



## BE AS GOOD AS YOU DREAM

Ski or snowboard piste, powder, backcountry or park with skill and confidence. Our collection of instructor, all-mountain and backcountry courses will transform your skills in the world's premium powder destinations.

Our overriding philosophy is to 'Go Beyond' – pushing your level to the max and delivering exceptional travel experiences that will stay with you for a lifetime. We have a course for everyone, of all ages and abilities.

#### **INSTRUCTOR + PATROL COURSES**

To call the mountains your office is a dream worth pursuing. No matter where you choose to join us, we provide the very best experience to kick off a career in the snowsports industry. We have successfully trained over 3,000 clients, many of who are now living the dream around the world.

#### **ALL-MOUNTAIN CAMPS**

Stare down the mountain with total confidence. Our all-mountain camps are designed to push your skiing or snowboarding to the next level. Alongside our professional coaches, and a small group of like-minded travellers, you'll experience amazing terrain and powder, progressing your skiing or snowboarding so that you can enjoy everything the mountains have to offer.

#### **GAP YEARS**

Winter seasons are the highlight of many people's gap year after school or university, and with good reason. On our courses you can enjoy a memorable travel experience, become a seriously good skier or snowboarder, gain résumé enhancing qualifications, make friends for life and, most importantly, have a whole lot of fun!

#### CAREER BREAKS

An extended period in the mountains is a great way to refresh and revitalise your outlook on life, as well as improve your skiing or snowboarding ability for life! Our longer courses are extremely popular for career breakers of all ages and offer an incredible experience that will be with you for years to come.

"BEST SKI TOUR OPERATOR"

WINNER 3 YEARS RUNNING



### **OUR COMMUNITY**

People from many walks of life come on our courses. Aspiring instructors looking to turn their passion into a career; gap year travellers or recent graduates seeking adventure and challenge; professionals craving a break from work or change of direction; or those wanting to push themselves on an adventurous winter escape.

Meet some of our guests and hear what they have to say.



ANNE-MARIE THJIS, 20 **NETHERLANDS** 

I spent the best part of my gap year in Fernie with Nonstop. I came away with my CSIA Level 2 and CASI Level 1 and made so many great friends. I returned to uni in the Netherlands refreshed and ready.



BRAD LEICESTER, 22 AUSTRALIA

I joined Nonstop's instructor course and immediately went on to teach during the southern hemisphere winter in Australia with a bunch of other Nonstoppers. It was a super fun and action-packed season with awesome coaching.



RACHEL BESZANT, 38 **UK** 

I headed to Fernie with Nonstop on their instructor course as a career break after leaving the Army. The season was awesome with a diverse group of people who shared a love of skiing - the perfect combo. The coaching was highlevel and the staff were motivated and enthusiastic.



MARK PHILLIPS, 53 **UK** 

I joined Nonstop's 3 week all-mountain camp with a pal. Excellent tuition and superb surroundings. There was not one single day where either the coaching or resort became repetitive. Every day was totally enjoyable and the powder was awesome.



DAVE EAKINS, 38 **IRELAND** 

I did Nonstop's master the mountain camp and it was an amazing experience with excellent coaching. After four days of quality instruction each week, days off consisted of avalanche training, touring, cat skiing and more. A great way to spend an extended break.



TANYA DOMBKINS, 35 AUSTRALIA

I've done several courses with Nonstop in Fernie and Banff and they are always great fun. I've had top coaches and skied with groups of a similar ability and energy level. We explore the whole mountain and I really get to challenge myself in the off-piste.

### MOUNTAIN PEOPLE

The best of the best lay down roots in hardcore mountains.

We have purposefully selected destinations renowned for epic powder, unrivalled terrain and, importantly, authentic communities, which has allowed us to build a team of experienced and passionate mountain people.

It is our team that makes Nonstop truly unique and sets us apart from the rest. Our passion for the mountains drives everything we do.

We are privileged to have some of the highest qualified coaches and guides in Canada deliver our programs, along with our support team and hosts. They will help you achieve your skiing and snowboarding dreams, and make your winter one to remember.







## THE RED JACKET

As you ride up the chairlift you spot them a mile off.

The skiers ripping down the slopes with serious style, flawless technique and abundant confidence. Each has a favourite line, their own unique flair and personality, but they all share one thing.

The Red Jacket.

