

Tour + Explore Backcountry Camp

2 Weeks

Fernie, Canada



Available in: Ski



CAMP OVERVIEW

Bio

British Columbia is one of the world's most iconic backcountry destinations, and our Tour + Explore Backcountry Camp takes you straight to its heart. Based in the Powder Highway town of Fernie, this two-week adventure immerses you in a trio of backcountry endeavours, with a guided cat-skiing mission, a ski touring clinic, and a 3-day lodge-based tour at the remote Boulder Hut, all supported by an avalanche skills workshop. The camp begins with coaching at Fernie Alpine Resort, where you'll find your freeride legs and dial in your skills, before the trip kicks into high gear.

Location

The camp takes place in Fernie, British Columbia, a freeski and backcountry mecca. Known for its deep snow, vast terrain and dramatic natural bowls, Fernie offers the best in all-mountain skiing and snowboarding. With the largest vertical drop in the Canadian Rockies, some of the best tree skiing on the planet, and a laid-back mountain town to boot, Fernie is a must for any avid rider.

Goal

The goal of this camp is to build confidence and proficiency in navigating and riding backcountry terrain. Over the two weeks, you'll refine your off-piste techniques and gain essential backcountry skills like avalanche safety, touring, and decision-making. Expert guides will ensure you're well-prepared to explore pristine powder fields and tour through the backcountry safely.

Riders

Whether you're new to ski touring or a seasoned backcountry rider, this camp is designed for adventurous skiers looking to learn, challenge themselves, and conquer BC's breathtaking terrain. The Tour + Explore Camp is perfect for solo travellers, groups of friends or couples eager to immerse themselves in skiing, touring, and the incredible mountain culture of Fernie and beyond.

Accommodation

You'll stay in the Nonstop-owned Red Tree Lodge, centrally located with queen-sized beds and amenities such as a hot tub, cinema, bar and more.

You can choose between twin-share or private rooms.

Breakfasts and included evening meals are served in the lodge restaurant.

Dates + Prices

Dates are available through the season.

Refer to the website Course Page for upcoming dates and prices.

Inclusions

The camp includes all your coaching, touring and accommodation, with lift passes, airport transfers, breakfasts, evening meals, hosting and more.

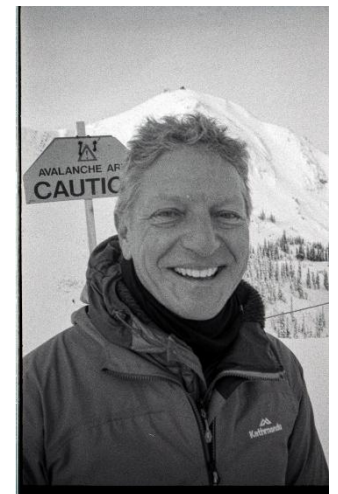
The main additional costs you need to factor in are travel, insurance and equipment.

Refer to the website Course Page for a full breakdown of inclusions.

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The Boulder Hut was a highlight – we were dropped off by heli in the wilderness of British Columbia, touring out each day with a small group of new friends – a real once in a lifetime adventure.

– Tim





RESORT

Fernie, British Columbia

Snowfall

30ft

Fernie is one of the best places to experience Canada's famous powder, with an average of 30ft of snowfall each year. And it's not just the quantity of snow that's so good, it's also the quality of it. A combination of local weather systems and Pacific fronts are to thank for Fernie's frequent dumps and feather-light flakes.

Alpine Bowls

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The ski area consists of five interconnected alpine bowls: Cedar, Lizard, Currie, Timber and Siberia. Each bowl has unique character, with steep descents and tight chutes, smooth groomers, tree runs and powder fields. Fernie has more expert terrain than most other ski areas, with its rugged and ungroomed slopes providing some of the best conditions for advanced progression and pushing yourself further.

Skiable Acres

2,500+

One of the largest ski areas in the Canadian Rockies, Fernie boasts over 2,500 acres of varied terrain, including 1,800 acres of tree skiing guarded from the elements. Fernie has the biggest vertical in the Canadian Rockies, with a top elevation of 7,000ft at Polar Peak and spectacular views across the Lizard Range and Elk Valley.

Runs

142

With the most ski runs in the Rockies, riders have plenty of groomed and ungroomed terrain to choose from. There are 142 marked trails, with 75 rated as black or double black. From cruisy blue runs to steep blacks and gladed trees, Fernie has something for all levels of challenge. Falling Star in Siberia Bowl is the longest at 5km long.

