

C5 Panorama 2024, BC

Downhill Ski and Snowboard Trip

Enjoy one of the most beautiful mountain settings in North America, surrounded by the peaks of the Purcell mountains. It's also listed as one of the top 10 verticals in North America, has a brilliant climate, and Canada's largest outdoor on-hill hot pool. Ski or ride the 2,975 acres of terrain, ranging from wide-open fall-line cruisers to powder-filled tree lines and the steep and deep exhilaration of Taynton Bowl. Great skiing for the week plus the opportunity to try heli-skiing if that interests you. RK Heliski centre is located in the Panorama Village. Or try out Toby Creek Snowmobile tours. Panorama Nordic Centre is 200 m from the resort with an extensive set of X-country trails. (Optional day trip to Kicking Horse Mountain may be possible). The drive from Calgary is truly a pleasure in itself wit stunning mountain views throughout most of the drive.

Trip Highlights

- Stunning beauty with a 1,300 m vertical drop and 2,975 acres of skiing terrain
- \$ 15% Easy, 35% Intermediate, 20% Difficult, 30% Expert
- 5 out of 6 day lift pass included, 6th day available for \$115
- IKON pass holders save \$425
- Complimentary daily guided tours
- Accommodation in the newly renovated Approach hotel for 7 nights
- Grocery stop on the way to pick up drinks and snacks
- Optional RK Heli Ski 3 or 5 run packages for \$1,195 or \$1,375
- Based upon double occupancy
- Non-stop flight to Calgary plus luxury coach transfer

Dates

Saturday-Saturday, February 5-12, 2022

What does it cost

\$2,210 per person, (VISA/MC/Amex) hotel room with two queen beds or one King Single room option **\$720**.

Based on Group Pricing - Minimum of 25 participants; price is subject to change for groups less than 25.

- Beposit: \$100 online registration deposit.
- Booking Deposit: \$500 to Tour Operator+ insurance if taken, due at time of booking.
- Final Balance due: December 20, 2023
- Booking Deadline: December 18, 2023 (after this time, un-booked space will be released).

Note: all deposits, insurance premiums and administrative fees are NON-refundable. If this trip is cancelled by HPSC or the tour operator before December 1, 2021, all deposits will be refunded in full, but **NOT** the insurance premiums.



What's included

Accommodation

The Approach Hotel (formerly Pine Inn)

A multi-million-dollar upgrade has transformed this resort cornerstone into a fresh and innovative mountainside accommodation experience. This new offering is an icon of the spirit of raw adventure. With 104 rooms, ranging from singles to slope-side suites, this refuge is located in the heart of the resort, and is the first step in accessing the spectacular outdoors. Boasting both breathtaking mountain side and resort side views, The Approach is literally seconds from the mountain's primary access. The Approach is hip & modest. Bold & unpretentious. Down-to-earth & head-held-high. Refreshingly simple, and warmly welcoming. The essence of approachability. The beginning of adventure.

Guest rooms have either 2 Queen or a single King bed each with a full bathroom. On site Hot tub, sauna, fitness centre, bar and restaurant.

Meals

No meals are included. The hotel does not have a suitable space for gathering a group for breakfast but there are nearby options to purchase breakfast.

Lift Tickets

5 out of 6 day Adult lift pass included in trip price

- 6 Day Adult lift ticket: Add \$115 to the Adult 5 day price
- 5 Day Senior (65+): Deduct \$50 from the Adult 5 day price
- Senior 6 Day: Add \$30 to the Adult 5 day price
- IKON Pass or No Lifts: deduct \$425
- BIKON Base Pass holder wanting a 6th day will purchase ticket at the resort.
- Complimentary daily guided tours are available from the Mountain Hosts

Other Options

- Single room \$720.
- Land Only: Deduct \$530. The transfer bus will not wait for passengers who are arranging their own air travel. No discount will be given for missed transfers and those passengers must make their own arrangements to get to the resort.

Flights (all times local and subject to change) (Saturday – Saturday)

- Non-stop Air Canada, Toronto to Calgary
- FEB 3 AC133 YYZ-YYC Dep 10:10, Arr 10:08am Calgary time
- FEB 10 AC146 YYC-YYZ Dep 3:45pm, Arr 9:30pm
- Fuel charges and taxes are subject to change until tickets are booked.
- Round trip transfer from airport to hotel.
- Transfer driver gratuities at your discretion.



Baggage Fees: (subject to change)

- ^{\$\psi\$} 1st bag is free up to 23 kg for the group (per direction, including taxes). Those booked separately from the group will pay \$30 + HST for the 1st bag (per direction, including taxes).
- 2nd bag \$50 + HST (per direction, including taxes).

Air Canada considers skis and boots as 1 piece even if in separate bags as long as nothing else is in the bags. (Subject to change, check with the airline.) Payable directly to the airline at time of check in.

Deviation charges:

Any person deviating from the group itinerary for the return flight only will be charged \$50 CAD plus tax and any additional charges imposed by the suppliers and airlines and are subject to change. Deviations are strictly on a request basis. Members must abide by the prearranged transfer dates and times or arrange their own transfers at their own cost. For more detailed information on deviations contact the Trip Leader.

Airport and Land Transfers

Dedicated ground transfers from airport to accommodation and back to airport (not including driver gratuity).

