



GREAT CANADIAN HELI-SKIING

2009 Heli-Ski Season Prices and Information

All-Inclusive tours featuring **Unlimited Vertical All Season**
Smallest groups in the business, **4:1 guest to guide ratio**
Flexible holidays with **2 to 7 night tours** available
Located in the **world's most famous powder** skiing belt
Most **accessible** heli-skiing lodge from an **International Airport**
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*"We have never strived to be the biggest, just the best."
Greg Porter, Proprietor*



Daily Itinerary

Arrival Day:

Room Check-in at Heather Mountain Lodge is 6:00pm. If you arrive earlier, make yourself at home, enjoy a drink in the lounge or take a tour of our property. After you are unpacked and settled in, join us in the lodge with your boots, so the guides can get your skis set-up after dinner.

We welcome you to the dining room at 7:00 pm for dinner and introductions. After dinner guides will escort you to the Ski Room located in the lower level of the lodge to choose equipment, weigh in and complete some administration. Afterward enjoy entertainment in the lounge.

Typical Day

6:30-7:30am - The guides rise early to go over snow conditions and make decisions on where you will be skiing that day. The Canadian Helicopter flight personnel prepare and inspect helicopter.

8:00am - Breakfast. We offer a wide selection of nutritious choices to start your day - everything you need to hit the powder. Please bring your reading glasses on your first morning, as Release of Liability Waivers will be signed at this time.

9:00am- 10:45am (First Day Only) -On your first ski day we will all participate in the heli- briefing and companion search training. Light snacks will be served in the Ski Room before you head out. Everyone must attend.

9:00am - First group lifts off from on-site helipad at the lodge.

12:30 - Lunch out in the field with hot soup and tea to accompany your picnic lunch prepared by our HML chefs.

4:00-4:30pm - Final turns, arrival to the lodge Note: December and early January's last run is earlier due to earlier dusk.

4:30-6:00pm - Guides/Pilots Meeting - discussion on the days skiing and plans for tomorrow.

4:30pm - Après ski snack and cold drinks are served in the Ski Room (The Strip Joint).

5:00-7:00pm - Free Time, Massage, relaxation.

7:00pm - Dinner-the other highlight of the day!

[see Appendix V for our sample menu!]

8:30pm - Entertainment in the lounge. Final night is 'Reward Night' and all Powder Privilege Recipients will be honored.

Check-Out Day (Saturday, Tuesday)

Week Long Guests - Breakfast will be at 7:00am for those departing at 8:00am on our Saturday shuttle to Calgary. Check out and settling bills occurs between **7:00-8:00am**.

2, 3, 4 & 5 Day Guests - Guests who are departing after skiing on their final day, please ensure that you have all your things packed and set aside near the door of your room so that housekeeping can prepare for those guests arriving. Due to the hectic nature of these mind-week x-change days, we kindly ask that all guests are checked out of their rooms between **4:30-5:00pm** at the latest.



The Lodge (Altitude: 1055m/3460ft.)

The moment you set foot into Heather Mountain Lodge you'll realize you have arrived at a very special place. The craftsmanship and design are clearly reminiscent of a bygone era. Beautiful, massive fir and larch beams are pinned together with oak and mahogany dowels and the exposed joinery techniques are a tribute to the timber frame craft. The large, vaulted ceiling dining room offers panoramic vistas of the rugged Selkirk Mountains while you enjoy the high mountain cuisine prepared by our excellent chefs. The lodge and the hotel rooms are in two separate buildings, joined by a heated pathway. So you have the option of being social in the lounge or escaping to the quiet of your room.

Recently re-decorated guest rooms are sure to provide comfort, privacy and with wireless internet and the option of Satellite television you can now choose to keep up to date on news and events. A few of the amenities we offer are the services of an in-house massage therapist, as well as a ski shop and outdoor hot tub. See Appendix IV at the end of this brochure for a complete list of services and amenities.

Most importantly, the lodge is equipped with on-site heli-pads literally 50 steps from our Lodge. No shuttle's are required, all of your heli-skiing flies directly to and from our lodge.

Lodge Details:

Lodge Communications

Heather Mountain Lodge utilizes the latest technology to provide the best communication services available. Every room now offers Internet connections and phone. We also have a computer for guest use in the lounge and fax service available from the front desk.

We now have cellular phone coverage. If your service is CDMA compatible, your personal phone will have service. There are also phones in every room but with only two outgoing lines, we apologize in advance for any delays you may experience.

Lodge Expenses

Heather Mountain Lodge accepts cash in Canadian and US dollars, traveler's cheques, Master Card and Visa. We do not accept personal cheques at the lodge. Optional expenses could include single room upgrade, LCD television upgrade, ski shop, liquor, massages, and gratuities. For details please refer to the Appendix IV at the end of this brochure.

Gratuities

Please feel free to include a gratuity at the end of your ski trip if you feel that the staff service throughout your stay was exceptional. Simply indicate what amount you would like to leave for the guiding team or the lodge team. All staff will be aware of your contribution.

Smoking Policy

There are new strict bylaws in British Columbia regarding smoking; therefore, while on the property at Heather Mountain Lodge we kindly ask that you only smoke in the designated areas. When skiing or at lunch please be sensitive to other guests by consulting with your guide as an appropriate time and place to smoke. Always smoke downwind of others and always have a small canister or bag in which to collect your extinguished cigarettes.