Words | Ben Prichard Photos | Nick Nault

That moment you become certified, and are handed your instructor badge, is one you will long remember. The sense of achievement is unrivalled. The training and hard work has paid off. A dream fulfilled for most, and the start of a new life for some.

Landing your first instructor job is a huge step in the journey. It's a real "I've made it" moment when you are given your uniform. As you're shown around the pro room, where your instructor colleagues gather to prepare for the day ahead, you'll quickly feel at home.

As you get ready to lead your first proper lesson, you'll be filled with a few nerves and butterflies. But once out on the slopes, you'll feel at ease, as your skills and teaching

techniques come flooding back to you. It's extremely rewarding work. Helping people make breakthroughs in the sport you love – first turn, first black run, first jump. Sharing your passion is infectious, and this is what makes the job truly special.

'Morning session', when you head up the mountain with your fellow instructors, for training or condition assessment, serves up endless fun. The ski school atmosphere is a great thing to be part of. A real community and comradery develops. All pushing each other further and learning from one another.

The Red Jacket. Wearing it will be the time of your life!

## **GUARDIAN ANGELS**

Snow is falling and the five expansive bowls of Fernie Alpine Resort are spookily quiet. As the flakes settle, the mountain's guardian angels are making their way to the top of Timber Chair for their morning meeting.

Powder, explosives, rescues. Hero status.

This is the life of a ski patroller.

Words | Ben Prichard Photos | Nick Nault

DOM! BANG! CRASH! Fernie locals are familiar with the feeling of being awoken by detonating explosives echoing through the valley whilst tucked up cosily in bed. This is enough to put a smile on the face of any powder hound. Not only does this mean you're about to score a day of fresh powder, but you can rest easy knowing that you'll be under the safe guardianship of the ski patrol.

Fresh snow generally means avalanche control is required. The snow forecaster and explosive gunners start operations at 6am to blast away the immediate dangers. They are followed by the rest of the patrollers who load the Timber Chair at 7am, and gather for the morning meeting inside the Whitepass Hut at the mountain's summit. The team leader provides an update on weather conditions and other relevant mountain business, then tasks are prioritised and allocated. Daily tasks for patrollers include trail and signage maintenance, first aid, guest relations and mountain clean up.

Fernie Alpine Resort offers up some of the most exciting skiing in North America. Within its five massive powder-filled bowls there is a huge amount of steep and challenging terrain, which demands that the patrol team employ the most cutting-edge rescue techniques when the skiing public get into difficulty. With an average snowfall of 11m each winter season, Fernie receives some of the biggest powder dumps in Canada. The combination of complex

terrain and heavy snowfall keeps the patrollers on their toes managing terrain access, rescues and the avalanche control program, which is one of the largest of its kind in North America.

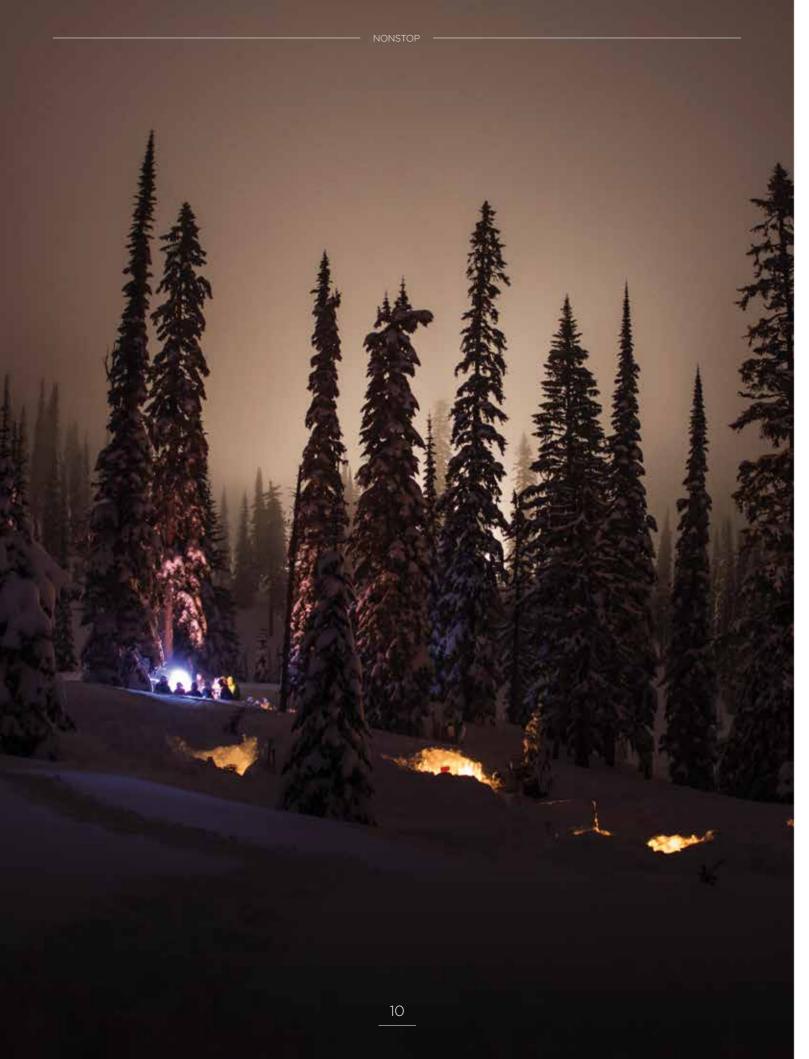
When avalanche risk is judged to be a danger, the ski patrol team proactively manages snowpack stability to reduce avalanche hazard by purposely triggering controlled slides while the resort is closed. They do this by 'ski cutting' (skiing across slopes) as well as deploying explosives. Such action prevents avalanches naturally occurring when skiers and snowboarders are in the resort. The ultimate goal is to minimise public terrain closures while keeping everyone safe.

