

#### **CAMP OVERVIEW**

## Bio

This is a month-long powder odyssey through the heart of British Columbia, where pro coaching, off-grid adventure, and a community of like-minded riders await. Designed for adventurous intermediate to expert skiers and snowboarders, this camp takes you on a journey through the steep and deep of Fernie, as you boost your off-piste skills, master freeride technique, and learn how to navigate backcountry terrain. This trip culminates with an unforgettable hut-based retreat in the Purcell Mountain range, offering a true backcountry immersion with no distractions.

#### Location

The camp takes place in Fernie, British Columbia, a powder-lover's paradise. 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 and some of the best tree skiing on the planet, Fernie is a must for any avid rider. The town's laid-back vibe and infectious mountain culture provide a perfect backdrop for this month-long adventure.

## Goal

The goal of this camp is to enhance your all-mountain capabilities while building confidence and skill in backcountry terrain. Throughout, you'll refine your off-piste technique, master freeride manoeuvres, and gain essential knowledge on avalanche safety, backcountry touring, and decision-making. Expert coaches will guide you every step of the way, ensuring you have the skills needed to confidently explore untouched powder fields and navigate the mountains safely.

### Riders

Designed for riders eager to challenge themselves, elevate their skills, and truly enjoy Canadian mountain culture. Whether you're an intermediate venturing into the backcountry for the first time, or an expert aiming to deepen your backcountry knowledge, this camp offers the ideal environment. Popular with riders seeking a sabbatical or an extended break, it's a chance to fully immerse in skiing, snowboarding, and the outdoors, while connecting with like-minded people. We welcome solo travellers, groups of friends and couples, all united by a love for the mountains.

#### 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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Fantastic – I've really improved my skiing technique, and my confidence is so much better. I can handle treelines, traverses and the steep and deep. The MTM camp has just been a fantastic excuse to spend 4 weeks on the snow, nonstop skiing! Fernie never fails to disappoint! This is my second year here and I know it won't be my last.







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

Each session is led by a Nonstop coach or professional guide. With a dynamic schedule, no week is the same, but the typical setup is four coaching days per week, focussed on all-mountain riding and off-piste skill development. Days off are for rest, freeriding or other activities.

Groups By Ability

Whether off-piste newbie or powder-hound, this camp is designed for a range of abilities, from advanced intermediate through to expert. We organise groups of no more than 7 by ability and attitude to ensure you ride with people of a similar skill level and outlook.

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; 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 for an action-packed day ahead.

09:00

Briefing + Morning Session

Meet your group and coach for a briefing on the day's goals, including terrain highlights and skill focus. You'll warm up before diving into Fernie's powder, trees and steeps, while your coach provides real-time feedback to refine your technique.

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 your fellow riders, sharing stories from the morning's laps ahead of the afternoon session.

13:00

Afternoon Session

The afternoon session is all about cementing the skills you've worked on in the morning. Explore Fernie's legendary bowls, focussing on advanced riding techniques. Your coach will guide you through more terrain, including bumps and deep powder, helping you push your skills further.

15:00

Après + Relax

After a full day of riding, head to local favourite Griz Bar, for a lively apres-ski with drinks and great company. 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 enjoy Fernie's vibrant pubs and bars. For a quieter night, you can always take it easy and rest up.



#### 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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mountain and backcountry camps for people who dream of pushing their level.

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