What you should know and fine print

Resort Info

Panorama is situated in BC's Purcell Mountains, with alpine views to the Rocky Mountains. It offers massive acres of terrain, an intimate village with all the amenities, Canada's largest slopeside hot pools (it's a big deal!) and a huge range of activities. There's nearly 3,000 acres of skiable terrain across 4,265 vertical feet of fall line perfection. The ski area is perfect for many skiers as 50% of the runs are suitable for beginners or intermediates. Think wide open groomers, winding down the fall-line from the summit right to the village base area or to the door of your condo. For black and double black-diamond runs, head to powder heaven that is Taynton Bowl. Formerly a heli-skiiing area, Taynton Bowl is now within bounds, so the slopes are patrolled, avalanche controlled and no backcountry gear is needed. Warm up first as the 750 acre bowl is solid black! It's a great place to find powder stashes days after a storm.

- * Vertical Drop: 1300m / 4265 ft
- Base Elevation: 1150m / 3773 ft
- Summit Elevation: 2450m / 8038 ft
- Terrain: 2975 patrolled acres
- Average Annual Snowfall: 520 cm / 204 inches
- Snowmaking: 40% of main named runs
- Trails: 100km comprising 133 named trails
- Terrain:
 - 15% Beginner (Green Circle Easier)
 - 35% Intermediate (Blue Square More Difficult)
 - 20% Advanced (Black Diamond Most Difficult)
 - 30% Expert (Double Black Diamond Expert Only)
- Uphill Capacity: 8500 skiers per hour
- Longest Run: 6.5 km (located in Taynton Bowl)
- Lift System: 10 lifts. 1 Village Gondola, 2 Express Quad Chairs, 2 Quad Chairs, 1 Triple Chair, 1 Double Chair, 1 Platter, 2 Carpet lifts



Restaurants in the Village include:

Alto Kitchen and Bar, Cliffhanger Restaurant, T-Bar & Grill, Jackpine Pub, Fireside Café, The Great Hall, Cabin Resto, Summit Hut, Picnic Café, Thunderbird Pizza, and of course, halfway up the mountain, Elkhorn Cabin.

Passport / Travel Documents

Canadian Citizens: Travelling within Canada – PHOTO ID is a requirement to board all aircraft.

Note: Members are solely responsible to ensure that their travel documents are sufficient, valid and in order.

COVID regulations can change at any time and compliance with them is the responsibility of each member. Members should be cognizant of COVID related regulations as they may be advised in the provincial, federal, Air Canada and resort websites at all times, and particularly in the days/weeks just prior to departure.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellation Policies are set by the Tour Operators, not HPSC. Please consider your commitment carefully before booking your trip.

- * Your deposits (\$100 + \$500) and any Insurance Premium paid are non-refundable.
- From December 5, 2023 to departure, 100% of holiday cost is non-refundable.
- Single Supplement charge is non-refundable unless a substitute is found.
- All paid for deviation or change administration fees are non-refundable.
- Any unused portion of a ski trip will not be refunded. Passengers must go through insurance, if applicable.

Optional Travel Insurance

Skican strongly recommends the purchase of trip cancellation insurance to protect non-refundable deposits and payments in the event participants are forced to cancel their vacation for medical reasons. Trip organizers are responsible for communicating the availability of Comprehensive Insurance to all participants. 'Cancel for Any Reason' coverage can also be added to a newly purchased policy. The premium is due with the deposit. A package plan can be purchased through Skican for participants, please contact your Skican group coordinator for rates.

Comprehensive Travel Insurance is available to protect non-refundable payments in the event that participants are forced to cancel their vacation prior to departure or interrupt vacation due to medical reasons. "Cancel for Any Reason" coverage can be added to a newly purchased policy. The premium is due with the deposit to the tour operator. Insurance payments must accompany the deposit in order to be valid. Cost of insurance varies per person. To get the proper quote you must specify your name, age, DOB, mailing address, phone number, email address, the options chosen and total trip cost. After you have registered, paid the \$100 non-refundable deposit and completed Stage-2 of the registration procedure, you will contact the Tour Operator for a quote.

The Fine Print

Tickets are 100% non-refundable once issued. Name changes and deviations are not permitted once ticketed. Individuals must ensure that all names are spelled correctly and match their personal identification on their passport. The Tour Operator and Airline will not be held liable for delays or cancellations caused by strikes, labour disputes, government actions, weather or any cause beyond the Tour Operator's or Airline's control. The Airline



reserves the right to change equipment or schedules. The customer hereby releases and waives any claims against the Airline and Tour Operator regarding cancellation or schedule changes.

All applicable fuel surcharges and taxes in effect as of August have been included in the package price. However in these volatile times the tour operator reserves the right to charge for unanticipated increases in the cost of fuel and taxes imposed by the resort or airline.

Check the High Park Ski Club long trip member policies (including cancellation) on our website. Notwithstanding the advent of legal recreational cannabis in Canada, you must meet customs regulation in Canada and outside of Canada when traveling with the Club.

The Fine Print

- Trip cost is 100% non-refundable after December 1, 2021.
- Name changes before ticketing may be available for a \$75 fee. Individuals must ensure that all names are spelled correctly and match their personal identification on their passport.
- Name changes after ticketing may be available for a \$175 fee.
- Deviations may be permitted before December 1, 2021 for a fee of \$75 + tax.
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Options (at your cost):

RK Heliski day: https://www.panoramaresort.com/explore/heliskiing

RK Heliski Day includes a certified guide, powder skis or board, hot gourmet breakfast, deluxe picnic lunch, certificate & heli pin. Full payment is due at the time of booking and is fully refundable up to 30 days prior if due to Covid-19 related reasons. For weather or mechanical related issues, an alternate date will be offered or a full refund will be given. Please contact Merit Travel to request your preferred date or for further details.

RK Heliski Powder Adventure Package (Group of 10 people per Helicopter):

3 runs: \$1,195 including tax 5 runs: \$1,375 including tax

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