We've all witnessed fellow skiers being taken to safety by the ski patrol in a toboggan. Although we don't like to dwell on it, as action sports come with inherent risks, injuries can be part and parcel of pursuing the adrenaline we reap from skiing and snowboarding. But we are able to push ourselves in the knowledge that the patrollers will be there for us with their expert skills when things don't quite go according to plan.

All this contributes to making Fernie the pinnacle workplace for ski patrollers, attracting some of the best in the business to be a part of their team. We are very lucky to be looked after by these guardian angels on a daily basis, allowing us to enjoy all the delights (and dangers) that the mountains have to offer.







### SIX FEET UNDER

Head outside the resort boundaries, build and sleep in your own snow cave under the stars before making fresh tracks back to resort the following morning.

Words | Rupert Taylor Photos | Nick Nault

It's eerily quiet, six feet below the snow surface. Only the sound of Sam and Will's breathing circulating around our snow cave. The strangest place I've ever slept? Definitely. I'm part way through Nonstop's winter camping experience and so far it has been just that... an experience.

It began last night. We assembled at the Nonstop lodge where our guide Dave shared his precious knowledge on snow cave building techniques and the best ways of staying warm and dry when camping in the snow. We were distributed our kit which included, amongst other things, an arctic sleeping bag, a snow saw to cut bricks, a shovel to dig, a head torch and candles for light, and all essential avalanche gear. Once I'd stocked up on ingredients for a fireside dinner and snacks to keep me digging, I began to feel ready for the adventure ahead.

It's strange riding a chairlift with a large backpack, roll matt strapped to the outside and weighed down by the essentials of water and beer. We received a few strange looks as regular skiers clearly wondered whether we'd lost our minds. We felt like heroes but hadn't achieved anything yet. Once we'd gathered at the top of the mountain we skied to the edge of the resort, ducked under the rope and into the so-called 'slack country'. We needn't travel far, just 15 minutes or so, as this excursion is intended to practice our survival skills, not depend on them. Once we found a suitable slope we dropped our packs, stuck our skis in the snow, and started scoping out the building sites for our snow caves.

On a gentle slope we dug a big trench, six-foot long and about neck deep. Sam started the digging while Will and I removed the loose snow Sam was sending up. After 40 minutes we crouched at the bottom of the trench and started to dig into the slope to create the cave we'd soon be calling 'home'. Soon our hole became a space which became a cavern and before long, a veritable palace! We used our snow saws to add architectural features such as alcoves for candles and shelves to store our belongings. We used the shovel blades to ensure our 'bed' was flat, and to smooth off the ceiling so that the condensation from our breath would run down the walls instead of dripping onto us.

The light began to fade just as we were putting the finishing touches on our masterpiece. We crawled up and out into the open, where the other groups were gathering around a roaring campfire that 'Nonstop Dave' had somehow had time to create whilst also making his own snow cave and contributing to the digging of every other cave! The man is a machine.

