE GLACIER ROUTE ITINERARY

Itinerary is approximate and subject to change.

Day	Mt Shuksan 4 Day Itinerary
Day 1	At 8 am on <b>Day 1</b> , the team will meet at the Sedro-Woolley Ranger Station in Sedro-Woolley, WA. At this meeting guides will issue group gear to each member as well as complete a thorough gear check. Once everyone is ready to go, the team will depart for the trailhead. The climb starts in dense forest and climbs into the lush alpine zone where the team will make camp for the night. This ascent is about 4,000 ft of vertical gain and will take approximately 5-7 hours in duration. After a long day, the team will enjoy a nice meal together before getting off to bed.
Day 2	<b>Day 2</b> will be a training day based out of the same camp. The team will have a leisurely breakfast in the morning before heading out onto the nearby glacier to practice their climbing skills. It is on this day that the team will learn cramponing, ice axe self-arrest, and rope travel skills. If there is time, the team may dive into other topics such as snow anchor building. After a full day of training, the team will enjoy an early dinner and get off to bed for their summit climb the next day.
Day 3	The team will wake up early on <b>Day 3</b> to make their summit push. The glaciated climb is a moderate climb and will potentially involve some glacier navigation around crevasses. Once at the bottom of the summit pyramid, the team will break and prepare to climb the remaining 600 feet. In the early season this feature is steep snow, but can also be a rock scramble later in the season. After a summit, the team will descend back to camp to get a full night or sleep.
Day 4	On <b>Day 4</b> , the team will wake up and break camp. They will have a leisurely hike out back to the trailhead. Most climbs enjoy making lunch plans in Sedro-Woolley. Plan to be back in Sedro-Woolley by the early afternoon.

## THE FISHER CHIMNEYS ITINERARY

Itinerary is approximate and subject to change.

Day	Mt Shuksan Fisher Chimneys 4 Day Itinerary
Day 1	At 8 am on <b>Day 1</b> , the team will meet at the Glacier Ranger Station in Glacier, WA. At this meeting guides will issue group gear to each member as well as complete a thorough gear check. Once everyone is ready to go, the team will depart for the trailhead at Mt. Baker Ski Area. The climb starts in a high alpine forest and continues to Lake Ann where the team may elect to camp. If there is still time in the day, the team may go just a half an hour further and camp closer to the base of the Fisher Chimneys.
Day 2	<b>Day 2</b> will be dedicated to ascending the Chimneys - the first feat of the climb. This ascent can take several hours as the team moves through exposed 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> class terrain, sometimes on belay. Once at the top of the Chimneys, the team will make camp at the base of the Lower Curtis Glacier. This camp has excellent panoramic views of nearby Mt. Baker and the rest of the North Cascades. After a long day, the team will get to bed early for their summit attempt.

<b>Day 3</b>	The team will wake up early on <b>Day 3</b> to make their summit push. The team will ascend a steep snow pitch called Winnie's Slide and then traverse onto the White Salmon Glacier. After traversing the width of the glacier, the team will climb another steep snow feature called Hell's Highway putting them onto the Sulphide Glacier. From there, it is a short and mellow climb to the base of the summit pyramid. If the group is strong, the team has the option to climb the multi-pitch 5.0 SE ridge or an easy rock scramble to gain the narrow summit block. Once on top, the team will descend back to camp. There is another option to descend the Chimneys on this day and camp back at the base, allowing for an easier Day 4.
<b>Day 4</b>	On <b>Day 4</b> , the team will wake up and break camp. They will have a leisurely hike out back to the trailhead if camping at the base of the Chimneys. Most groups like to eat a group lunch together once back at the cars.

## CUSTOM PROGRAMS

Contact us for details and scheduling.

## TRIP INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

Here is what is and is not included in your land cost fee:

### Included

- IMG guides
- All training curriculum and instruction
- Dinners, breakfasts, and hot drinks during the climb
- Group equipment including tents, stoves, climbing ropes and hardware
- Climbing permits

### Not Included

- Lodging and meals before and after the trip
- Lunches and snack foods
- Transportation to/from the trailhead & Sedro-Woolley
- Personal clothing and climbing equipment found on the [gear list](#)
- Guide tips



Photo: Camp on the Sulphide Glacier (Anna Hicks).

## INSURANCE

Due to our strict no refund policy, IMG strongly advises that you protect potential losses with appropriate insurance coverage. Travel Insurance is strongly suggested and should include coverage for trip cancellation, trip interruption,

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trip delay, baggage loss, emergency medical expenses, emergency evacuation expense, etc. IMG provides no such insurance coverage. Visit the [Travel Insurance page](#) on our website for more information.

## **LODGING & TRAVEL**

You are responsible for your own for lodging the night prior to the start of the climb. There are several hotels in the town of Sedro-Woolley and in nearby Burlington. While small, these towns have a variety of good restaurants and places to stay. Plan to return to Sedro-Woolley by 6pm on Day 4. Due to the variable nature of mountaineering, return time can vary significantly. If you are spending the night in Sedro-Woolley, don't forget to make a reservation for the last night of the program. We do not recommend attempting to fly out of Seattle the same day you get down from the climb.

## **GUIDE TIPS**

A show of appreciation for a job well done is always appropriate. We think you'll agree that the guides go above and beyond the call of duty to make your program as safe, successful and enjoyable as possible. Our guides typically pool the tips and share them equally. Your contribution to the guides' tip pool can go directly to the lead guide on your program and will be appreciated by all of them! Cash or Venmo is preferred, please contact your guide directly for Venmo information. The amount of tip is at your discretion, but tips for excellent service normally average 10-15% of the cost of the program.

## **QUESTIONS?**

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