

A silver pickup truck is parked on the left side of a snow-covered road. The road curves into the distance towards a range of rugged, snow-capped mountains. The sky is a mix of deep blue and orange, indicating a sunset or sunrise. The overall scene is serene and majestic.

CANADA

“THE ULTIMATE ROADTRIP”



<b>Region</b>	Western Canada. All Mountains.	<b>Vertical Elevation/Day</b>	1000m - 2000m
<b>Season</b>	March	<b>Favourite Run</b>	Youngs Peak
<b>Duration</b>	15 Days	<b>Guide to Guest Ratio</b>	1:6 MAX 1:4 Heliski Upgrade
<b>Difficulty</b>	Intermediate/Advanced	<b>Ski Towns</b>	Lake Louise Revelstoke Whistler

Canada is more than just a ski and snowboard destination, it's a pilgrimage and a rite of passage for all riders. People from all over the world know the reputation Canada has as being the biggest and best, It's that good! But where do you begin if it's your first time? It can be an overwhelming task to organize the "best trip ever" when you find out that the choices are many and your time is limited.

The skiing in Canada is so diverse, and the area so vast, that each mountain range has its own snow characteristics and weather patterns. It would be the equivalent of lumping all of the mountain ranges in Scandinavia, Central Europe, and Eastern Europe together. With over 700 000 km<sup>2</sup> of terrain to explore it can be intimidating to plan a cost effective trip that guarantees that you don't miss a thing. You can come back over and over again and never ski the same thing twice. Cut out the immense task of planning the logistics, the reservations, and the costs. We've done all the hard work so you can sit back and enjoy the adventure.

The ideal time to ski here begins in February. The snowpack has had a few months to develop and the avalanche hazard is easier to manage. The daylight is also longer giving us more time in the day to achieve bigger objectives.

**#notracksnopeople**



# EXAMPLE ITINERARY



We start our road trip in Calgary, working our way through some of the most iconic ski towns in Canada eventually finishing in Vancouver. You will experience the dry crispness of the Rockies, the rugged ski towns of the Interior and the well known classics of the Coastal Mountains.