Powder Privileges Loyalty Program

At Great Canadian Heli-Skiing we simply love what we do - and we couldn't do it without you, our loyal guests! Winter of 2005 we introduced a new customer appreciation program to honor returning guests. Depending upon how many accumulated skiing days the honorees have, they are presented with a very special gift, decorated with the exclusive Powder Privileges emblem.

We hope to welcome many more to this club over the years to come and always strive to provide our guests with an experience that will become the basis of a lasting relationship, We would like to extend our thanks to all of our guests, new and old friends alike.

The customized gifts, decorated with our exclusive Powder Privileges Program emblem...

10 days: ARC'TERYX Thermal Pro Covert fleece pull-over

25 days: ARC'TERYX Wind Pro Gamma AR soft-shell jacket

50 days: ARC'TERYX Gore-Tex Theta AR shell jacket

100 days: Custom-made powder skis and snowboards, hand-made in B.C.



POWDER PRIVILEGES

We are so proud to partner with these small Canadian companies, who's dedication to quality and detail have launched them into industry leaders.

www.priorskis.com
www.priorsnowboards.com
www.arcteryx.com



Terrain & Climate

Our Ski Area – The interior ranges of British Columbia – the Selkirk (Rogers Pass) and Purcell mountains – are possibly the most famous skiing mountain ranges in the world. They can offer phenomenal amounts of light, dry powder snow, good flying conditions, tens of thousands of square kilometers of wilderness and ideal skiing weather. Great Canadian Heli-Skiing has an exclusive license to vast terrain in the Selkirk and Purcell mountain ranges, along the north and east borders of Glacier National Park.

Terrain – There are hundreds of ski runs for your use, offering every type of terrain – glaciers, open bowls, gladed trees – and every slope angle and exposure. Great Canadian stands out in the industry because of the quality and the accessibility of our terrain above our base at Heather Mountain Lodge. This accounts for minimal days a year when we are unable to ski due to adverse flying conditions. Most of our runs average in length from 460 to 760 vertical meters (approx. 1500 - 2500 vertical feet). Our longest run is 1900 vm (6 232 vertical ft)!! Usually, we ski at an altitude between 3000 and 1833 meters (9000 and 5500 ft) with our highest peak reaching 3,078 meters (10,100 feet).

Temperatures – Winter temperatures, on average, range between -7° to -15°C (20° to 5° F). Occasionally temperatures can fall below these ranges producing very cold weather -30° C (-18°F).

Snow Conditions – Our average annual snowfall is over 14 meters (46 feet) and will typically build a base of more than 3.5 meters (12 feet)! The Selkirk's and Purcell's are renowned for the deep, dry consistent snow packs that are ideal for heli-skiing. However, skiing conditions and stability in the mountains can deteriorate with excessive exposure to wind, sun, snow or possibly rain. While nature will dictate the conditions, our guides will focus on finding the best skiing available. Check out our on-line weather and conditions updates at:

<http://www.canadianheli-skiing.com>

Safety

There are inherent risks to heli-skiing, which you will be taking while on a heli-ski vacation. Before you are able to join us heli-skiing, you will be required to sign a waiver, thereby accepting the risks. Please refer to a copy of the Release of Liability Waiver at the end of this brochure in Appendix I.

Helicopters and Pilots

We use the ultimate heli-skiing machine, the AStar B2. These are powerful, very comfortable helicopters, ideal for mountain flying. All of our helicopters' onsite engineers, and our high hour, mountain-trained pilots are supplied and serviced by Canadian Helicopters, the largest helicopter company in Canada. Canadian Helicopters has the extensive infrastructure to ensure the rigorous maintenance schedule and safety inspections required for helicopters.

Guides

Great Canadian Heli-Skiing holds your safety as our priority. Our guides are experienced and certified (ACMG and CSGA) professionals. They are all trained in snow safety, weather analysis, and emergency medical techniques and mechanized ski guiding. Day by day they will find the best of what Mother Nature has to offer.

Each morning and each evening they meet to evaluate and discuss conditions based on their own observations as well as data supplied by remote weather stations and the Canadian Avalanche Association information exchange.



Snow and Avalanches – Our guides are constantly practicing snow and avalanche management as they analyze the changes in the conditions and make guiding decisions accordingly.

Each morning and evening our guides meet to evaluate and discuss the weather, snow stability and terrain based on field observations and data supplied by remote weather stations and the Canadian Avalanche Association.

Emergencies – Continuous radio communication between the guides, the helicopter and our base is maintained. The guides carry extensive emergency gear in their packs and on the helicopter.

HeliCat Canada & CWSAA – We are proud members of the Canada West Ski Areas Association (CWSAA) and HeliCat Canada Association.

Skiing and Snowboarding

Ability

In order to fully enjoy your heli-skiing holiday you must be a strong intermediate skier/snowboarder. This means you have skied/snowboarded regularly over the last several years and are capable of controlling yourself on treed ski runs, traverse slopes and can maneuver over variable mountain conditions. For example, at your local ski resort, if you are able to descend a black diamond run and maintain control you will likely be prepared for our terrain. Any experience that you have had in skiing powder would be an additional asset. We suggest regular skiing/snowboarding and fitness conditioning before your heli-ski vacation.

Grouping

We ski with four guests per group. Because of this awesome ratio, we try to accommodate our guests as much as possible, by allowing them to group themselves. During your vacation we encourage our guests to ski with others who have similar interests or abilities. As a result of using small groups, compatibility is most often attainable. The guides do reserve the right to rearrange the groups, as they deem necessary. See Appendix III for more information.