We cooked wieners on sticks over the fire, washed them down with cold beer, and for dessert enjoyed s'mores, the classic North American campfire treat. The whole group seemed excited, if not a little apprehensive, for the night ahead and we spent a couple of hours around the heat of the flames exchanging stories of the afternoon's excavations and anticipating the fresh tracks we were set to score on our ski down at dawn.

## **POWDER HOUNDS**

This is the day you've been waiting for. You're sat in an old-style American school bus. It's dark outside but you see the mist rising from the frozen river as you pass. The shadows of the peaks in the distance are a tantalising reminder of what's about to happen.



**8.20am.** At the lodge. You're warm from a breakfast of coffee and pastries. André, your guide, talks you through the avalanche drill. He must have done this a thousand times before but his enthusiasm is infectious. You practice finding avalanche transceivers in the snow (you'll all be wearing one). This is suddenly beginning to feel very real.

**9am. The first ascent.** Your group climbs into the cat. You've been with these guys since day one of your course. They were strangers then. Now you'd trust them with your life. The engine revs as the gradient steepens. It's cold but cosy in the back of the cat. Windows steaming up. Snacks being shared around.

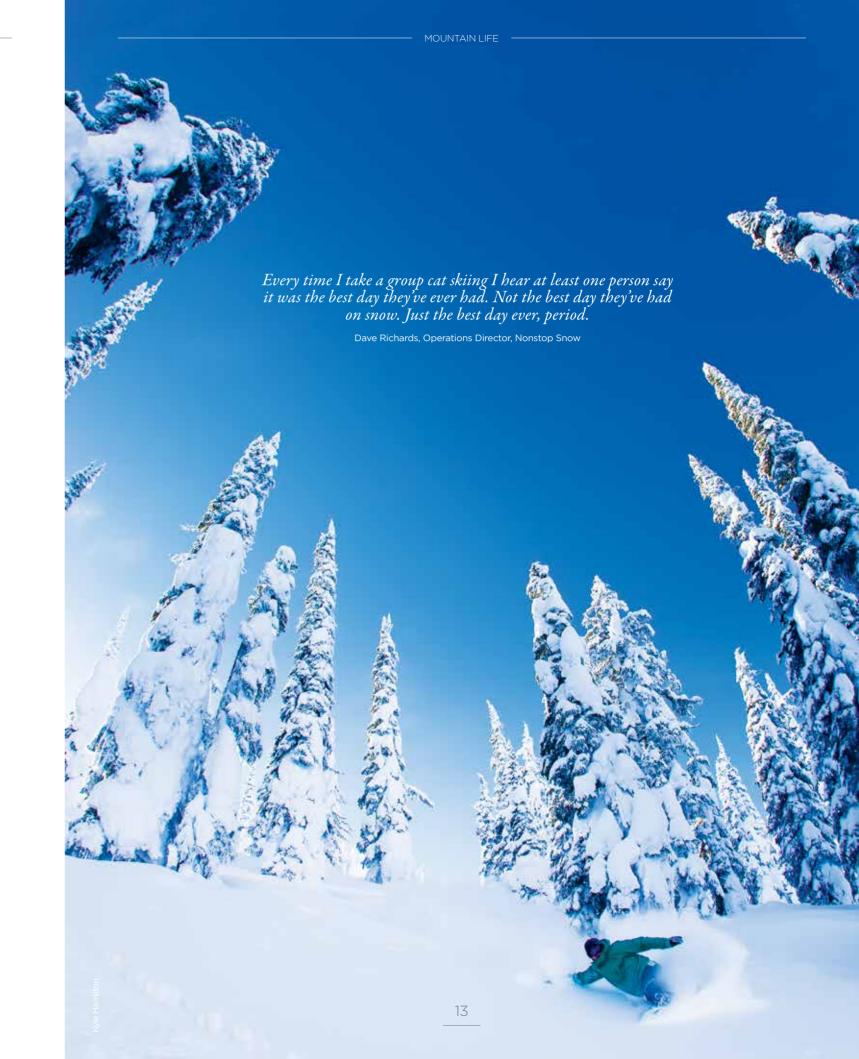
**9.30am. Silence.** As the cat disappears into the distance, you're left standing as a group, awestruck by your surroundings. Mountains. Blue skies. Trees. And snow... lots of it. Miles and miles of untouched powder. Not another person in sight. This is true backcountry. André outlines the boundaries ('that tree to your left, the drop-off to your right'). You visualise your line. A hard turn here to kick up some spray. A swooping carve there, along the treeline. Then André breaks into the widest smile you've ever seen. He knows what's coming next.

