



GREAT CANADIAN
HELI-SKIING





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Photo: Jordan Manley.

Unlimited Vertical | Small Groups of 4

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"We have never strived to be the biggest, just the best."

- Greg Porter, Proprietor



**Did we invent the best heli-skiing holiday?
No, our guests did!**

Our guests told us the most desirable heli-skiing is in the powder-choked mountains of British Columbia's interior. And they wanted to experience it in **Small Groups** with **Unlimited Vertical** — with **trip lengths** ranging from **2 days** for a powder fix to **7 days** for the full indulgence.

We implemented their ideas into our program so that we can offer you the **best in heli-skiing**, whether you are a strong 'blue run' skier or an expert. Within the following pages you will discover these and other key ingredients for the perfect heli-skiing holiday. We hope to see you this winter.

- The Team at Great Canadian Heli-Skiing



THE BEST **IN HELI-SKIING**



Photo: GCH guide Sue Gould.



**SMALL
GROUPS**

Only 4 people per group. Better for grouping similar abilities.



**UNLIMITED
VERTICAL**

Pay 1 price for *all* your skiing. No extra vertical charges!



**LOC
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Just 329 kilometers with no lost travel.



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**FLY
DAYS**



**FLEXIBLE
PACKAGES**

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98% of the season are Fly Days.
Average of 2 down days a season.

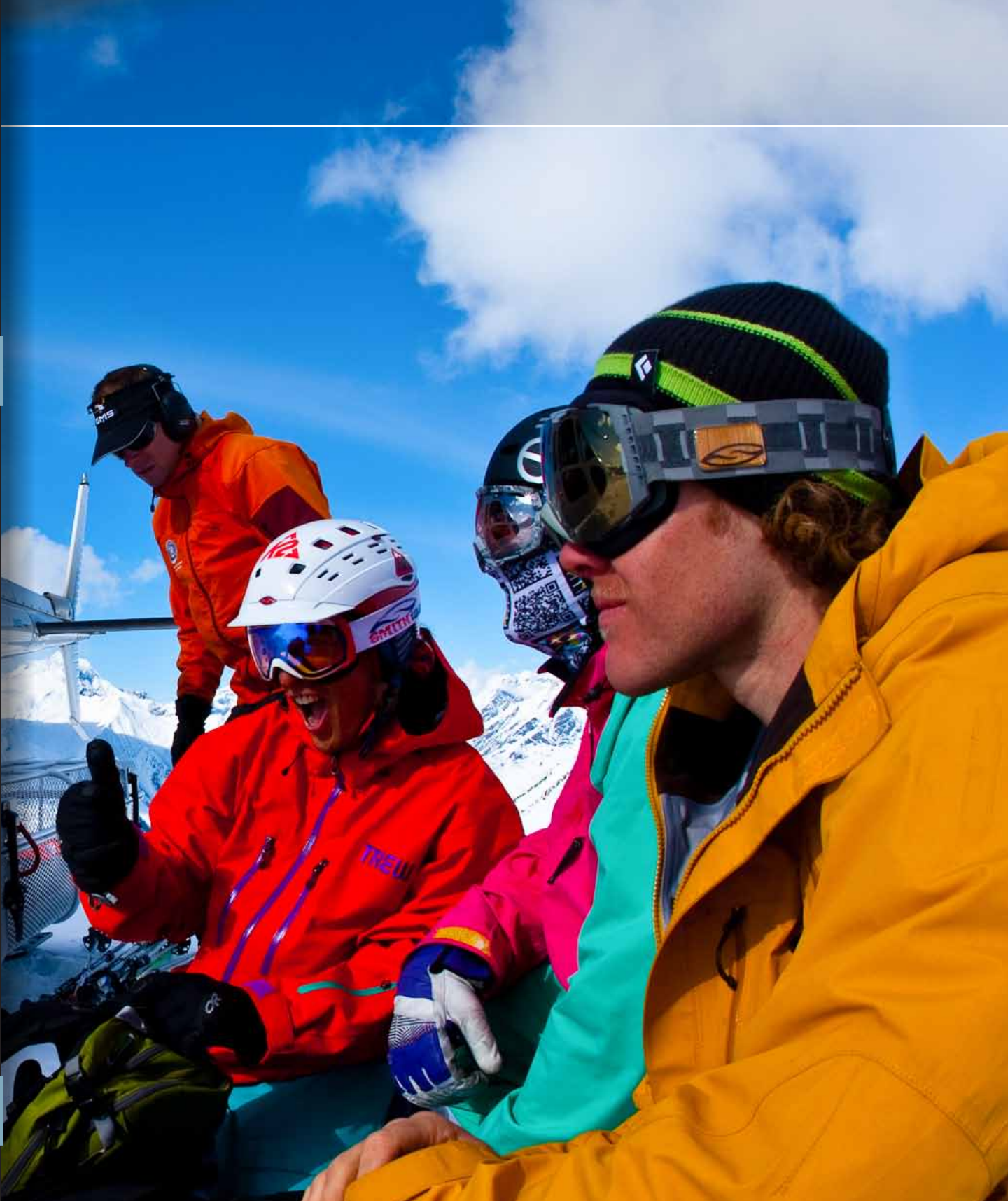
2, 3, 4, 5, 6 days starting any day.
Resort & Cat-Skiing Combo packages.