Heli-pad and Staging Area

The Heli-pad is located 50 steps from the lodge doors. There is no drive to get to the helicopter in the morning, nor is there a long walk from it in the evening. In the Ski Room you will find storage compartments, boot and glove dryer, washrooms, and a changing area.

“Knowing the guides return year after year is reassuring and speaks highly of your business. The staff is friendly and approachable while the physical offerings are more than comforting. You provide holiday in the true sense of the word.” - George

“My adventure with Great Canadian was truly a peak experience for me, starting with my initial conversations with the office through to two incredible days of skiing. I skied terrain that I have never skied before (nor would I without your team) and I challenged myself and pushed my boundaries beyond where I have before. Both days were very rewarding. I would highly recommend your organization to any of my colleagues, friends and resort guests and I look forward to returning myself.

Very kindly...Jo. “ (Canmore AB)



2008-2009 Season Pricing

6-Day Tour

Dates	\$ CDN	Final balance due date
Dec 13-20	7,314	08-Sep
Dec 20-27	7,314	15-Sep
Dec 27-Jan 3	7,314	23-Sep
Jan 3-10	8,038	29-Sep
Jan 10-17	9,321	6-Oct
Jan 17-24	10,021	13-Oct
Jan 24-31	10,309	20-Oct
Jan 31-Feb 7	10,309	27-Oct
Feb 7-14	10,309	1-Nov
Feb 14-21	10,309	1-Nov
Feb 21-28	10,309	1-Nov
Feb 28-Mar 7	10,309	1-Nov
Mar 7-14	10,309	1-Nov
Mar 14-21	10,309	1-Nov
Mar 21-28	9,685	1-Nov
Mar 28- Apr 4	9,068	1-Nov
April 4-11	8,247	1-Nov

3-Day Tour

Dates	\$ CDN	Final balance due date
Dec 13-20	4,076	8-Sep
Dec 20-27	4,237	15-Sep
Dec 27-Jan 3	4,397	22-Sep
Jan 3-10	4,613	29-Sep
Jan 10-13	4,829	4-Oct
Jan 17-20	4,990	11-Oct
Jan 24-27	5,161	18-Oct
Jan 31-Feb 3	5,161	25-Oct
Feb 7-10	5,161	1-Nov
Feb 14-17	5,161	1-Nov
Feb 21-24	5,161	1-Nov
Feb 28-Mar 3	5,161	1-Nov
Mar 7-10	5,161	1-Nov
Mar 14-21	5,161	1-Nov
Mar 21-28	5,042	1-Nov
Mar 28- Apr 4	4,829	1-Nov
April 4-11	4,397	1-Nov

5-Day Tour

Dates	\$ CDN	Final balance due date
Dec 13-20	6,267	08-Sep
Dec 20-27	6,338	15-Sep
Dec 27-Jan 3	6,405	22-Sep
Jan 3-10	6,946	29-Sep
Mar 14-21	8,594	1-Nov
Mar 21-28	8,153	1-Nov
Mar 28- Apr 4	7,679	1-Nov
April 4-11	6,985	1-Nov

2-Day Tour

Dates	\$ CDN	Final Balance due
Dec 13-20	2,786	8-Sep
Dec 20-27	2,890	15-Sep
Dec 27-Jan 3	2,993	22-Sep
Jan 3-10	3,129	29-Sep
Mar 14-21	3,440	1-Nov
Mar 21-28	3,440	1-Nov
Mar 28- Apr 4	3,302	1-Nov
April 4-11	2,993	1-Nov

4-Day Tour

Dates	\$ CDN	Final balance due date
Dec 13-20	5,162	8-Sep
Dec 20-27	5,270	15-Sep
Dec 27-Jan 3	5,377	22-Sep
Jan 3-10	5,760	29-Sep
Jan 13-17	6,334	4-Oct
Jan 20-24	6,676	11-Oct
Jan 27-31	6,886	18-Oct
Feb 3-7	6,886	25-Oct
Feb 10-14	6,886	1-Nov
Feb 17-21	6,886	1-Nov
Feb 24-28	6,886	1-Nov
Mar 3-7	6,886	1-Nov
Mar 10-14	6,886	1-Nov
Mar 14-21	6,886	1-Nov
Mar 21-28	6,598	1-Nov
Mar 28- Apr 4	6,250	1-Nov
April 4-11	5,688	1-Nov

All package dates in red bars have flexible start and end dates.

“ Thanks again for a great time. Class operation you guys got there. Looking forward to the next trip.” - Ronnie

“I am sitting here with my family and thinking about the great couple weeks I just had. I really appreciate all of the time that I got to spend at GCH. I told my wife before I left when she asked me how I could possibly go somewhere for two weeks that it was like going home to family.”
 -Eric (Boulder CO)



Private Groups

The Private Heli-Tours offers the ultimate in privacy and versatility. With this option your guide and helicopter will cater only to your group's pace, ability and terrain preferences. With a helicopter at your beck and call, you can enjoy our most exclusive holiday available. Great Canadian offers 2 types of Private tours. Both experiences provide exclusive use of one A-Star helicopter with skiing from 9 am until 4:00-4:30 pm over 6 days.

The Semi-Private accommodates 8 skiers in two groups of 4 per guide, includes 7 nights/6 days skiing, Double accommodation, 9 - 15 hours of heli-time and private transfer from Calgary.

Priced at \$119,923.

The Private accommodates 4 skiers with one guide, includes 7 nights/6 days skiing Single accommodation, 7 - 10 hours flying time and private transfer from Calgary. Priced at \$72,475.