**SKI HERE**

**LAND HERE**

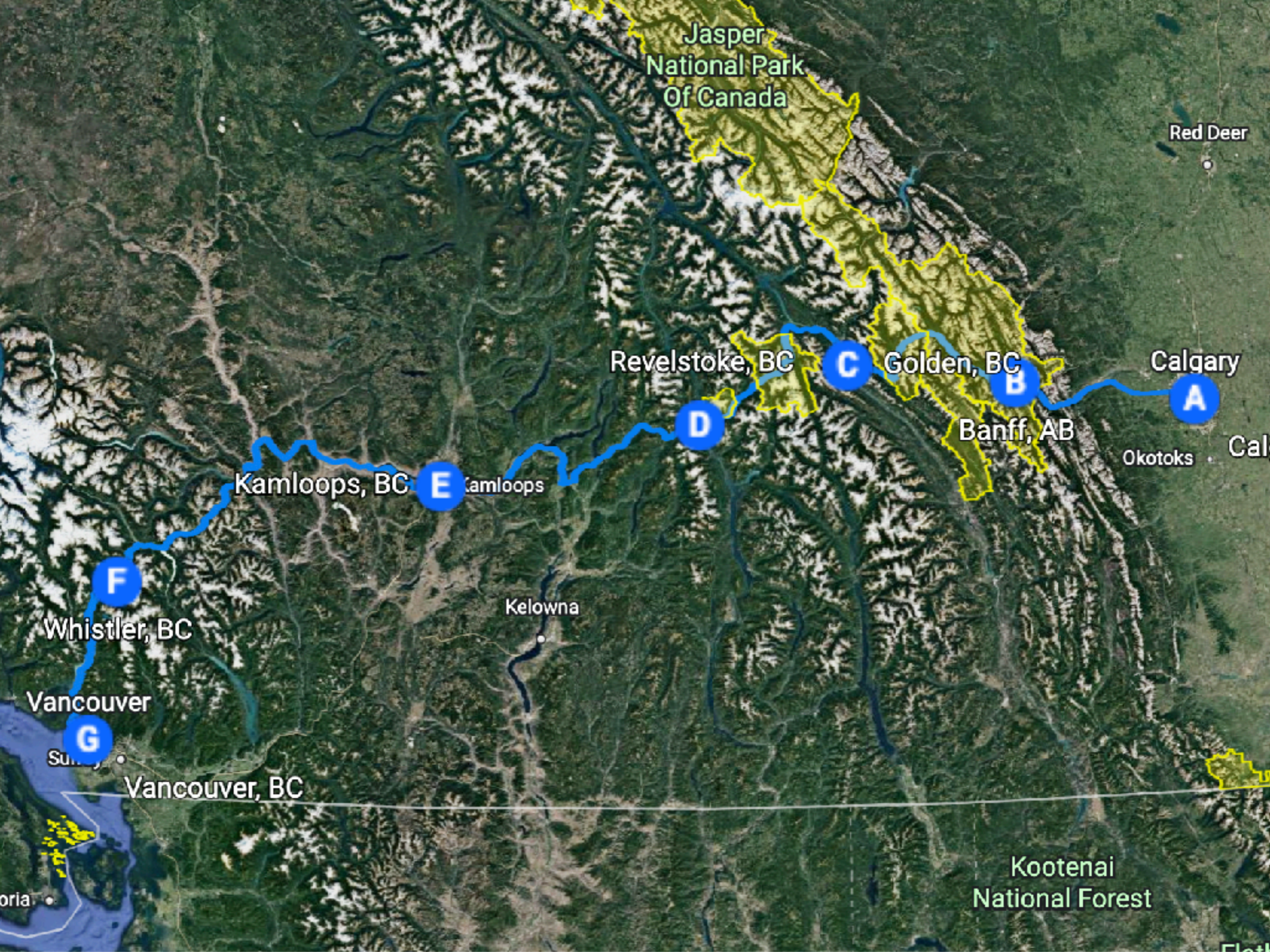
## ARRIVAL DAY

All member of the group must make their way to Calgary Alberta. Airport Code YYC. There are specific flights that we can assist you with booking so that you arrive at the appropriate time.

Your Guide will meet you at the airport. It is a nice airport so if you arrive early hang out and have a beer. We will be in constant communication with you on the days close to your departure to make sure that everything goes smoothy. If you decide to arrive early we can assist you with places to stay and activities in the Calgary area. There is the option of taking an airport shuttle into Banff or Canmore if you decide to arrive a few days earlier

Once we have all met up we will loaded the van and then head out for dinner in Calgary. After dinner we will drive 1.5 hours to Banff or Canmore and settle in for the first night.





Jasper  
National Park  
Of Canada

Red Deer

Revelstoke, BC

Golden, BC

Calgary

Banff, AB

Okotoks

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Kamloops, BC

Kamloops

Kelowna

Whistler, BC

Vancouver

Sun

Vancouver, BC

Kootenai  
National Forest

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**SECTION 1**  
**"The Rockies"**



## **NIGHT 1 - 4** (4 days of skiing)

Stay in the Bow Valley for 4 nights - Ski in Kananaskis Country and Lake Louise areas.

Your guide will ease you into your first day starting with an avalanche safety briefing and choose an objective that is appropriate for the avalanche hazard of the day.

On day 5 we travel to the town of Golden a short drive west for the next part of the road trip.



## **NIGHT 5 - 6** (2 days of skiing)

Stay in Golden 2 nights - Kicking Horse Slack Country or Rogers Pass

In Golden the lift assisted ski touring is quite epic. If desired by the group we have the option to go Heli Assisted Ski touring for the day.

The price is determined based on location and time.

The last day here we ski in Rogers Pass and then drive to Revelstoke for the night



**SECTION 2**  
**”The Selkirks”**



### **NIGHT 7 - 10 (3 days skiing)**

Stay In Revelstoke for 4 nights - Ski Rogers Pass 3 days

During our stay here we focus on the skiing as much as our legs will allow in Rogers Pass. This is arguably one of the most famous ski touring locations in Canada. Verticals here can be over 2000m in a day if you have the energy.

### **REST DAY/TRAVEL DAY - NIGHT 11**

We can sleep in after a nice dinner out in Revelstoke. We drive through Kamloops on our way to the Coast Mountains. It's about a 6 hour drive through the interior to reach the Coastal Mountains. Where we spend the night will be determined closer to the day. There are a lot of hotels on the way.



**SECTION 3**  
**“The Coast Mountains”**

## **NIGHT 12-15** (4 days of skiing)

The Coast Mountains offer a wide variety of skiing options. We will definitely ski the Duffey Lake Zone on the way to our accommodation near Pemberton.

**Heli Assist Overnight:** We have options to upgrade to a remote Yurt Accommodation only accessible via Helicopter. If this is the case we will have the travel day to organize food and supplies for the overnight.



## **CAT SKI / HELI SKI**

Here we have the option to upgrade the trip and do some Heli Skiing or Cat skiing.

The great news about this is that weather is no issue as a Cat can travel in most conditions.

Prices for these upgrades will be determined by what product and package you decide.



**GET INSPIRED**

# WORLD CLASS SKIING



**CANADIAN  
POWDER SNOW  
IS LEGENDARY.  
IF YOU ARE  
PLANING TO SKI  
CANADA MAKE  
SURE YOU DO  
IT RIGHT.**



# FOOD AND BREW

**DON'T THINK THAT THE TRIP IS ONLY ABOUT THE SKIING. APRÈS IS JUST AS IMPORTANT. THE FOOD DIVERSITY AND QUALITY IS EVERYTHING YOU WOULD HOPE FOR.**





# HISTORY



**LESS THAN 200 YEARS AGO WESTERN CANADA WAS YET TO BE DISCOVERED BY EUROPEANS. OUR ROAD TRIP WILL TAKE YOU TO SOME SIGNIFICANT LOCATIONS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WESTERN CANADA.**

**MINING, FORESTRY, AND THE CREATION OF THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY ALL CONTRIBUTED TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TOWNS OF REVELSTOKE, LAKE LOUISE, AND BANFF.**





**WHEN, WHAT, HOW MUCH?**



## WHAT DO I BRING?

**PLEASE DO NOT BRING EVERYTHING IN YOUR CLOSET!!**

We strongly encourage you to bring as little as possible. During travel days we have to be able to fit everything into our vehicles so if you have too much stuff this can be difficult and very uncomfortable.