SMALL GROUPS



Photo: Grant Gunderson.



This is First Class Heli-Skiing:

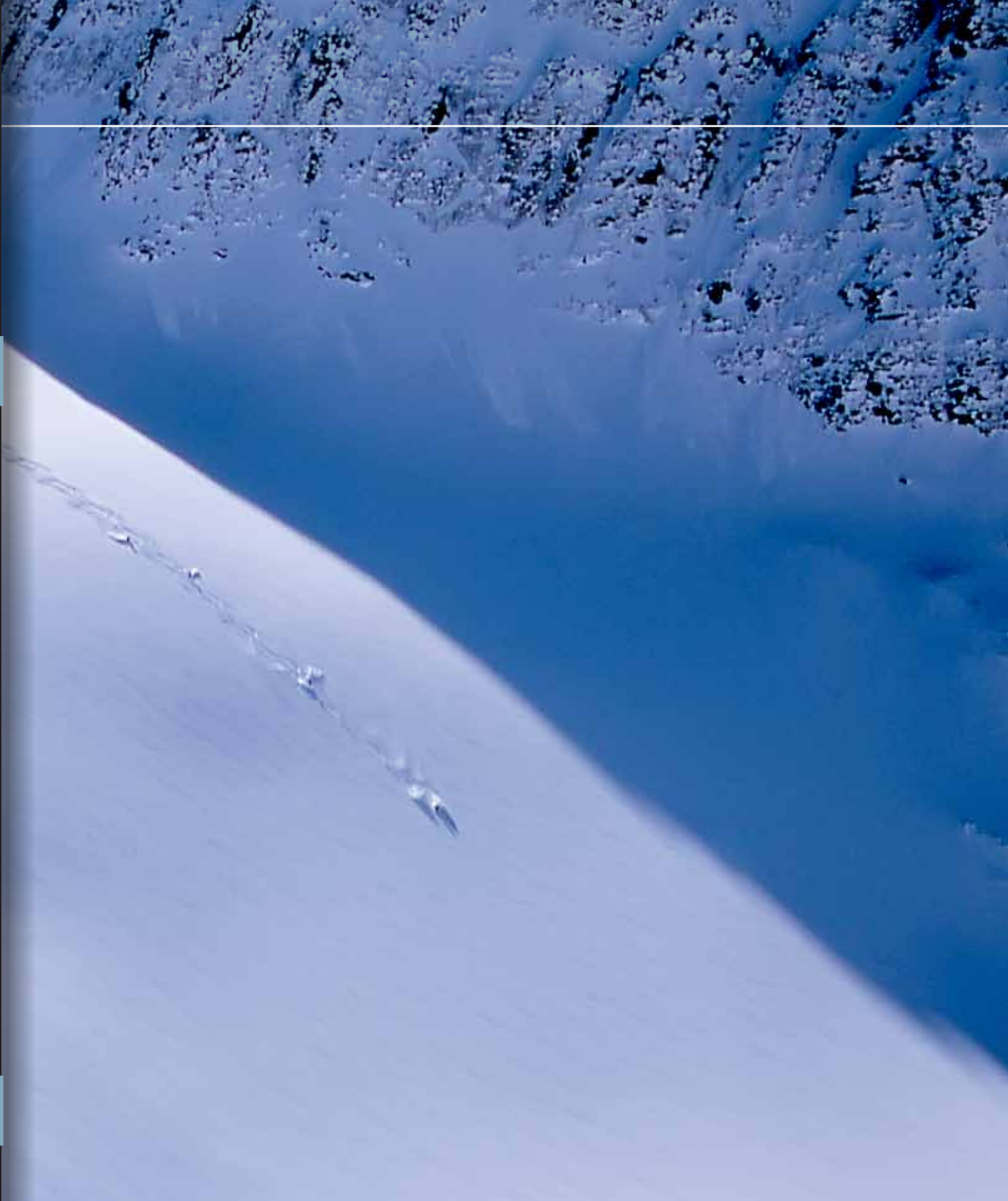
...personalized service for just you and 3 friends. Our format of 4 people per group is the best in the industry. Here are some of the benefits; easier to match similar abilities. Safely get into places big groups cannot. Eliminates pressure getting in/out of the helicopter or going first (or being last!) Less waiting around and there is only ever 3 people between you and your guide.