9.45am. It begins. You go in pairs. The powder is fresher and lighter than anything you've ever experienced. You're floating. Weightless. There's no one around except you and your buddy. Your mind is clear yet focused on every tiny feature in the vast expanse of virgin snow ahead. Suddenly you're flying. Going faster than ever. Smooth turns. Effortless jumps. This is what you came here to do. This is everything you've trained for. But never in your wildest dreams did you think a run could feel this good.

10.15am. Stoked. You feel the adrenaline. The group assembles at the bottom of the run with huge smiles showing through their snow-covered faces. You talk about your run. And share experiences. You can't quite describe what you're feeling. But you don't need to. They all get it. Then a few minutes later you're back in the cat, heading skyward again.

**3.30pm. The last run.** Physically exhausted but absolutely buzzing. You've just done ten runs of the most sublime powder, deep in the Canadian backcountry. You're ready for a beer – and some food. Despite the exhaustion, the chatter never lets up.

And the buzz... well, that just goes on and on.







#### INSTRUCTOR QUALIFICATIONS | are set at a high level and carry a lot of clout in

At the heart of our instructor courses are the best qualifying bodies in the industry. No matter what country and course you choose, you'll gain the qualifications that will open the door to worldwide opportunities.

#### CANADA

Canada's CSIA (ski) and CASI (snowboard) qualifications are globally respected, world renowned for producing quality instructors with a strong technical background who focus on a fun and intuitive learning experience. We can help you achieve the following qualifications:

- CSIA / CASI Level 1 introductory certification that allows you to teach skiing and riding to beginners
- CSIA / CASI Level 2 allows you to teach intermediate skiers and riders, with a pay increase compared to a Level 1 pro

On our 11 week courses you can also attain these additional qualifications:

- · CSCF Race Coach
- CFSA Snow Park (Freestyle)
- · CASI Freestyle Coach Level 1

#### **NEW ZEALAND**

New Zealand's NZSIA and SBINZ qualifications

snow schools around the world.

Our NZ instructor course works towards the following:

- NZSIA / SBINZ Level 1
- NZSIA / SBINZ Level 2

#### **EUROPE**

Britain's BASI qualifications are recognised globally and highly regarded throughout Europe. BASI also offer a direct pathway to working in France. We can help you work towards:

- BASI Level 1
- BASI Level 2

We also have a course specifically designed for the French system that gears you up for the first hurdle, the Test Technique, a challenging speed test that is a prerequisite to working as a trainee in France.

#### WHERE CAN I WORK?

The Canadian, New Zealand and British qualification systems are recognised and highly respected internationally, and many of our clients have gone on to work in Canada, New Zealand, Australia, USA, Europe, Japan and South America.



## **PRO START**

Gaining the right qualifications is the first big step towards your first instructor job, but there's lots more you can do to become highly employable worldwide - that's why we offer Pro Start. Our programs are well respected in the industry, and we give you an immense amount of advice and support.



#### HANDS ON EXPERIENCE

Practical experience on your résumé will make you stand out from the competition. Shortly after qualifying as a Level 1 instructor, you can head out to a local ski hill and take charge of your own lessons with the locals, as part of our Community Days program in Fernie and Red Mountain.



#### LESSON SHADOWING

As part of all of our Level 2 training in all resorts, you'll be able to shadow experienced instructors in real lessons at the local ski school, where you'll learn new teaching techniques. This is extremely beneficial when you are applying for a ski instructor job



#### **GUARANTEED INTERVIEWS**

Due to the high regard of Nonstop's graduates, Resorts of the Canadian Rockies offer guaranteed interviews to participants of the Fernie course and give them priority in the hiring process. We also have a guaranteed job program in Fernie for those looking to qualify and work in the same season.



