



**CANADA**

**“POWDER HIGHWAY”**





<b>Region</b>	Selkirk Mountains Kootenay Mountains Rocky Mountains	<b>Vertical Elevation/Day</b>	1000m - 2000m
<b>Season</b>	February - March	<b>Favourite Run</b>	Video Peak
<b>Duration</b>	10 Days	<b>Guide to Guest Ratio</b>	1:6 MAX 1:4 Heliski
<b>Difficulty</b>	Intermediate/Advanced	<b>Ski Resorts</b>	Whitewater Fernie Revelstoke

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 organise 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**





A winter scene featuring a dense forest of evergreen trees heavily laden with snow. In the foreground, a skier wearing a dark jacket and a bright orange helmet is seen from behind, standing on a snowy slope. Another skier is visible further down the slope in the distance. The ground is covered in deep, soft snow, and the overall atmosphere is serene and cold.

# EXAMPLE ITINERARY

(JUST AN EXAMPLE. EXPECT YOURS TO BE CUSTOM TO YOU!)



## **DAY 1**

Land in Kelowna, British Columbia (YLW). Your Guide will meet you at the baggage claim. We will travel to Revelstoke which is about 2.5 hours into the mountains. On our way we will stop and have a nice dinner in the town of Vernon.

## **DAY 2 - 4**

Revelstoke - Rogers Pass

The first 3 days of skiing will be in Rogers Pass located within Glacier National Park. This is arguably one of the best ski touring locations in the world. We will need to obtain permits to ski here as part of the parks avalanche management plan. 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 4 we finish our day a few hours early so we can travel to the town Nelson for the next part of the road trip.

## **DAY 5 - 6**

Nelson - White Water Resort

In Nelson the lift assisted ski touring is quite exclusive. There are very few people and the snow is champaign powder. If desired by the group we have the option to go Heli Skiing or Heli Assisted Ski touring. The price is determined based on location and time.

## **DAY 7**

Kootenay Pass - Fernie

Our Second travel day will be split with a tour at Kootenay Pass. Kootenay pass is a hidden gem that offers exceptional tree skiing, especially in heavy snow storms. Our day will finish in Fernie located in the Rocky Mountains.

## **Day 8 - 9**

### **Fernie**

Our last 2 days will be spent exploring the Rocky Mountains around Fernie. There are multiple options from summiting large high peaks to Cat skiing. The evening of the the 9th we will stay in Calgary. We have in the past attended an NHL game when possible. Otherwise we will have a fun night out on the town!