UNLIMITED VERTICAL



Photo: GCH guide Sue Gould.



True All Inclusive Holidays!

When you book a trip with Great Canadian Heli-Skiing, ***all*** of your skiing is included, no matter how many vertical metres you ski. We have also included all of your gourmet meals, accommodation, avalanche beacon and powder skis/board rentals.



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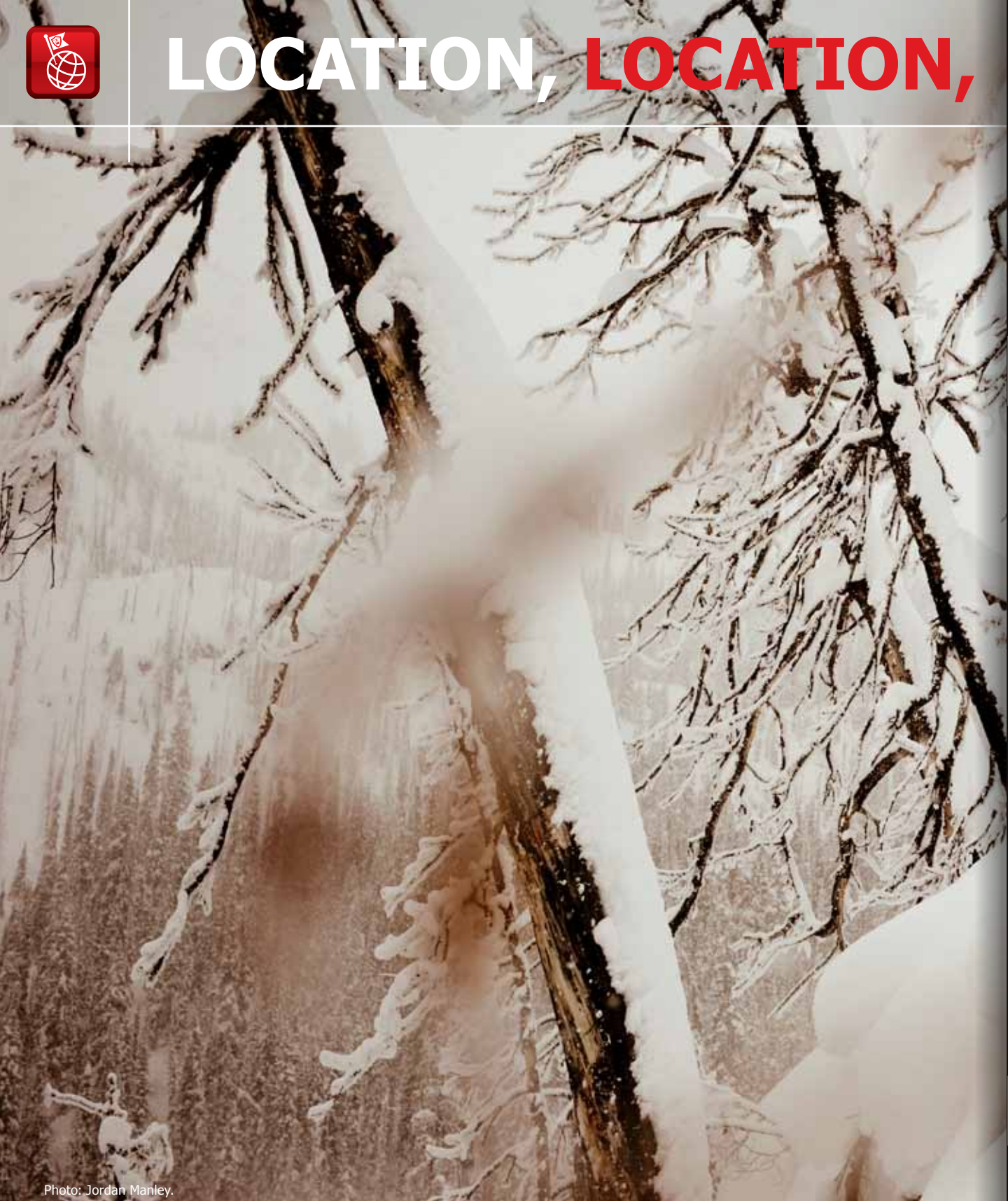


