



2016 BCL Program

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Important Travel Advice

We strongly recommend that you take your ski/boarding boots as carry-on hand luggage on all your flights to Smithers. This will ensure that if your checked luggage does not arrive (Yes, this still happens), you can still ski or snowboard while your luggage is being shipped to the lodge.

Guest Pick Up

Friday: Guests will be collected at the following times and places:

- Smithers Airport: 07:45pm (19:45)
- At your accommodation: 7:00pm (19:00) if you are already in Smithers on Friday.
- **Note, flight schedules may change, our pick up times will be adapted accordingly.**

Your itinerary is as follows

Friday Arrival Day:

- Guests will be collected by Skeena Heliskiing Shuttle and will arrive at Bear Claw Lodge around 10:00pm. The drive is approximately 1h 40 min, weather & road conditions dependant.
- Upon arriving at the lodge, you will check into your room and then we will sit down for a snack.

Saturday:

- Breakfast is served at 8:00am
- After breakfast everyone will be taken through avalanche safety and beacon training, helicopter safety briefing and ski/snowboard & equipment adjustment. Everyone will need to sign our Release of Liability Waiver, a sample copy is provided on the last page of this form.
- Heli skiing/snowboarding will commence once the safety briefings are completed which is normally around 10:30 - 11:30am and weather permitting.

Sunday - Thursday:

- Warm up / stretching at 07:15am
- Breakfast is served at 8:00am. The first group leaves for skiing at the earliest at 9:00 - 09:15am (weather and week dependant).
- Terrain selection is determined by the guides and pilots and is based on avalanche assessment, weather and the group ski level. Ensuring your safety is our number one priority.
- Lunch will be between 12:00 and 13:00 and is served outside on the mountain in picnic style. In between runs there is water and chocolate bars available in the helicopter for you.
- Skiing continues throughout the afternoon to the last lift being at the latest between 15:30 - 16:00. This is dependant on weather & time of the year.
- Dinner is served around 19:00-19:30, giving you ample time to unwind after a day of skiing/ snowboarding.

Friday Departure Day:

- A continental breakfast is served at 6:00am
- Check out
- Departure at the lodge at 7:00am, our van shuttle will bring you back to Smithers. Either to the Airport or to your accommodation if you want to stay in Smithers for another day.
- Best to book your departure on the morning Air Canada flight to Vancouver

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Bear Claw Lodge

Any extra guest charges such as any alcohol and items from our retail store, will be billed to your account and settled at check out at the end of the week. There will be 2 invoices, one for Bear Claw Lodge and one for Skeena Heliskiing.

We accept Master Card & Visa Card. We do not accept American Express or Diners.

Travel Tips

Travel Insurance

We strongly advise our clients to have suitable travel insurance that covers:

- Covers heli skiing
- Includes Holiday Cancellation Coverage
- Includes Emergency Evacuation Coverage

Star Alliance Member Carrier

We recommend guests fly with a Star Alliance Member Carrier so that in the event of any flight cancellation replacement tickets can be issued immediately.

Additional items to bring:

- Shorts / Swimmers (for hot tub)
- House Slippers (no outside shoes in lodge)
- Winter boots or shoes to wear outside around the lodge
- Cash for gratuities / tips for the guides, pilots and lodge staff
- A good book
- Power socket converter (USA/EU)

Where to stay on your trip:

We recommend the following hotels for your travel:

Hotels in Vancouver:

Fairmont Airport

<http://www.fairmont.com/vancouver-airport-richmond/>

Sylvia Hotel (English Bay)

<http://www.sylviahotel.com>

Hotel in Smithers:

Hudson Bay Lodge

<http://www.hudsonbaylodge.com>

Additional Contact Info:

- Bear Claw Lodge: 1 604 629 9578
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