



Level 3 Instructor Course 2 Weeks Fernie, Canada

Available in: Ski

COURSE OVERVIEW

Bio

Two weeks of high-performance coaching designed to prepare you for the CSIA Level 3 exam. If you're ready to take your skiing to the next level, this course is for you. Focused on refining both your technical skills and teaching toolkit, Fernie offers some of the best terrain in Canada for progression, combined with top-tier Canadian coaches. The course is scheduled ahead a Level 3 exam, should you wish to stay on and take it.

Location

The course takes place in Fernie, British Columbia, a world-renowned zone boasting five natural bowls and the biggest vertical drop in the Rockies. Known for its deep snow and diverse terrain, Fernie offers something for every rider, with everything from power-filled bowls to steep groomers and bumps. The town's laid-back vibe and welcoming culture make it a perfect base to experience the Rockies while focussing on your ski progression.

Goal

The goal of this course is to equip you with the skills and confidence to pass the CSIA Level 3 exam. With expert coaching from Level 4 instructors and CSIA Course Conductors, you'll focus on key aspects of the Level 3 criteria, refining your technical skills, perfecting your demo runs, and mastering CSIA teaching methodology.

Riders

This course is designed for skiers with their Level 2 certification who are looking to elevate their skills and earn the next level of certification. Whether you're aiming to accelerate your career in snowsports or simply want to challenge yourself and improve your skiing, this course provides structured coaching, the opportunity to meet like-minded people, and access to some of Canada's most legendary terrain.

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

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

Inclusions

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

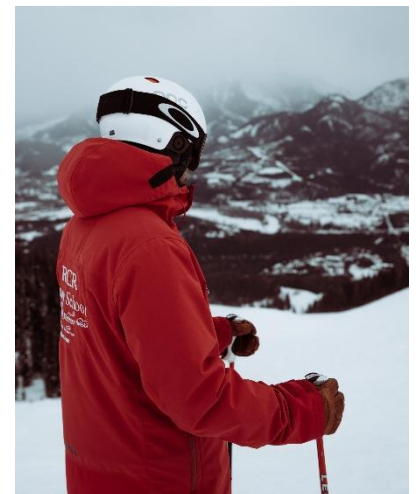
The main additional costs you need to factor in are travel, insurance and equipment.

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

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The Level 3 prep course in Fernie is everything you could ever want to get you ready for your exam, or take your skiing to that next level! Jens, the trainer, is absolutely incredible and one of the most knowledgeable people I have ever had the pleasure to ski with! The course is intense for sure, and there's a lot to cover in just 2 weeks, but I reached the end of the course feeling like a completely different skier and ready to head into my exam knowing I'm in a good place!

– Harry





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 4/week

Each coaching session is a full day of riding, led by your Nonstop coach, with four days of coaching per week. The primary goal is to equip you with the skills and know-how to pass your CSIA Level 3, refining your technique, demos and teaching toolbox.

Group Size 6 Riders

We aim for groups of no more than 6 riders to a coach. This small group size creates an optimal dynamic for progression, personalised feedback and peer learning, while fostering camaraderie and a positive social atmosphere.

Coaches Level 4

The coaching is led by highly experienced Level 4 instructors and Level 3 examiners, all passionate about skiing and dedicated to helping you grow. They'll guide you through the Level 3 framework, sharing tips, tactics and insights to develop your skills.

Qualifications CSIA Level 3

You will be training for the highly regarded CSIA Level 3 certification. Consisting of both skiing and teaching components, it requires a high level of skill and execution. The CSIA Level 3 modules and exam are scheduled for the week following the course, should you wish to stay on.



A TYPICAL DAY

This is a guideline only; each day may vary with different focuses, timings, and personal choices

07:30

Breakfast

Start your day with a hearty breakfast at the lodge. After fuelling up, it's time to gear up, hop on the Nonstop bus, and head to Fernie Alpine Resort, where an action-packed day of training awaits.

09:00

Briefing + Morning Session

Meet your group and coach for a briefing on the day's goals. This could be a focus on your demo runs or honing your teaching skills. After a warm-up, it's time to ride. Your coach will provide real-time feedback to enhance your performance and ability to teach others.

12:00

Lunch

Take a well-deserved break and refuel with lunch. Grab a classic Canadian poutine or enjoy a hearty bowl chilli. Connect with fellow riders, sharing insights from the morning's session and getting ready for the afternoon's skill-development.

13:00

Afternoon Session

The afternoon session is all about cementing the skills you've worked on in the morning. Your coach will guide you through the Level 3 framework, reinforcing what you've learned and helping you develop your skiing and teaching toolbox.

15:00

Après + Relax

After a full day of riding, head to local favourite Griz Bar, for apres-ski drinks and conversation with your coursemates. If you prefer to chill, return to the lodge for some downtime, relaxing in the hot tub or hanging out at the lodge bar.

19:00

Dinner + Socials

Enjoy a delicious three-course dinner prepared by our in-house chefs. Afterward, join the evening social scene – watch the local ice hockey team in action, or head out to one of Fernie's local venues for jam night or live music. For a quieter night, relax and rest up for another day of training.



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 instructor training provider with over 20 years of expertise. We have a track record of delivering courses, with many alumni working in the industry around the world.

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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