

# WHISTLER HELI-SKIING

**39 YEARS**

of outstanding customer service  
in Whistler's backcountry

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Welcome to

# WHISTLER HELI-SKIING

Just beyond the ski lifts of Whistler Blackcomb, minutes from North America's #1 ranked ski resort, the ultimate high-alpine experience awaits. Let us introduce you to our hundreds of runs accessible only by helicopter!

Imagine... carving through untracked powder, endless terrain and breathtaking backcountry scenery!

Our goal is to provide a truly memorable experience for our clients. As Whistler's premier heli-skiing company, Whistler Heli-Skiing has been providing the ultimate in personal customer service for over 39 years. Whistler Heli-Skiing is a licensed heli-ski operator with the Province of British Columbia and a member of Heli-Cat Canada. We have the highest standards for our pilots and helicopters and an outstanding operations record. The use of various sized helicopters allows us the ability to meet different group needs. Our professional heli-ski guides will lead participants on the wilderness adventure of a lifetime.

Participants should be of intermediate or better skiing or snowboarding ability, and in good physical condition. To make the powder skiing/snowboarding experience more enjoyable, our fleet of powder-specific skis and boards are available from The Powder Hut rental shop.



# GENERAL INFORMATION



Whistler Heli-Skiing takes groups of strong intermediate, advanced, and expert skiers and riders into the amazing mountain terrain that surrounds Whistler Resort. You can heli-ski or heli-board in the stunning backcountry for one day or go for as many days as your legs will take! Whether you are an individual or a group of forty, our 39 years of local knowledge and personal service will provide you with an unforgettable heli-skiing experience. All packages include a professional certified heli-ski guide with each group, use of avalanche transceiver, on-mountain picnic and return ground transportation from Whistler Village. We can also customize a package for your heli-ski holiday.

## **DATES OF OPERATION: December 6, 2019 to April 13, 2020**

**MULTI-DAY DISCOUNT:** \$100 off and free rentals for the second and subsequent days of heli-skiing/boarding all season long! (This is not to be combined with any other Whistler Heli-Skiing promotion.)

**EXTRA VERTICAL:** Extra runs are available in all packages. Classic Experience and Elite Adventure extra vertical costs \$110 (Regular Season) or \$120 (High Season) plus applicable taxes per person per extra run. Ultimate Excursion extra vertical costs \$120 (Regular Season) or \$130 (High Season) plus applicable taxes per person per extra run. Payment for extra runs is processed after the ski day.

**RENTAL SKIS/BOARDS:** Salomon, Rossignol, Blizzard, and Volkl powder skis or Burton Snowboards are available to rent for \$50/day plus applicable taxes per person. There is no charge for rental equipment for the second and subsequent heli-ski days. We do not rent boots but they can be rented from Whistler Blackcomb rental locations.

**SKIER/SNOWBOARDER ABILITY:** All participants should have at least intermediate skiing/boarding ability and be in good physical condition. We group individuals into the appropriate package based on ability level and previous powder experience. See description on page 6 of our various ability levels as well as suggested packages.

**CHECK-IN TIME:** You should check in at our office in the Carleton Lodge as soon as you arrive in Whistler or a minimum of 24 hours prior to your ski date. At this time you will be required to sign a release of liability waiver and provide us with important information so that you are grouped correctly. We recommend that you confirm the weather forecast for your ski day with our staff at this time. Your seat may be forfeited if you have not checked-in with us by 4:00PM, the day before. Late check-ins will be accommodated with notification. Persons under the age of 19 years must have their waiver signed in our office by a parent or guardian.



# 2019-20 WHISTLER HELI-SKIING PACKAGES & RATES

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## CLASSIC EXPERIENCE



Designed for ski fit, strong intermediate to advanced skiers and snowboarders looking to explore the best of Whistler's backcountry. Must be skiing/riding blue and black runs. Powder experience not required (but it will be challenging).

- Pace: Casual
- Group size: Up to 10 people
- Helicopter: Bell 212
- Vertical: Approx. 4,500-7,500 ft (1,400-2,400 m)
- Heli-picnic lunch
- Photographer/videographer ride-along, with an opportunity to buy during après

### Strong Intermediate to Advanced Package

|                      |                                  |               |                 |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <b>3 RUN PACKAGE</b> | Dec 6 – Jan 14 & Mar 16 – Apr 13 | <b>\$1079</b> | CAD per person* |
|                      | Jan 15 – Mar 15                  | <b>\$1179</b> | CAD per person* |

Want more? Get extra vertical for the group for \$110 per person, per run (Dec 6, 2019 – Jan 14 & Mar 16 – Apr 13, 2020) or \$120 per person, per run (Jan 15 – Mar 15)\*\*

## ELITE ADVENTURE



Designed for ski fit, advanced to expert skiers and snowboarders that are hungry for more vertical and comfortable in powder.