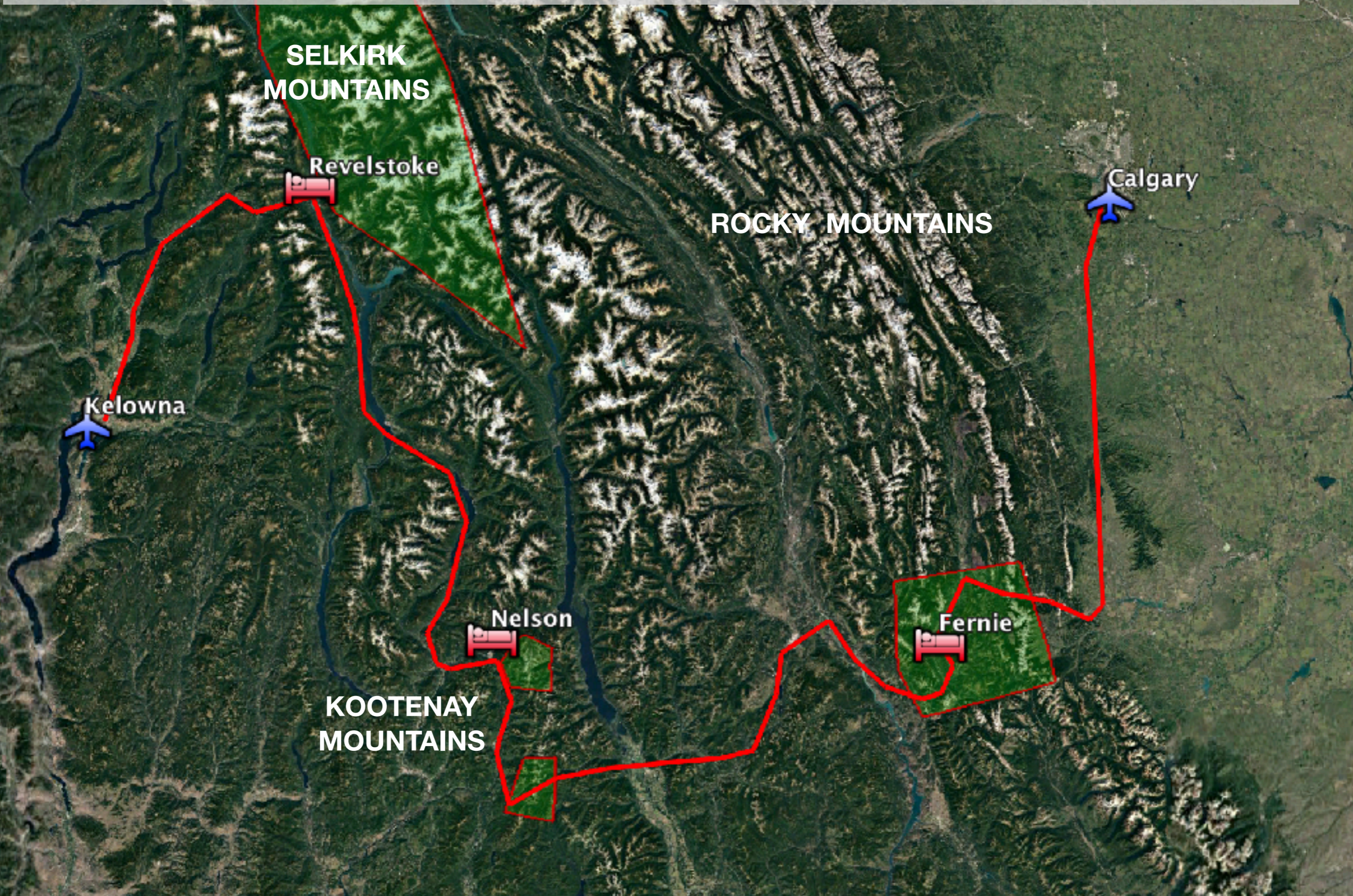
## **Day 10**

We will have few hours to do some last minute shopping at Mountain Equipment Coop if you wish to add to your outdoor equipment addiction. Your Guide will drive you to the airport around 2pm for your journey home. All good times must come to an end.





**TRAVEL TO THREE POWDER HUBS OF WESTERN CANADA. FROM KELOWNA TO CALGARY YOU WILL EXPERIENCE 3 DIFFERENT MOUNTAIN RANGES AND FINISH WITH A FUN NIGHT OUT IN CALGARY.**





A photograph of three skiers on a snowy mountain slope. The skier in the foreground is wearing a black jacket, black pants, and a red backpack, and is smiling. The skier in the middle is wearing a black jacket and bright red pants. The skier in the background is wearing a black jacket and black pants. They are all holding ski poles. The background shows a vast, snow-covered mountain range under a clear sky. The text "GET THE VIBE" is overlaid in the center of the image.