**Extra heli-time is billed at a rate of \$2,300 per hour.

Registration and Deposits

Read our brochures and/or website on the tours that we offer. Select a tour and a date that suits you. Read the Great Canadian Heli-Skiing Waiver before you book your package. This waiver will affect your legal rights and you will be required to sign a copy of this waiver before being allowed to ski/ride with us. Give us a call.

Contact our Office at:

Phone: **1(250) 344-2326** or **1(866) 424-4354** Fax: **1(250) 344-2316**

E-mail: info@canadianheli-skiing.com with any questions or with a booking request.

Initial Deposit

To secure your space, we require an initial deposit of \$500 for 2, 3, 4-day packages, \$1000 for 5 and 6 day packages, or 15% for Privates and Semi-Privates. The deposit is refundable up to May 1st, 2008. After May 1st, 2008, all deposits become non-refundable. We accept Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Wire Transfers and Personal Cheque.

Final Deposit

Final balance of Deposit is due 14 weeks prior to your trip, **or** November 1st, 2008, whichever comes first. Any spot held will be subject to cancellation if the full deposit balance is not received by the final deposit date. If you are booking after November 1st, the final deposit will be necessary upon the booking date. We accept MasterCard, VISA, Personal Cheque or Wire transfers. Deposits are considered payments upon your departure date. Any additional charges or refunds will be presented at this time.

Deposits in US funds will be credited to your account at the exchange rate that we receive upon deposit at the bank. This rate is always subject to change.

Wire transfers should be made to the account of:

Great Canadian Heli-Skiing Ltd,
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce,
520-9 Ave N Golden BC CANADA PH:1 250 344 2244
Bank #010, Transit # 00350, Account # 40 11112
Swift Code: CIBCCATT

Be sure that transfer instructions include your name and trip date.



Vertical Refunds

Refunds are \$100 per 1,000 vertical meters not skied based on the following guarantees: Privates and 6 day - 30,500 vm, 5 day - 22,000 vm, 4 day - 17,500 vm, 3 day - 13,000 vm, and 2 day - 8,800 vm. Refunds are given only for mechanical delays or inclement weather. Refunds will not be given for any unused part of a package due to physical and skiing abilities.

Cancellations and Insurance

Cancellations

We will refund all deposits made, less the non-refundable initial deposit; in Canadian Funds, for cancellations received in writing or by fax, 14 full weeks prior to the commencement date of your trip, or Nov. 1, 2008, whichever comes first. If you are unable to make your holiday after the cancellation date, the package you purchased is non-refundable, however you may transfer to another person if you find a replacement.

Please note - the nature of our business requires that we make significant commitments of highly trained personnel and very expensive equipment well in advance of your skiing with us. We do this to ensure you have the best holiday possible when you arrive. As such, we cannot refund, in full or any unused portion of a trip, to customers who find they must cancel after the final deposit date.

Insurance

For your peace of mind, and to avoid any financial hardship an unexpected cancellation could cause, Uniglobe Specialty Travel has arranged for travel insurance coverage especially for your holiday package with Great Canadian Heli Skiing.

To book your insurance, or to find out more information, please contact:

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Uniglobe Specialty Travel Ltd.
1.800.455.0007 or 250.837.2544 EML: pmdtravel@rctvonline.net

Travel Arrangements

Saturday Shuttle

Those joining us for a Private or 6-day package may choose to let GCH do the driving. Our shuttle is provided by **SunDog Tours** and departs the Calgary International Airport Saturdays between 1:30 and 3 pm. Your escort will meet you at the **SunDog Tours** Desk near the international arrivals between 1:30 pm to 2:30 pm. Please ensure that your flight arrives no later than 1:30 pm to allow for collecting baggage and clearing customs. Considering that some guests have arrived the night before, the shuttle will depart at 3:00pm sharp.

We recommend that overseas travelers arrive Friday evening to avoid jet lag. When booking your return flight, keep in mind that the shuttle will return you to Calgary the following Saturday by 12:30 pm. **Please do not book your departing flight for any earlier than 1:30 pm.**

Staying in Calgary

We recommend that guests stay at the Delta Calgary Airport Hotel Tel: (403) 291-2600 ext. 6347. Ask for 'Great Canadian Heli-Skiing' rate when making reservations.



Self Drive

Heather Mountain Lodge is the most accessible Heli-skiing lodge by car. Most of our guests choose to drive themselves by rental car and enjoy the magnificent scenery from Calgary. It is a 3.5-hour drive on the Trans Canada Highway. You will pass through beautiful Banff, Lake Louise and Golden with plenty of opportunities for pre and post-resort skiing. Check-in time is 6 pm and dinner is served at 7 pm, so book your flights accordingly.

Hire a Car

Alternately you may choose to hire a car and driver. We recommend "Sun Dog Tours". Please contact them for rates and availability 1 403.762.4343

Driving Directions

Heather Mountain Lodge is located 3.5 hours west of Calgary on the Trans-Canada Highway (Hwy. 1). More specifically, 55 km west of Golden, 20 km east of Rogers Pass on Hwy. 1.

From the Calgary International Airport, head south on "Barlow Trail" to the Trans Canada Highway (#1HWY-16th Ave). Head west on the #1 out of Calgary. From the city limits, it is a nice divided highway all the way through Canmore and Banff but changes to single lane just prior to Lake Louise. Once you reach Golden, Heather Mountain Lodge is 55km or 45 minutes further west, remaining on Highway #1. You will find the lodge on the right (north) side of the highway and marked by a lighted sign at the turn, as well as a few smaller signs noting "Great Canadian Heli Skiing" and "Heather Mountain Lodge" along the way. Once you turn off the highway, the lodge is 100m to the left. The entire trip should take approximately 3.5 to 4 hours.