Here is a list of what we recommend that you bring:

### **EQUIPMENT**

- Touring skis
- Skins
- Poles
- Boots

### **BACKPACK STUFF**

- Transceiver
- Probe
- Shovel
- A proper touring backpack.. 30-40 litres
- Camera
- Headlamp
- Ski straps

## TECHNICAL CLOTHES

- Down jacket - for when you are cold
- Gore Tex jacket - for going down
- Soft Shell jacket - for going up
- Ski pants - because you need pants
- Long underwear (top and bottom)
- Ski Socks x4 - stinky feet
- Thin Gloves
- Medium gloves
- Thick gloves
- Buff
- Goggles - windy
- Sunglasses - sunny
- Toque - Its a beanie, warm hat, something you put on your head when cold.
- Helmet

## AFTER SKI STUFF

- 5 comfortable evening outfits.
- Toiletries
- Swim suits for the spa!
- Snow boots



**Securing the trip requires a 25% non-refundable deposit. Please visit our [Cancellation Policy](#) for more information and a [Link to our custom Trip Cancellation Insurance](#).**

### **[INSURANCE AND CANCELLATION LINK](#)**

#### **PRICE INCLUDES**

- Guiding and logistic support with a Certified ACMG Guide
- Permitted Access to some of the best ski touring on the planet
- All accommodation, Breakfast
- Airport transfers

#### **PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE**

- Alcohol
- Flights to Calgary and from Vancouver
- Lunch and Dinners
- Any Additional Add-on or Upgrades
- Travel Insurance

**ALL GUESTS MUST FILL OUT A PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT BEFORE ARRIVAL**

**[CLICK HERE TO FILL OUT NOW!](#)**



A wide-angle photograph of a snowy mountain landscape. The foreground is a vast, flat expanse of snow. In the middle ground, a person is visible, standing on the snow. The background features rugged, snow-covered mountains under a bright, cloudy sky. The text "THE LITTLE THINGS.." is overlaid in the center of the image.

**THE LITTLE THINGS..**

## OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### **MONEY**

Credit Cards will work fine just about anywhere. Places that take only cash are rare and you can tap your way through the whole trip.

### **THE LANGUAGE**

Canada is a very multi-cultural country, however please be proficient in English.

### **GETTING AROUND**

We stay in hotels that are generally close to the town centres. You should be walking distance to local shops and bars. During the evenings the group will be dining together at one of the many fine restaurants available.



## ADD ONS

### HELI-SKIING

We have the opportunity to go Heli-Skiing while we are in the Coast Mountains. This opportunity will be dependent on weather conditions and availability. Cost of heli skiing is not fixed and is determined by what heli ski product you choose. Please request a quote at the time of booking.

### SCANDINAVE SPA WHISTLER

Whistler is fortunate to have a great SPA! This is usually very appreciated for sore legs after over a week of skiing.





## RISK DISCLOSURE AND SAFETY

As much as we would like to say that our trips are 100% safe we cannot. Nobody can guarantee safety, and attempting to do so would strip the experience of the very elements that make it engaging and worthwhile. There is NO adventure without risk. There is nothing reckless about being exposed to risk. In order to become good at managing risk you must be exposed to it. True and quality risk management starts well before the actual action of risk mitigation occurs. We are more than happy to discuss our risk philosophy and management processes while on the up-track. Guests are encouraged to ask questions and have a duty to bring to attention anything they perceive as unsafe (no matter who it involves).

All of our guides are certified through the Association of Canadian Mountain Guides or other IFMGA mountain guide certified associations. They have at a minimum professional level avalanche training with 80hour advanced first aid training. All trips begin with a morning guides meeting that involves, but is not limited to, a thorough assessment of the weather, mountain hazards, specific avalanche hazard, group abilities, and risk assessment. All objectives may be planned in advance but are ultimately determined the morning of the trip. It is not uncommon to have plans change if the guide deems it necessary.

Other hazards and associated risks that you may be exposed to that are not inherent to mountain/wilderness environments are, but not limited too, winter driving conditions, food poisoning, infectious disease, self-inflicted alcohol impairment or poisoning (please drink responsibly on our trips), or any hazard that can be associated with international or domestic travel.

Our Guides are expert risk mitigators, but to blindly assume that our trips are risk free is ignorant.

By signing up to any of our trips you understand that there are inherent risks and agree to participate regardless. A digital participation agreement and release waiver of Liability is required for all participates to sign at the time of booking and then a paper copy will be signed after breakfast on the first day.

If you have questions please feel free to contact us!

Looking forward to skiing with you

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