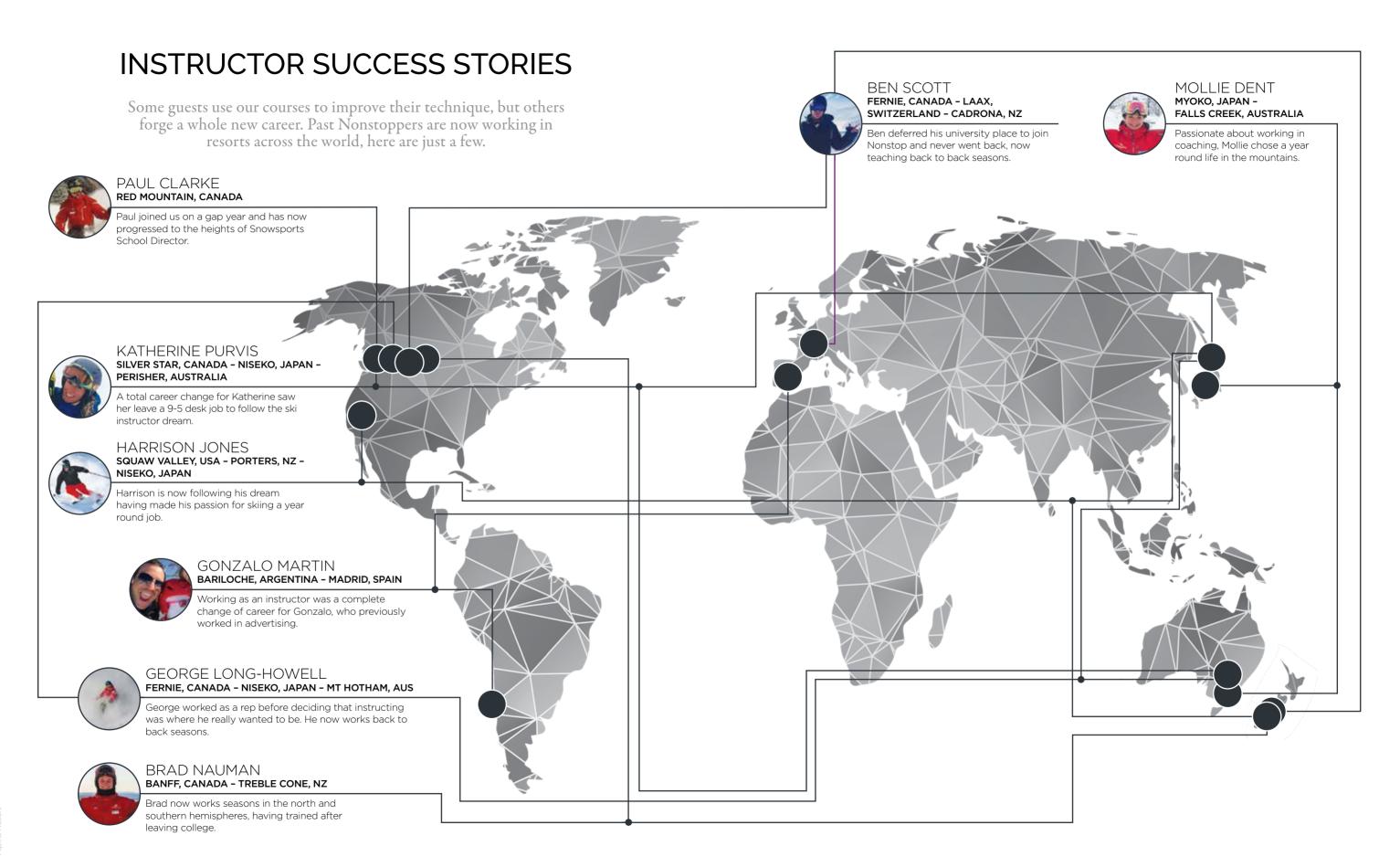
#### LEAVING THE NONSTOP NEST

After your course we provide ongoing support and advice. You'll get a 'Working in the Industry' pack containing a directory of snow schools, visa and job application information, and tips to make your résumé stand out. We also run a 'How to Get your Dream Job' seminar with snow school directors and past clients.

Fernie Alpine Resort has had a fantastic relationship with Nonstop over many years. We are fortunate to have had many excellent instructors in our Snow School that trained with Nonstop and we hope to have many more in the future. With the calibre of graduates, it's obvious that Nonstop run the best courses of their kind.

Wendy Reade, Fernie Snow School Director

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**COACHING** 

## 11 WEEK INSTRUCTOR COURSES CANADA

The ultimate winter season. Spend 11 weeks in the mountains of Western Canada developing your skiing or snowboarding skills, whilst gaining globally respected instructor qualifications. This is far more than a standard instructor training program.