Please note that dinner is served at 7:00pm MST, so please try to arrive by 6:00pm for check-in.

Enjoy the trip!! If you have any trouble, the phone number at Heather Mountain Lodge is 1(250) 344-7490

Clearing Customs

We strongly recommend that all international guests check with Canadian Boarder Services Agency (www.cbsa.gc.ca) to ensure that travel documentation is up-to-date and that you will have no surprises, which would inhibit your entry into Canada. All travelers including US citizens must carry a valid passport to enter the country

Canada Customs has been reviewing minor misdemeanors, so it has been suggested that anyone traveling internationally go through the steps to have their record cleared.

General FAQ

What do I need to pack?

First and foremost, we strongly recommend that you bring your well-fitting ski boots as carry on during your flight. We can figure out just about everything else should there be any missing luggage. For skiing it's all about layers. A Gore-tex non-insulated shell plus several synthetic shirts and pants with varying thickness will allow you to adapt. Remember - no cotton, it gets wet and stays cold. There is no need to bring an extensive wardrobe, as the lodge is very casual. See our Suggested Packing List in Appendix II.

What type of skis and snowboards does GCH provide?

Great Canadian Heli-Skiing provides guests with Atomic powder skis and Burton snowboards and includes all poles, transceivers and rescue equipment. The Atomic Heli-Daddy and Snoop Daddy are designed for the heli-skiing industry and set-up with Salomon bindings. The Burton Fish, Malolo, and Supermodel are set up with large shovel nose and set back stance to offer the ultimate flotation. See Appendix II for a list of our size selection.



What about boots?

You need to bring your own boots. Comfort and a smooth forward flex are the most important attributes. New boots are most often not comfortable. Tight racing boots are miserable. A boot that does not have abnormal pressure in the toes, ankle or lower part of the calf is preferable. Please remember that we supply skis and poles but we do not supply boots; so take your boots on the plane as carry on luggage!

How about Helmets?

Helmets are absolutely personal preference. However, if you choose to wear a helmet ensure that it does not cover the ears completely. Your safety may be compromised if you cannot hear the guide's instructions and /or react to external stimuli in avalanche terrain.

Can I use my own transceiver, probe, and shovel?

Transceivers: Yes, however you are required to be trained with and wear a GCH transceiver since we and your ski companions are assured that they are properly maintained and easy to use. You may use your own transceiver in the event of a search if you are most comfortable with it, but it must remain in your pocket and turned off until such time.

Probe and shovel: Yes providing you have a low-profile backpack that you can comfortably wear while sitting in the helicopter. Removing or leaving your pack in the helicopter is not possible.

Can I bring my own A.B.S. balloon?

Yes, the use of ABS balloons is permitted at Great Canadian Heli Skiing. The pack should be a low profile pack and have a removable trigger. According to transport regulations the pack (the cartridge) cannot be allowed in the main compartment of the helicopter under any circumstances and therefore will be removed and transported in the ski basket on the outside of the helicopter.

Can I Bring my iPod or personal music player?

While you are more than welcome to have your music in your room, we cannot allow it out in the field. For your safety and the safety of others in your group, you must be able to hear the guide at all times and react to external stimuli.

What is your average snowfall?

Our average annual snowfall is over 14 meters (46 feet) and will typically build a base of more than 3.5 meters (12 feet)! Check out our website under 'weather' for more details.

At what altitude do you ski?

Our runs are at an altitude on average between 3000 and 1833 meters (9000 and 5500 ft) with the highest drop-off at 3200 meters (10,500 feet). The altitude at which we will ski will be determined each day by the guides and pilots, depending on visibility, snow stability, and quality. Heather Mountain Lodge is located at 1055m or 3460 ft.

How fit should I be? Can I ski for a Week?

Fitness is often more important than ability. The more fit you are, the more fun you will have and the less likely you are going to encounter an injury. One guest told us that his conditioning made a huge difference in how much fun he had. If you are joining us for a week you might find it reassuring to know that it is common to feel slightly tired at the end of your third day of heli-skiing. As you take off for the second half of the week, your technique excels, your muscles acclimatize and your heli-skiing typically is lifted to the level, which can only be acquired by committing to a week of powder turns.



When is the best time to come?

You be the judge. Our operating season is from mid-December to the beginning of April. There are desirable qualities throughout the season. The following are some generalizations ready to be proven wrong by Mother Nature:

December to January – Mostly Tree Skiing, Some Alpine Glaciers and Bowls.

Mid-January, February, Mid-March – Alpine Glaciers, Bowls and Tree Skiing.

March to Early April – Alpine Glaciers and Bowls, Reduced Tree Skiing.

How are the groups set up?

We ski with four guests per group. During your vacation we encourage our guests to ski with others who have similar interests or abilities. As a result of using small groups, compatibility is most often attainable. See Appendix III for more details.

FAQ – What Does an Unlimited Vertical day look like? Can I ski as late as I want?

We run a very similar length of day to a ski resort. Our guests day runs from 9:00am to 4:00-4:30pm (see Daily Itinerary). This allows for a fulfilling day of skiing for our guests while allowing our guides day to start at 7:00am and run to 6:00pm with pre and post meetings to plan for your enjoyment and safety. On average guests ski 6,500 vertical meters (21,450 feet) a day while a big day is over 10,000 vm (33,000 feet). Like all other operations we still guarantee the minimum that you will ski, however Great Canadian Heli-Skiing does not charge the extra vertical rate of \$100+ per 1,000 meters to keep skiing beyond the guaranteed limit.