- Pace: Moderate
- Group size: Up to 10 people
- Helicopter: Bell 212
- Vertical: Approx. 6,000-10,000 ft (1,800-3,500 m)
- Heli-picnic lunch
- Photographer/videographer ride-along, with an opportunity to buy during après

### Advanced to Expert Package

|                      |                                  |               |                 |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <b>4 RUN PACKAGE</b> | Dec 6 – Jan 14 & Mar 16 – Apr 13 | <b>\$1189</b> | CAD per person* |
|                      | Jan 15 – Mar 15                  | <b>\$1299</b> | CAD per person* |

Want more? Get extra vertical for the group for \$110 per person, per run (Dec 6, 2019 – Jan 14 & Mar 16 – Apr 13, 2020) or \$120 per person, per run (Jan 15 – Mar 15)\*\*

## ULTIMATE EXPERIENCE



For technically strong, experienced and physically fit skiers and snowboarders. Guests must be powder experts, that enjoy fast paced powder skiing with lots of vertical.

- Pace: Fast
- Group size: Up to 5 people
- Helicopter: Bell 407
- Vertical: Approx. 9,000-15,000 ft (2,700-4,600m)
- Heli-picnic lunch

### Expert Package

|                      |                                  |               |                 |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| <b>6 RUN PACKAGE</b> | Dec 6 – Jan 14 & Mar 16 – Apr 21 | <b>\$1530</b> | CAD per person* |
|                      | Jan 15 – Mar 15                  | <b>\$1630</b> | CAD per person* |

Want more? Get extra vertical for the group for \$120 per person, per run (Dec 6, 2019 – Jan 14 & Mar 16 – Apr 13, 2020) or \$130 per person, per run (Jan 15 – Mar 15)\*\*



# ABILITY LEVELS

**TERRAIN:** Heli-skiing with us is about great skiing in gladed trees, open bowls and on glaciers. It is not about “extreme” skiing or jumping cliffs and rocks. All skiers/riders must be skiing blue and black runs. Snowboarders must be able to traverse across various slopes and pitches and handle deep powder. All guests should be physically fit and in shape to ski. Blue, black and double black runs refer to the runs at Whistler Blackcomb or similar size/type mountain. Your local mountain terrain may differ. CHOOSE YOUR ABILITY LEVEL WHILE TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION YOUR SKILLS, THE PACE OF THE DAY AND THE TERRAIN.

## **(I) INTERMEDIATE**

You are ski fit and confident on blue runs and can ski/ ride black runs. You may have limited powder/off piste experience.

**Suitable for 3 Run Package only**

## **(A) ADVANCED**

You are ski fit and have been skiing/boarding for years. You routinely ski/board black runs. You enjoy and seek out powder snow.

**Suitable for 3 or 4 Run Package**

## **(E) EXPERT**

You are both ski fit and can ski long, off-piste pitches without stopping and rarely fall. You have plenty of powder experience.

**Suitable for 4 or 6 Run**



# DAILY ITINERARY



Please read this information carefully. It will make your heli-skiing experience more enjoyable.

## ARRIVAL IN WHISTLER RESORT

- Please check-in to the Whistler Heli-Skiing store in the Carleton Lodge a minimum of 24 hours prior to your ski day, preferably as soon as you arrive in Whistler. Late check-ins will be accommodated with notification.
- At that time you will be required to sign a release of liability waiver and provide us with important information so that you are grouped correctly.
- Your seat may be forfeited if you have not checked with us by 4:00 PM on the day prior to your ski day.
- All members of your party who are heli-skiing must be present to sign their waiver.
- You may also arrange your rental powder skis or snowboard at this time.
- We recommend that you confirm the weather forecast for your ski day on check in. Date changes are allowed with no penalty prior to 10 AM the day before your ski day.
- If you cannot complete all of your runs due to injury, illness, or ability there will be no refund.