Town

The town of Fernie is located in the valley, a short distance from the ski area, and promises a real taste of Canadian mountain life. A genuine mountain settlement rather than a tourist resort, historic downtown has a funky and laid-back vibe, with plenty of indie shops, bars, restaurants and coffee stores. Whether its late nights, live music or a fresh coffee, every vibe and venue is covered.



COACHING

Sessions

All-Mountain

Led by a Nonstop coach, enjoy two days of resort-based coaching to find your freeride legs and dial in your skills. You'll explore Fernie's natural powder bowls, whose terrain shares similar characteristics to that of the backcountry, as you hone your all-terrain skillset.

Avalanche Safety

1-Day Clinic

Combining fieldwork and theory, learn how to identify avalanche terrain, interpret avalanche forecasts, and perform snow stability tests. You'll also practice peer rescue techniques through simulated scenarios, using your transceiver, shovel and probe.

Touring

1-Day Clinic

Learn how to skin up and navigate backcountry terrain, with tips and tricks on ascent techniques, kick turns and transitions. Exploring a local backcountry route, you'll experience the joy of earning your turns and riding untouched powder, immersing yourself in the spirit of the mountains.

Cat-Skiing / -Boarding

Fernie Wilderness Adventures

An optional highlight, challenge your skills on an unforgettable day cat-skiing or -boarding with Fernie Wilderness Adventures. Via snowcat, you'll venture into remote powder zones, riding pristine slopes in small groups. Led by expert guides, expect up to 10 drops and plenty of vertical.

Hut Trip

Boulder Hut

The finale: a heli-drop to the remote Boulder Hut. You'll immerse in a multi-day touring escape as you explore untamed backcountry terrain. Pro guides will lead daily tours, offering incredible descents in social groups. Expect stunning views, deep powder, and a truly off-the-grid experience.



A TYPICAL DAY

This is a guideline only of a day at the Boulder Hut

07:30

Breakfast

Start your day with breakfast in the eating quarters of the hut. Fuel up for the day ahead, then gear up for a full day of touring and exploration.

09:00

Briefing + Morning Touring

Get a rundown on the day's route and objectives. After a safety check and gear review, head out for your first ascent into the Purcell Mountains. Expect a mix of epic skin tracks, social chatter and spectacular descents, expertly guided with real-time technique tips if needed.

12:00

Lunch

Take a quick pitstop for a packed lunch, all while surrounded by panoramic views of the Purcells. Refuel, hydrate, and plot the next objectives based on conditions and group vibe.

13:00

Afternoon Touring

Continue your exploration of the backcountry, tackling different terrain, powder bowls and technical ridges. Your guide will lead you to the best descents, encouraging you to push your limits in a safe, supportive environment.

15:00

Return to Boulder Hut + Relax

After a full day of touring, return to the Boulder Hut to unwind. Enjoy some downtime, relax in the hut, stretch your muscles, and chat with your fellow riders as you recount the day's highlights.

19:00

Dinner + Social Time

Enjoy a freshly prepared dinner at the Boulder Hut, featuring hearty meals perfect for refuelling. Share drinks and good company, play cards, and swap stories from the day. Grab an early night ahead of more epic touring in the morning.



WHY RIDE WITH NONSTOP

Coaching

Helping riders progress at sports they love in skiing and snowboarding is at the heart of what we do. With expert local coaches and guides, we create a supportive and social environment to ensure you're challenged, progressing, and riding the best zones on the mountain.

Authentic Travel

Run-of-the-mill is just not our thing. We focus on authentic destinations with the perfect blend of snow, terrain and culture, adding local twists and touches of adventure to create experiences you'll remember long after your time with us.

People

Designed for like-minded skiers and riders, you'll join a diverse group of people bound by a love of the mountains and shared desire to progress together. You're guaranteed a sociable trip, and everyone leaves with new friends.

All You Need

Just turn up and ride – we'll take care of the rest. Our packages include all your coaching and accommodation, with lift passes, airport transfers, meals, socials, hosting and more. Less hassle, more ride time.

Experience

When you travel with Nonstop you can have peace of mind that you are booking with a trusted and award-winning travel operator with over 20 years of expertise. You can rest easy knowing you're in expert hands.

Responsible

We're a proud member of 1% for the Planet, dedicated to fostering positive environmental change. By donating 1% of all sales to environmental non-profits, including Protect Our Winters, we're committed to supporting meaningful initiatives that make a difference.

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