Do I have to ski all day?

No. The helicopter refuels mid-day. This is your opportunity to go back to the lodge. Please advise your guide in advance if you wish to ski a partial day.

What activities are there for ‘down-days’?

Actually, we are not very good at this because we don't have to be. On average we have 2-4 days a year that we do not ski. (2008 we did not have any!) . Our onsite heli-pads, powerful helicopters, small groups, and fantastic treed lodge runs offer the magic formula for accessibility. We do have snowshoeing trails and we are halfway between Kicking Horse and Revelstoke Mountain Resorts, yet we almost never ski them as the potential to go heli-skiing is high.

Does GCH offer any discounts for organizing a group?

Yes. If you are to organize a group of 12 or more skiers you will receive a 10% discount or one free space. Individual discount is offered when you rebook the following season before your departure. Also ask for information on Great Canadian Heli-Skiing Season Passes for individuals and groups.

Can I connect with the outside world at Heather Mountain Lodge?

Yes! High tech communications enable you to slip in and out of the real world so you can enjoy the remoteness of the lodge. We have wireless Internet, cell phone and satellite TV. See Appendix IV for more details.

What do you carry in your Store?

Arcteryx, Powder PipeLine and Smith are just some of the quality brands of technical and outdoor clothing and gear that we carry in our store. We have selected a group of technical Arcteryx pieces that are perfectly designed for heli-skiing. We also carry custom boot and board bags, Kicking Horse Coffee, and many souvenirs.

What additional charges can I expect?

With **Unlimited Vertical** you will certainly not have to pay any extra for skiing. A typical end of trip bill will include, liquor, retail, massage, gratuities and your deposit for next year.



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Packing list

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Inventory of skis and snowboards

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Sample menu

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS,
ASSUMPTION OF RISKS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT
(hereinafter the "Release Agreement")**

BY SIGNING THIS RELEASE AGREEMENT, YOU WILL WAIVE OR GIVE UP CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO SUE OR CLAIM COMPENSATION FOLLOWING AN ACCIDENT

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

INITIAL

Name			
Last	First		
Address			
Street	City	Prov/State	
Country	Code	Date of Birth	Age

TO: GREAT CANADIAN HELI-SKIING LTD. (Golden British Columbia). (hereinafter collectively referred to as **"THE OPERATORS"**)
CANADIAN HELICOPTERS LIMITED. (hereinafter collectively referred to as **"THE HELICOPTER COMPANY"**)

AND TO: HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA (hereinafter referred to as **"THE PROVINCE"**)

DEFINITIONS

In this Release Agreement:

- a) the term **"skiing"** shall include **"snowboarding"** and **"telemark skiing"**;
- b) the term **"wilderness skiing"** shall apply to both **"helicopter skiing"** and **"snowcat skiing"** and shall include all activities, services and use of facilities either provided by or arranged by the Operators or in any way related to either helicopter skiing or snowcat skiing including, but not limited to: orientation and instructional sessions; transportation; accommodation and recreational activities in addition to skiing; snowmobiling; loading, unloading and travel in or movement around helicopters and snowcats; and all skiing and other activities in the alpine area.

ASSUMPTION OF RISKS - AVALANCHES, ALPINE TERRAIN, WILDERNESS TRAVEL, WEATHER ETC. I am aware that wilderness skiing involves risks, dangers and hazards in addition to those normally associated with downhill skiing. Avalanches occur frequently in the alpine terrain used for wilderness skiing and may be caused by natural forces or by skiers. I acknowledge and accept that the Operators and their staff may fail to predict whether the alpine terrain is safe for skiing or whether an avalanche may occur. The alpine terrain used for wilderness skiing is uncontrolled, unmarked, not inspected and involves many risks, dangers and hazards in addition to that of avalanche. These may include, but are not limited to: ice and snow cornices; trees, tree wells and tree stumps; creeks; rocks; boulders; forest deadfall; holes and depressions on or below the snow surface; cliffs; variable and difficult snow conditions; crevasses; snowcat roads and road banks, fences, and other man-made structures; impact or collision with other skiers, snowmobilers, persons or objects; the failure to ski safely or within one's own ability or within designated areas; negligence of other skiers or persons; and **NEGLIGENCE ON THE PART OF THE OPERATORS OR THEIR GUIDES AND EMPLOYEES, INCLUDING THE FAILURE ON THE PART OF THE OPERATORS OR THEIR GUIDES AND EMPLOYEES TO TAKE REASONABLE STEPS TO SAFEGUARD OR PROTECT ME FROM THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS OF WILDERNESS SKIING.** Skiers may become lost or separated from their skiing party or guide. Communication in the alpine terrain is difficult and in the event of an accident, rescue and medical treatment may not be available. Alpine weather conditions may be extreme and can change rapidly and without warning, making travel by helicopter, snowcat or snowmobile hazardous.

I AM AWARE OF THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH WILDERNESS SKIING AND I FREELY ACCEPT AND FULLY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS AND THE POSSIBILITY OF PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR LOSS RESULTING THEREFROM.