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LOCATION

A skier in a bright yellow jacket and white helmet is captured mid-turn on a steep, snow-covered mountain slope. The skier is leaving a trail of fresh powder. To the left, several evergreen trees are heavily laden with snow, their branches drooping under the weight. The background is a vast, soft-focus expanse of white snow, suggesting a high-altitude, mountainous terrain. The overall atmosphere is serene and adventurous.

The Ultimate Heli-Skiing Location.

In the powder-choked Selkirk and Purcell mountains, the only thing between Golden and Revelstoke British Columbia is Great Canadian's exclusive and vast terrain, lodge and on-site heli-pads. This is the region where heli-skiing was born. At Great Canadian, it was perfected.



FLY DAYS





98% Fly Days A Season!

Even with copious amounts of snow we experience an average of just 2 "down days" a season! This can be attributed to our lodge being in our terrain, the close proximity of some of the best runs to the lodge and the small group format is very mobile. What all this means is that when the weather clears we can get you out skiing very quickly!



FLEXIBLE PACKAGES

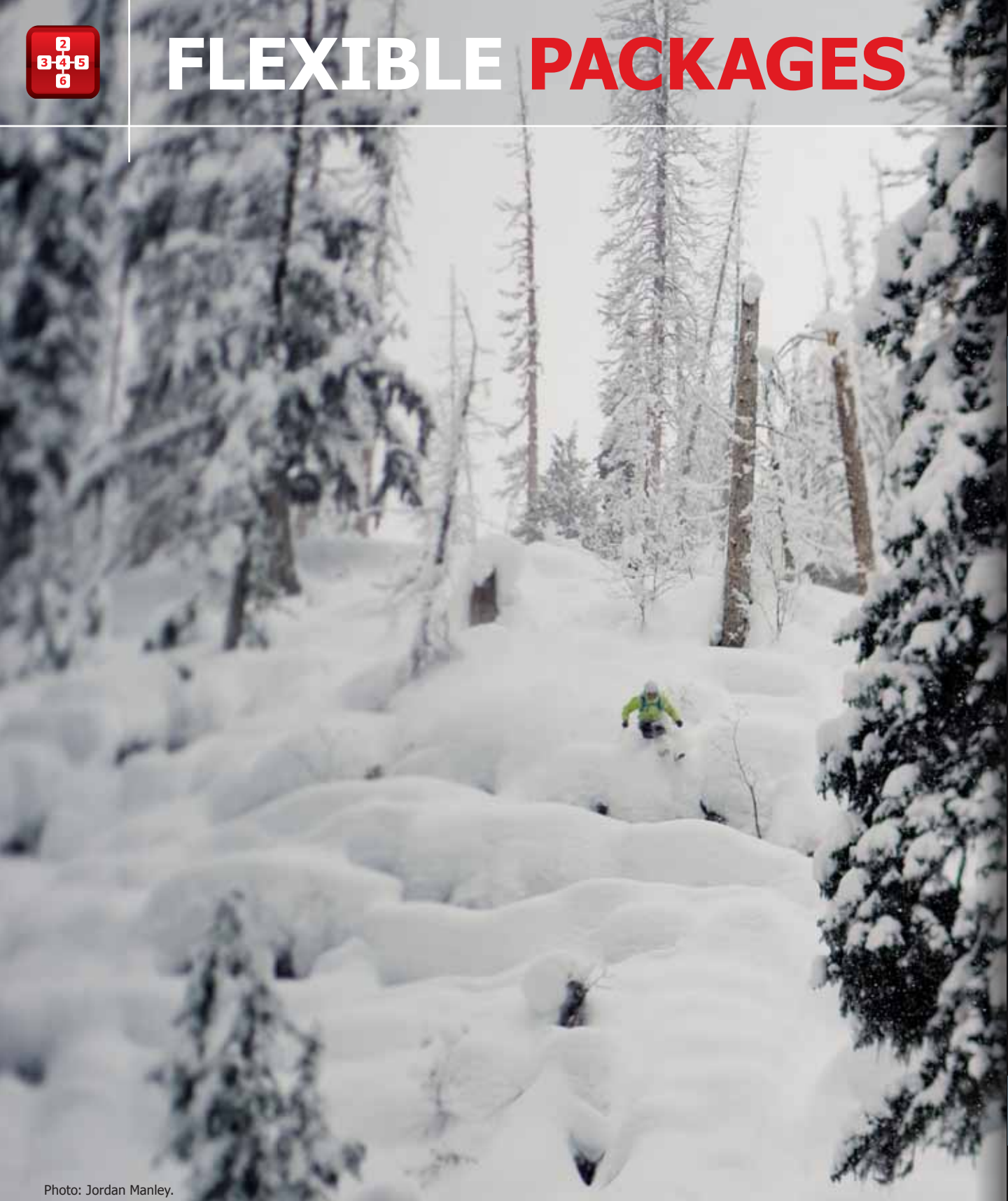
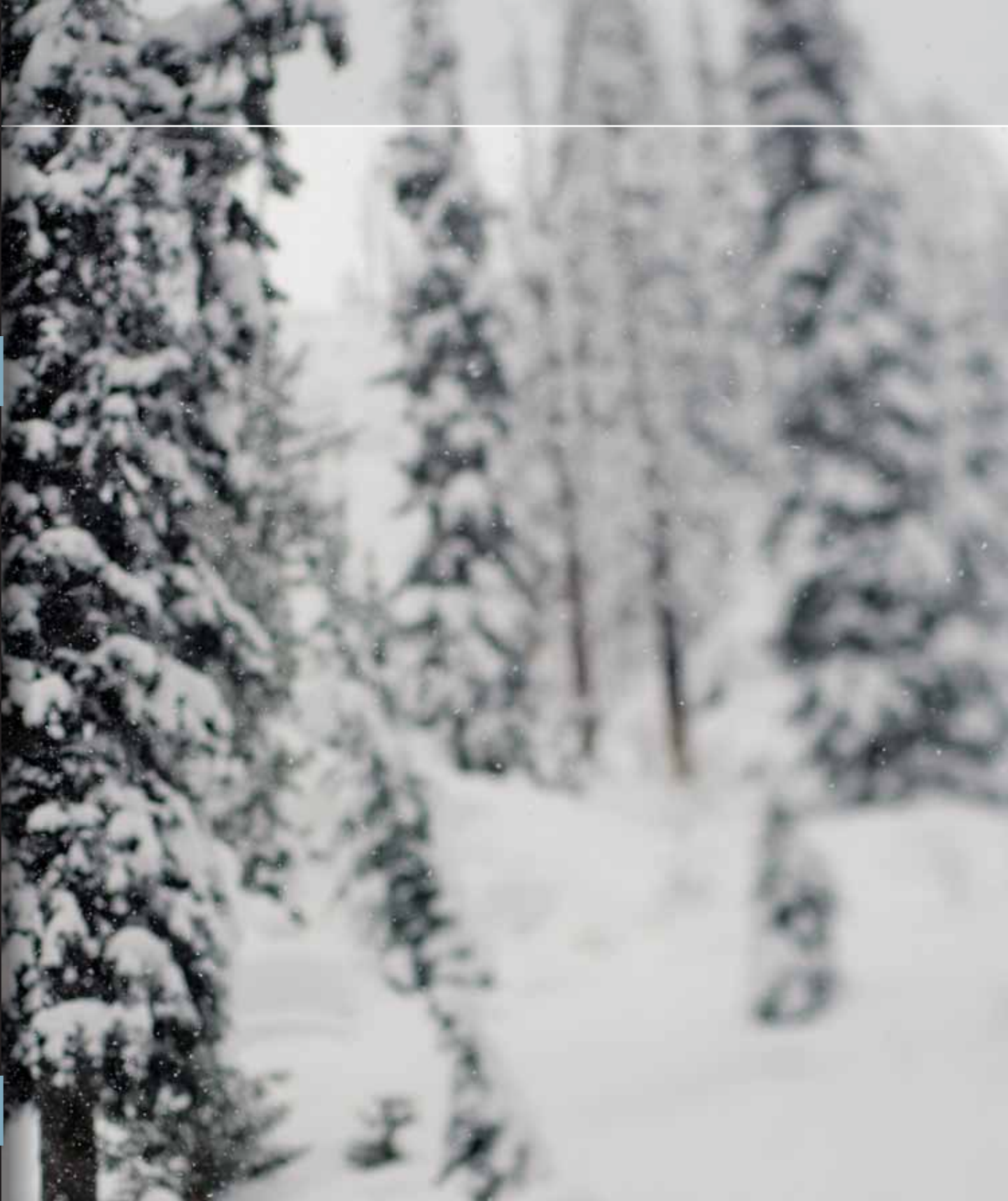


