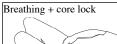
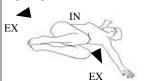
## AVANT-SKI YOGA STRETCH AND STRENGTHEN SKIFIT ROUTINE





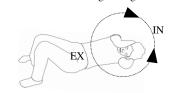
Breathe into belly: end of exhale draw navel in and downwards and feel pelvic floor lift, hold 1-2 secs, relax, inhale. Repeat 3-4 x then hold lock 5 breaths

Supine spinal twists 2



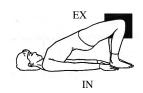
Knees to chest, exhale knees to side, rolling head to opp side, inhale to centre. 5-10 x Hold twist with slow deep breathing into side chest

Abdominal / core strengthening

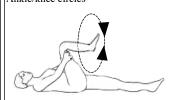


Interlace fingers at base of skull, curl up off ground. Circle 5-10 x each way, inhaling elbows up, exhaling down

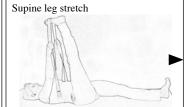
Bridge pose



Exhale roll pelvis and spine up, inhale roll down (+/- arms up on inhale, down on exhale ie opposite to torso). +/block between knees. Hold 3-5 breaths Ankle/knee circles



Clasp behind R knee. Circle lower leg and ankle 3-5x each way +/- apply pressure with thumbs to points along sides of joint



Strap around ball of R foot. Stretch leg up. Relax abdomen, groin and back. Gently stretch back of leg. Release whole spine & neck. 3-5 breaths...

Supine side leg stretch



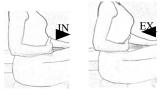
.hold strap in R hand. Take R leg up out to R, elbow to floor. Keep L buttock on mat. Lengthen R side of waist 3-5 breaths....

Deep hip stretch



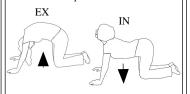
...R ankle on L thigh close to knee. Bring L thigh towards chest and R knee away to stretch R deep hip muscles. 5 breaths

Abdominal pumping breath



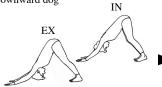
Inhale into abdomen, exhale squeeze navel in, relax, inhale - 30-100 fast pumping exhalations (>1/sec)-exhalefull inhale-complete exhale- 3/4 inhaleshort hold, then 3-5 normal breaths.

Bidasana - Cat pose



Exhale flex spine into convex curve from tail bone upwards. Inhale lift tail bone extending spine into back bend from tail bone upwards

Downward dog



Tuck toes under, feet hip width, exhale lift & extend knees, move hips back. Inhale stretch upper body, exhale stretch legs 2-3 x then hold

Spine release & hamstring stretch



Walk feet to hands. Hang with palms on ground or hold elbows 2-3 breaths...

Chair pose



... bend knees into semi squat stretch arms forward, raise torso & arms to vertical, 3-5 breaths, inhale straighten, exhale to previous pose. Repeat both.

Horse stance

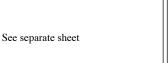


arms out & up, palms together exhale palms down centre bending knees & keeping even weight on inner & outer feet. 3-5x +/- gradually turn feet out more. Hold in prayer position 1-2mins Wide leg stretch



Turn toes in, bend forward, place hands on ground, exhale move hands back in line with feet, extend head towards ground between hands

Sun salutations



Warrior 1



From lunge lift torso and arms stretching up and back, move tail bone down and forwards 3-5 breaths...

Warrior 2



..turn torso to L keeping R knee in line with middle toe, bring L heel down, turn toes in, lower arms to sides, gaze over bent knee

Side angle stretch



...bring R forearm onto thigh or hand to ground behind or in front of R ankle, stretch L arm diagonally over head, gaze upwards.

Vrksasana - Tree pose



Place R foot on inner L thigh, take knee out to side and down, pressing R foot into L thigh, squeeze thigh into foot to lock together. Palms in prayer position

Dancer's pose



Hold R ankle drop knee down, bring heel to buttock and move tail bone forward to stretch thigh & groin. Pull R ankle back and up, stretching L arm forwards and up

Knees to chest back stretch



Lie down bring both knees to chest to stretch back

Relaxation



Stretch out with legs slightly apart and arms away from side of body, lengthen neck and low back. Relax completely 5-10 mins.

BOOKS:

Inner Skiing - W. Timothy Gallwey & Robert Kriegel

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