

Mt. Rainier: 2-Day Crevasse Rescue School *Experience Level: Novice*

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Why Choose This Program?

IMG's 2-Day Crevasse Rescue School is a comprehensive course designed to give you the knowledge and skills needed to perform basic and advanced crevasse rescue on your own. The first day is spent going over useful knots and hitches, snow and ice anchor systems, belaying, ascending, descending and crevasse rescue at IMG HQ in Ashford, WA. Day 2 is conducted on Mt. Rainier, reviewing the basic skills from the previous day and implementing what we will have learned into advanced rescue systems. This may either be at a crevasse or steep snow cornice depending upon the condition of the glacier and time of year. Skills taught during the two days will include climbing knots, snow and ice anchors, ascending and descending ropes, simple crevasse rescue, advanced crevasse rescue systems, and crevasse self rescue. A generous amount of time is allotted for practice of these systems so all participants leave the course with greater confidence in their newly learned skills, and the ability to perform them in real life situations.

This program is an excellent opportunity to study practical mountaineering skills and advanced crevasse rescue systems in depth. Your instructors are experienced mountain guides who have amassed an impressive amount of time in glaciated terrain using these techniques. The 2-Day Crevasse Rescue School allows plenty of time for learning and practicing skills to use in practical situations on your own. This course, combined with our Mountaineering Day School and Advanced Mountaineering Day School, can provide the foundation for attempting glaciated climbs with or without guides. This program is hands-on, and we minimize the amount of time spent traveling to maximize our learning. If you are an aspiring glacier climber, this course teaches the skills necessary for safe glacier mountaineering.

Dates: May – September (Please see the IMG website for [available dates](#).)

Land cost: \$535 **Client to Guide Ratio:** 5:1

Trip Length: 2 Days (this program commences at 8:00am)

Cost includes:

- IMG's world-renowned guide staff
- All training curriculum and instruction
- Round trip transportation from IMG Headquarters to the start/end of the climb (Note that this is subject to change based on Covid restrictions)
- Group equipment including climbing ropes and group hardware
- National Park entrance permit

Cost Does Not Include:

- Personal gear (see [equipment list](#) for full details)
- Lodging the evening prior to the start of the climb or after the end of the program
- Lunch food and mountain snacks. Please refer to our [food suggestions page](#) for more details.

Prerequisites:

There are no prerequisites for this program. However, if your reason for taking this course is climbing glaciated peaks without a guide, we highly recommend combining it with the Mountaineering Day School and Advanced Mountaineering Day School. The Mountaineering Day School and Advanced Mountaineering Day School are an excellent introduction to alpine climbing techniques and, in combination with our 2-Day Crevasse Rescue School, can provide a solid foundation for climbing on your own.

Itinerary

We begin the day at 8:00 a.m. sharp with a meeting and introductions at IMG Headquarters.

The day is spent at IMG teaching important climbing knots and hitches, anchors and anchor systems, belaying, rappelling and other safety skills. We'll take a break for lunch before moving on to the practice of basic crevasse rescue systems and self rescue.

The following day we meet again in the morning at IMG HQ and will be shuttled up to Paradise where we'll train for the day. The hike to the training site typically takes about an hour. We'll spend this day learning snow and ice anchors, briefly reviewing simple crevasse rescue systems, learning more advanced crevasse rescue systems and teaching crevasse self rescue techniques.

After the day's training we descend to Paradise for the shuttle back to Ashford. Please note that lodging is not provided for this program.

“I chose IMG over any other company to teach me the skills necessary to climb bigger and harder mountains. I was very happy with my choice from the moment I submitted my application... I was blown away with the professionalism and knowledge that every staff member held.”

—Kevin T

“I am still marveling at my wonderful experience with your team on Rainier. IMG is a class operation indeed. The guides are solicitous and exude competence and safety. I have never felt so safe and secure on the mountain. IMG does not cut corners.”

—Dinesh N.

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