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Which Would You Prefer:

...a trip of 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 or more days? We are the best in the industry in creating a trip the way you want it. Just let us know the dates you would like to heli-ski and the number of days; this can be for a short time sensitive trip of 2 or 3 days, or the full indulgence of 4, 5, 6 or more days. We have even created packages where you can add on resort or cat-skiing to the start or end of your heli-skiing holiday.



THE GREAT, CANADIAN,

IT'S TIME TO HELI-SKI! Are you ready to immerse yourself in the **ultimate ski experience** by escaping the lift lines and getting fresh tracks on every run? Your decision to come heli-skiing with us will be one of the best decisions you will ever make. **Advanced skiers** will love our variety of terrain. Even with little powder experience, **strong intermediates** will find powder success in our "hero snow". Plus, thanks to the **smallest group size in the industry** (just 4 people per group) you will get to spend quality time with your family, friends and your fellow powder-worshipping brethren!

When landing at **Calgary International Airport**, you are just 329km (204 miles) from realizing your life-long dream. With **no additional flight connections**, most of our guests arrive at the lodge on the same day that they leave home and start skiing the very next day! Enjoy travelling through the **Canadian Rockies** and beautiful **Banff National Park** on your way to the Mecca of heli-skiing: the Selkirk and Purcell mountains. This region is known throughout the world for its **quantity and quality of dry snow** and amazing terrain. Soon you will be here with us!