## MORNING SCHEDULE/MEETING TIMES:

- 8:15 AM: Check-in at the Carleton Lodge for guests requiring AM rentals.
- 8:30 AM: Check-in at the Carleton Lodge for guests that do not require rentals.
- If your heli-ski day is cancelled due to weather or snow conditions, you will be telephoned between 7:45 AM and 8:00 AM. If you do not have a phone call by 8:00 AM, please report to the Heli-Ski store at 8:30 AM or 8:15 AM as required.
- After reporting to the store you will proceed to the Powder Hut. At the Powder Hut, your guide will introduce themselves and assemble your group for a heli-ski introduction.
- You will leave with your guide for the Whistler Heliport which is about 10min drive north of the village. At the heliport you will receive additional instruction on helicopter safety as well as a transceiver orientation. Safety talks take about 1 hour to complete.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION



## WHAT TO WEAR

- Please dress the same way you would for skiing on Whistler Blackcomb.
- Goggles are a must.
- Helmets are strongly recommended, but not required. If not wearing a helmet, please wear a warm hat. Ball caps are not recommended.
- You will be supplied with a special pack that includes a shovel and probe. You may not bring your own pack unless it's an avalanche air bag and only contains a probe & shovel, as there is limited space in the stowage area.
- Nothing may be left in the helicopter.
- Personal music players are NOT permitted throughout the heli trip.
- GOPRO cameras cannot be worn on the chest as it may interfere with the transceiver signal.
- Wear a pair of street shoes and carry your ski/snowboard boots, which you can put on at the rental shop in the morning. After skiing, you will have comfortable shoes for the Après Party.

## EQUIPMENT

- We recommend Salomon, Rossignol, Blizzard or Volkl powder skis or Burton snowboards for your enjoyment. They are available at our rental shop, the Powder Hut.
- Please complete rentals the evening before your ski day between 4pm and 7pm.
- Our ski technicians will assist you in selecting the correct powder skis for the current snow conditions and your skiing ability.
- Please bring your own ski poles, and ski or snowboard boots, as we do not rent these items.

## SKI DAY

- The guide will choose the best ski area for the day. They will take into consideration the wind, temperature, and new snowfalls prior to making a decision.
- You will ski with your guide all day.
- Mountain lunch is provided in the backcountry – Please let us know of any specific food requirements/allergies.
- No smoking is permitted anywhere on the mountain.

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION continued

## APRÈS PARTY

- The heli-ski day ends with après at the Bearfoot Bistro in the Listel Hotel for the video party. We arrive back between 2:30 and 5:00 (depending on weather and number of runs).
- The video party starts 30 minutes after the first group arrives. The video plays at least twice for everyone's enjoyment. Invite your friends and family to join you there.
- All photo/video orders, are taken at the Après party and payment for extra vertical and photo/video orders are processed at the store.

## CANCELLATION POLICY\*:

- If we do not fly, you will receive a full refund.
- Date changes are allowed with no penalty prior to 10 AM the day before.
- Date changes and cancellations after 10 am the morning before your fly day you will be charged a cancellation fee of \$200/person plus applicable taxes. If you cancel on the morning of your intended fly day, there will be no refunds. If you cannot complete all of your runs due to injury, illness, or ability there will be no refund. If we do not fly, you will receive a full refund. We will do our best to reschedule your ski day based on availability. If we cancel during the ski day, you will be refunded based on the refund policy below:

## 2019.20 REFUND POLICY

| PACKAGE                     | One Run                           |                 | Two Runs                          |                 | Three Runs                        |                 | Four Runs                         |                 | Five Runs                         |                 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
|                             | Dec 6 - Jan 14<br>Mar 16 - Apr 13 | Jan 15 - Mar 15 | Dec 6 - Jan 14<br>Mar 16 - Apr 13 | Jan 15 - Mar 15 | Dec 6 - Jan 14<br>Mar 16 - Apr 13 | Jan 15 - Mar 15 | Dec 6 - Jan 14<br>Mar 16 - Apr 13 | Jan 15 - Mar 15 | Dec 6 - Jan 14<br>Mar 16 - Apr 13 | Jan 15 - Mar 15 |
| <b>CLASSIC</b><br>(3 Runs)  | \$719                             | \$786           | \$359                             | \$393           | -                                 | -               | -                                 | -               | -                                 | -               |
| <b>ELITE</b><br>(4 Runs)    | \$829                             | \$906           | \$469                             | \$513           | \$110                             | \$120           | -                                 | -               | -                                 | -               |
| <b>ULTIMATE</b><br>(6 Runs) | \$1170                            | \$1237          | \$810                             | \$844           | \$450                             | \$451           | \$220                             | \$240           | \$120                             | \$130           |

\*Note: Whistler Heli-Skiing reserves the right to modify its refund policy at any time.