NOTICE TO SNOWBOARDERS AND TELEMAR SKIERS - INCREASED RISK

Unlike alpine ski boot/binding systems, snowboard and some telemark boot/binding systems are not designed or intended to release and will not release under normal circumstances. The use of a safety strap or retention device by snowboarders or telemark skiers without ski brakes will increase the risk of not surviving an avalanche.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration of **THE OPERATORS** and **THE PROVINCE** allowing me to participate in wilderness skiing, and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, I hereby agree as follows:

1. **TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS** that I have or may have in the future against **THE OPERATORS** and **THE PROVINCE** and their directors, officers, employees, guides, agents, independent contractors, representatives, successors and assigns (all of whom are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "RELEASEES") and **TO RELEASE THE RELEASEES** from any and all liability for any loss, damage, expense or injury including death that I may suffer or that my next of kin may suffer as a result of my participation in wilderness skiing, **DUE TO ANY CAUSE WHATSOEVER, INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE, BREACH OF CONTRACT, OR BREACH OF ANY STATUTORY OR OTHER DUTY OF CARE, INCLUDING ANY DUTY OF CARE OWED UNDER THE OCCUPIERS LIABILITY ACT, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 337, ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES, AND INCLUDING THE FAILURE ON THE PART OF THE RELEASEES TO TAKE REASONABLE STEPS TO SAFEGUARD OR PROTECT ME FROM THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS OF WILDERNESS SKIING REFERRED TO ABOVE;**
2. **TO HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY THE RELEASEES** from any and all liability for any property damage or personal injury to any third party resulting from my participation in wilderness skiing;
3. This Release Agreement shall be effective and binding upon my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators, assigns and representatives, in the event of my death or incapacity;
4. This Release Agreement and any rights, duties and obligations as between the parties to this Release Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted solely in accordance with the laws of the Province of British Columbia and no other jurisdiction; and
5. Any litigation involving the parties to this Release Agreement shall be brought solely within the Province of British Columbia and shall be within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of the Province of British Columbia.

In entering into this Release Agreement I am not relying on any oral or written representations or statements made by the Releasees with respect to the safety of wilderness skiing, other than what is set forth in this Release Agreement.

I CONFIRM THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD THIS RELEASE AGREEMENT PRIOR TO SIGNING IT, AND I AM AWARE THAT BY SIGNING THIS RELEASE AGREEMENT I AM WAIVING CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS WHICH I OR MY HEIRS, NEXT OF KIN, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, ASSIGNS AND REPRESENTATIVES MAY HAVE AGAINST THE RELEASEES.

Signed this ___ day of _____, 20____

Witness

Signature of Participant
Print name clearly

THIS AGREEMENT MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL, INITIALED, DATED, SIGNED AND WITNESSED BY US PRIOR TO PARTICIPATING WITH US.

Appendix II

Snowboards	<u>Skis</u>
<p><u>Burton Fish</u> (Powder specific): 156cm, 160</p> <p><u>Burton Malolo</u> (Powder specific): 154, 158, 162</p> <p><u>Burton SuperModel</u> (Freeride): 164, 169 *Burton P1 bindings or bring your own.</p>	<p><i>Atomic Snoop Daddy</i> (mid fat all mountain) - 88 mm at waist * For those who like to be deeper and work harder. Sizes: 174 cm.</p> <p><u>Atomic Heli-Daddy</u> (more powder specific design) - 99 mm waist * Suitable for a wide range of abilities. Sizes: 150,160,170,180 cm.</p>

Suggested Heli-Skiing Packing List

Note: With a warm heli-lift you tend to overheat and battle sweating and fogging up. Accordingly we emphasize the layering concept. Note that helmets can increase your heat retention and wind can increase the need for insulation so adjust accordingly: Below are some suggested layering systems.

- -8 Celsius or warmer: Gore-tex Shell (non-insulated), Light micro-fleece pull over, Silk Weight long underwear. Thin hat and cuffed powder gloves.
- -8 to -16 Celsius: Gore-tex Shell (non-insulated), Light micro-fleece pull over, medium weight long underwear. Thin hat, thin neck warmer and cuffed powder gloves. Lunch time vest ideal.
- -16 or colder: Gore-tex Shell. Medium weight fleece or soft shell jacket. Medium weight long underwear. Thicker hat, neck warmer/gator, and cuffed powder Mitts and glove liners. Down vest for lunch time stop for layering over jacket if cooling down.
- 1 pair of well-fitting ski boots (*ideally not* brand new). Do yourself a favor; bring them on the plane with you!
- Ski goggles (high quality with an anti-fog lens, a low light lens option is useful) If you are a prescription wearer, consider custom goggles with inserts.
- Waterproof or water resistant outerwear shell, Gore-tex being the most common. (Sized to allow layers underneath).
- 2 pairs of ski gloves or mitts with powder cuffs.
- 1 pair of glove/mitten liners; these are ideal for extra warmth and suitable during companion rescue briefing and at lunchtime
- 2 hats; 1 for colder days and 1 for warmer days
- 2 Synthetic or wool long underwear (tops and bottoms) 1 silk weight and 1 medium weight; no cotton!
- Ski socks (2-3 pairs) make sure they do not create too much pressure in boots.
- Light micro fleece jacket or pullover (ideal for layering)
- Medium weight fleece or soft shell jacket (ideal for layering)
- Fleece, Soft-shell or down vest or jacket (ideal for lunchtime or cold days)
- Sunscreen and Lip balm (small tube), Sunglasses, Camera, Swim Suit and Robe
- Casual clothes to wear around the Lodge



Appendix III

Grouping:

At GCHS we have a 4 guest to 1 guide group ratio, because of this great ratio we are able to accommodate our guests by allowing them to group themselves according to interests and ability. Here are a few important things that everyone should be aware of with regard to this grouping system;

1 - For safety and efficiency the Lead Guide will always choose the order in which each group departs for the days skiing.