You've arrived at Heather Mountain Lodge: **WELCOME!** Tonight you will get to meet your guides and fellow heli-skiers. The anticipation of fresh interior BC "blower" snow builds as **groups of similar abilities** are formed after dinner. As you go to bed you are like a kid in a candy store!

THIS IS IT! The day after you arrive is your first day heli-skiing, yahoo! It's actually happening! You are chomping at the bit to get out there, however, since we are laying down fresh tracks in the untamed Canadian wilderness we need to go over some safety procedures because **your safety is paramount**. All of our guides are certified professionals (CSGA, ACMG and IFMGA) and all of our pilots are high-hour mountain trained. Our Head Guide, Greg Golovach, has been at Great Canadian for nearly 2 decades. Thanks to our guides and pilots' expertise and vast mountain knowledge, we can be extremely **proud of our safety record**.

All right, briefings are done... time to ski! Your whole body is now feeling a 'thud, thud, thud'... is that from the helicopter, or is it your heart beating 200 beats per minute in anticipation of your first



EXPERIENCE



face-shot? You will be stoked from the moment you lift off! Everyone loves riding in the **A-Star B2** helicopters. With **only 3 other guests in your group**, everyone has an unobstructed birds-eye view of the amazing heli-skiing terrain. In addition, these powerful, agile helicopters can lift vertically from a landing zone and need only a small area to touch down. This means your heli-skiing run options have safely doubled by skiing with the A-Star helicopter.

As the helicopter drops you off and fades into the distance, it will be so quiet that you can hear the snowflakes falling. The contrast between the vast terrain and your small group is immense. The size of our exclusive heli-skiing terrain is equivalent to 13.5 Whistler-Backcombs (or on a European scale, bigger than the whole of the Portes du Soleil ski domain!).

How much can you expect to ski? The **average group skis 8-12 runs a day**. An exceptional day with a **strong group and complimentary weather can accumulate 16 runs or 33,000ft (10,000m) a day**. We guarantee you a minimum amount of skiing, however over 98% of the time our groups will ski in excess of this guarantee. At Great Canadian Heli-Skiing, you will have **Unlimited Vertical**, which means even once you surpass your guarantee there are no additional charges. There are **no expensive Extra Vertical bills** at the end of your holiday; you just pay the one price for your package and all of your skiing from your first to last deep turn is included.

With Unlimited Vertical you will have an unlimited appetite! On your return to the lodge you will be greeted by warm Après Ski delicacies such as **Alaskan King Crab Legs**, Braised Bison Ribs and a nice cold drink. If your muscles need some attention, relax in our outdoor hot tub or sign up for a massage. Dinner will be served at 7pm when Chef Dan Bracko will present a classic Canadian 3 course celebratory feast. After spinning a few evening 'heli-hero' stories, photos and videos, all that is left for you to do is to drift off asleep under your down duvet, dreaming of tomorrow's fresh tracks.....

Dream less, live more, treat yourself to one of life's most amazing experiences: heli-skiing with Great Canadian!



THE STATS

Location: We are the most accessible Canadian destination heliskiing operation from an international airport, located between Golden and Revelstoke BC, just off of the Trans Canada Highway. Calgary International Airport is an easy 4hr drive from the airport right to the lodge/heli-plex.

Ski Area: Our vast tenure is equivalent in size to 14 Whistler-Blackcombs. Or on a European scale, bigger than the Portes du Soleil ski domain!

Mountain Ranges: We are fortunate enough to have terrain in both the Selkirk and Purcell Mountains, right on the border of the Rocky Mountains.

Grouping: Small groups of 4 people, with a max of 3 groups operating from 1 helicopter. Only 24 guests at any time in the lodge and terrain.

Vertical Skied: Average groups do 6,500 metres (21,450 feet) a day, very strong groups can do 10,000 vertical metres (33,000 feet) in a day.