**GET THE VIBE**



# WORLD CLASS SKIING



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

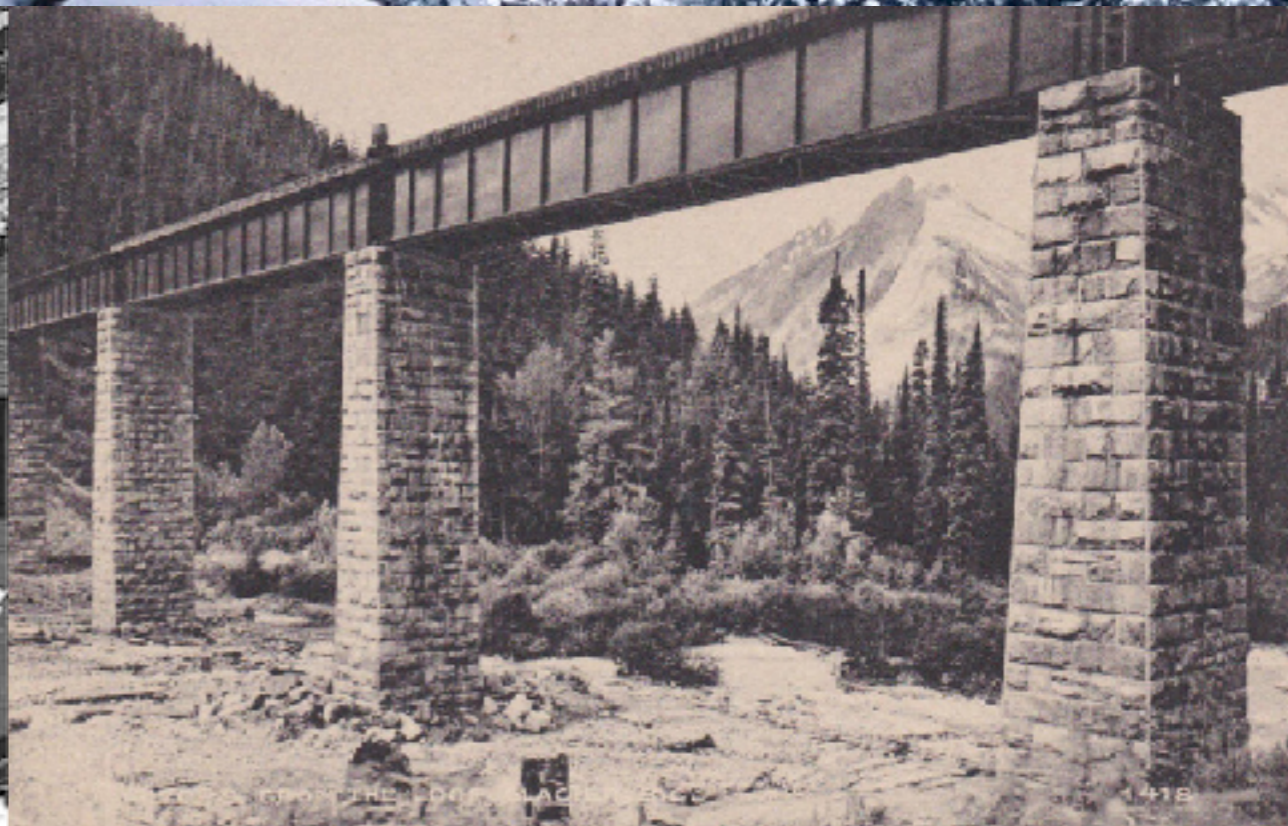




# HISTORY

**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.**





# 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.**







**WHEN, WHAT, HOW MUCH?**



For up to date available dates and prices please check our website.

**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 LINK](#)

#### **PRICE INCLUDES**

- Guiding and logistic support for 10 days with a Certified ACMG Guide
- 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 Kelowna
- Lunch and Dinners
- Any Additional Add-on
- Travel Insurance





## ARRIVAL DAY

All member of the group must make their way to Kelowna, British Columbia. Airport Code YLW. 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. 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 area.

Once we have all met up we will loaded the van and then start our 2.5 hour journey towards Revelstoke. On our way we will stop in the town Vernon for dinner.







## 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 day touring backpack.. 20-30 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 or trail runners





A wide-angle photograph of a snowy mountain range. 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.

## **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 Nelson. This opportunity will be dependent on weather conditions. Cost of heli skiing is not fixed and is determined by what the group decides. Heli skiing is based on availability and should be organized at the time of booking.

## NHL HOCKEY GAME IN CALGARY

This is a great way to experience Canadian culture and finish your trip doing something unique.





## 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 participants 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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