2 - On very rare occasions and usually due to environmental conditions there may be some weight limitations with respect to the group weights (this is very rare with the Astar B2 Helicopter).

3 - Most importantly - please note that the Lead Group will be required to work harder throughout the day than the groups following. The Lead Group will be assisting the Lead Guide with trail breaking, preparing landings & pickups and organizing the lunch spot.

How to be guided most effectively;

Don'ts - (the abbreviated list)

Don't ski past your guide.

Don't ski into anyone.

Don't ski off alone.

Don't ski in someone else's tracks unless you are asked to.

Don't hurt yourself.

Do's -

Do be safe around the helicopter.

Do "always" listen to your guide.

Do ski with a partner.

Do have a great time.

Do get face shots.

Do take pictures and video.

Do tell your friends about how much fun you are having.

Do sign up for next year.

The most important thing to remember is that your guide's main responsibility is your safety. Always listen to what your guide is asking you to do and follow his/her directions implicitly, if you do not clearly understand those directions then please ask for clarification.



Appendix IV

Communication

Telephone

Cellular telephone service is available from your room at a Rate of \$1.00 per Minute. If sharing guests are to be billed separately, please inform the Front Desk as to allocate which phone numbers should be charged to whom.

To Place a Call from your room Dial: 9 + 1 + (Area Code) + Phone Number

Internet

A guest computer providing Internet access is available free of charge in the Woolly Toque Lounge. If you wish to use your own laptop, Wireless Internet is available throughout the lodge and guest rooms.

Spa Services & Amenities

Massage Therapist

Aching muscles from a long day on the mountain? Massage services are available at a rate of \$75 per 45min. Appointments MUST be booked 24 hrs in advance. The Sign-Up sheet is on Massage Room door in the Staging Area.

Hot Tub

Relax and enjoy an Après ski hot tub. Towels are on site. Please DO NOT take glass into or near the hot tub area; plastic cups are available.

The Woolly Toque Lounge

Kick back and relax with your favorite cocktail in front of the fireplace. Watch satellite TV, play pool, or discuss your ski day with the rest of the crew.

Please Note: As we are a Licensed Facility, please do not bring personal alcohol into the Lodge. We cannot open outside wine, beer, or liquor in our licensed area. Accordingly, we are not allowed any other liquor except that which we have purchased from the Golden Liquor store. BC is a controlled liquor province and therefore the liquor board can visit our premises and compare our purchases in Golden with anything that is on our premises. If we are caught with anything in our licensed area, we are subject to a fine or loss of license. This is not worth the risk. You may consume liquor that you have purchased in your room but not in the lodge.

The Store

ArcTeryx, and Smith are just some of the quality brands of technical and outdoor clothing and gear that we carry in our store. Come browse our selection in the front lobby.

Other...

Wake-Up Calls

To set a Wake-Up Call dial "69" and then using the 24 hour clock enter the time using the telephone keys (6:00 am = 0600, 6:00 pm = 1800). Or, you can call the Front Desk and we will be happy to do it for you.

Everything Else...

Contact the Front Desk dial "400" from your room phone with any other service requests and we will do our best to accommodate you.

EMERGENCY

In Case of Emergency Call the Front Desk "400" or 9-911 (Emergency Only Please). Location: Heather Mountain Lodge / Great Canadian Heli-Skiing, 55km West of Golden BC, Hwy #1, ph. 1.250.344.7490

Check out Procedures

Please let the front desk know, of any other charges you would like to add to your final bill i.e. Gratuities, deposits. Our latest check out time is 5PM (when skiing on day of check out)

Deposit Information

We at Great Canadian Heli-Skiing want to have you join us next year! When you check out you have the chance to deposit for next year, if you choose to do so you, you will receive this years pricing for next years skiing. Deposits are \$500.00 per space for the 2, 3, and 4-day packages and \$1000.00 per space for the 5 and 6-day packages.





Appendix V

Heather Mountain Lodge Dinner Menu (Sample)

	Appetizer	Dinner	Dessert	Vegetarian
Saturday		<i>Buffet</i> – Roasted Chicken, stuffing, roast vegetables of carrots, squash, beets and celery root, potato, two salads, soup, fig and brie crostini	Tiramisu	Balsamic grilled Portobello mushrooms with ginger kelp quinoa and roasted yam fries
Sunday	Salmon trio	Lamb with warm Greek salad and tabouli	Crème brulee with a poached port pear	Warm 5 bean salad with marinated vegetable skewers and fried vegetables latkes
Monday	White wine mussels	Lox stuffed salmon on quinoa, wilted greens and vegetables beurre blanc	Trio of sorbets	Vegetable napoleon with roasted garlic spread, feta cheese and wilted greens
Tuesday	Phyllo, asparagus and goat cheese strudel	Elk bourguignon with potato slabs and vegetables	Baked Alaska Dessert	Miso soba noodle bowl with Asian vegetables and grilled tofu
Wednesday		<i>Buffet</i> – Minestrone soup, two pastas, two sauces, two salads, assorted vegetables	Chocolate mousse	
Thursday	Caesar salad	Blue cheese butter buffalo tenderloin, warm potato salad, vegetables, bacon wrapped beans	Hot winter berry crumble with vanilla ice cream	Homemade fresh vegetable 3 cheese lasagna
Friday		<i>Buffet</i> – Prime rib, squash soup, two salads, potatoes, vegetables of zucchini bunches	Apple strudel	Provincial stuffed zucchini and tomatoes with roasted barley and morel mushroom risotto