Best Time to Come: This depends on what type of skiing you prefer;

- December, January, early February – Lots of powder, amazing glades, steeper terrain
- Mid February to early March – Mixture of alpine bowls, glades and powder
- Mid March and April – Alpine bowls, sunshine and occasional dumps of snow

Runs: +150 named runs.

Average Run Length: 750 metres.

Longest Run: "Cornice Glacier" is 1,800 metres (5,905 feet)!

Average Snowfall: 14 metres (550 inches or 46 feet). Snowbase is usually over 3.5 metres (12 feet).

Elevations:

- Heather Mountain Lodge: 1,030 metres (3,379 feet)
- Highest peak in tenure: 3,251 metres (10,666 feet)
- Highest drop-off: 2,970 metres (9,744 feet)
- Lowest elevation: 834 metres (2,736 feet)

Fly Days: 98% of the season are Fly Days. On average we experience less than 2 Down Days a season.

Lifts: 2 A-Star helicopters, the best in the business.

Closest Ski Resorts from Heather Mountain Lodge: Kicking Horse Mountain Resort (60 minutes), Revelstoke Mountain Resort (70 minutes), Lake Louise Ski Resort (100 minutes), Banff / Sunshine Village (2 hours 15 minutes).



LOCATION





ABOUT US

Founded back in 1988 by a guide and a few heli-skiing guests with a dream of re-capturing the adventure which was being lost in the race to get bigger, Great Canadian Heli-Skiing burst on to the scene by pioneering the small group holiday. Ever since, **our goal has never been to be the biggest, just the best.** Even to this day, with 4 guests per group, we still have the smallest group format in the industry.

Why is this important to us? With small groups we know your name and you can tell us your thoughts. With small groups you only need 3 other friends or family to form your own private group. With small groups it's easier for us to match individual guests to create a group of

powder soul-mates. With small groups we can ski where larger groups cannot. With small groups there is only ever 3 people between you and your guide. With small groups there isn't any pressure getting in and out of the helicopter, going first, skiing down the slopes, in the trees or picking up the pieces from wipe-outs. With small groups we are able to ski at your group's desired pace. With small groups you are going to have a lot more fun!

Small groups are not just about numbers: it's also a Great Canadian Experience!

Being the leader in small group heli-skiing has been a lot of fun for our guests and our team. You can tell by how many years we have been doing it.

THE TEAM



Deane Pickering *Business Manager*. Since 1994.

Hundreds of guests have been welcomed by Deane's smiling voice, and keep coming back because of her excellent trip and group organizing skills.



Tim Wilkinson *Director - Marketing & Communications*. Since 2009.

Our "corporate ski bum" has worked his whole adult life in ski resorts in BC, Utah, Colorado, Switzerland, Australia and New Zealand. He proclaims to have, the 2nd best job on the planet, after the guides!



Greg Golovach *Head Guide*. Since 1992.

Greg has been guiding with us for nearly 2 decades! He is a fully certified I.F.M.G.A. Mountain Guide and became a professional guide "because he could not imagine doing anything else for a living".



Rob Dalinghaus *Operations Manager & Lead Guide*. Since 1996.

Rob works year round at Great Canadian Heli-Skiing to make certain every detail (and we mean every detail) of Operations is ready to make your dream holiday a reality. Rob loves being a heli-skiing guide for the "people and the sport."



Dan Bracko *Head Chef*. Since 2005.

Dan's passion for skiing is only surpassed by his commitment to creating memorable food. Dan's favourite meal is... ordering in pizza, because it means he has been out skiing... just kidding, sort of!



Greg and Maaïke Porter *Owners*. Since 2000.

When they were 27 and 25, Greg and Maaïke were pursuing a dream when they bought Great Canadian Heli-Skiing.

Greg said "A decade later reality has kicked in... this job is even better than I expected!" He went on to add "One of the biggest challenges we face is making sure that Tim and Dan don't get more turns than us!"



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