With loads of extra activities, social events and additional training courses, you'll race, park and adaptive coaching. certainly know why we're called Nonstop! Our 11 week courses are a fun, focused and structured way to spend a winter in the mountains

You will leave Canada as a phenomenal skier or snowboarder, with a handful of qualifications to prove it. Whether you want to qualify as an instructor or simply become the best skier or rider you can be, our programs are the best way to get there. It's not just instructor training though, you will

#### FERNIE PROGRAM

Experience a steep and deep paradise. Rip around a truly epic mountain with five alpine bowls, dry powder, endless off-piste terrain and a super friendly town to match.

#### BANFF PROGRAM

Training across Banff's three resorts provides a vast variety of terrain and three world class parks. Set in a stunning national park, Banff is also the party ski town of Canada.

#### THE NONSTOP PROS CSIA / CASI LEVEL 1

Our coaches are amongst the most highly qualified in the industry. You'll receive professional tuition concentrating on your technique in a variety of conditions and terrain. As well as preparing you for your Level 1 and 2 exams, they'll take you to the best parts of the mountain to build your technique and enthusiasm for the sport you love.

#### Pro path (see page 22). CSIA / CASI LEVEL 2

Everyone on the 11 week program works

towards the Level 1 certification in week five.

This introductory certification allows you to

mountain. In week six, you pick which route to

follow for the rest of the program - to continue

with Level 2 training or follow the All Mountain

teach skiing or riding to beginners on the

The Level 2 certification is a big step in terms of technical skill, and your understanding of CSIA or CASI methodology and ability to communicate this to your students. Internationally recognised, a Level 2 instructor will mainly teach intermediate skiers and riders.

#### **COACH ROTATION**

Each week you'll enjoy the experience of a different coach. You'll benefit enormously from the insight of more than just one pro. For those planning on forging an instructor career, this also demonstrates different instruction styles that will help you develop your own personal approach.





## **ALL MOUNTAIN PRO**

At Nonstop our goal is for all our participants to leave Canada being able to ski or ride the whole mountain, whatever the conditions, in control, with style, and having fun. If you are more interested in personal performance than becoming an instructor, the AMP certification is the perfect solution to focus on your freeriding.

This structured development program has set standards and defined goals, so you progress right through to the end of the course.



#### SKIER / RIDER SKILLS

Coaching is focused on improving all-mountain skills so you can take on the whole mountain with confidence and style, fluidly charging waist-deep powder, riding switch, tearing through trees, powering through moguls, carving black runs or hitting jumps and drops.

#### ALL MOUNTAIN EXPERIENCES

In addition to our coaching sessions, you'll have the opportunity to further your experiences through our wide range of activities, such as:

- Avalanche and backcountry courses
- Shadowing the ski patrol
- Participating in competitions or local events
- Visiting other ski resorts



## **MORE PROGRAM**

Living in the mountains is an amazing experience and, with a little guidance, skiing and snowboarding are just the beginning. As part of your package you get access to our MORE Program – full of amazing extra activities and training courses. 25 credits are included in your package, and you can also buy extra if you're keen to get involved in additional activities.

Here are just a few of the activities that you'll be able to choose from. Check with us to see what's available in each resort.



**AVALANCHE SAFETY** 

Learn about avalanche safety and snowpack, essential training for those who want to explore the backcountry.



CAT & HELI SKIING

Put your powder skills to the test and experience untracked bowls and tree runs covered in pristine powder.



SNOWMOBILING

An action-packed day out driving your own snowmobile, charging around open bowls and cruising along mountain trails.



WINTER CAMPING

Dig and camp in your own snow cave for a truly memorable night under the stars, and get first tracks the next day.



WEEKEND TRIPS

Explore new terrain and tick off more mountains as you take on other top resorts in Canada and the US.



DOG SLEDDING

Steer your own pack of huskies for the day as you mush along snowy trails surrounded by epic mountains.

## 11 WEEK INSTRUCTOR COURSES NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand is a spectacular country and, with the varied and challenging skiing of the Treble Cone ski area, there really isn't a better place to spend a Southern Hemisphere winter.

An incredible adventure in the southern hemisphere - this 11 week course is all about getting you ready to get the most out of your on-snow lifestyle - the most enjoyment, the most progression and the best options for career development. And if you don't have 11 weeks to spare, there are also shorter course options available.

a high level and, as such, carry a lot of clout in ski schools around the world. With courses to train in due to the fact it boasts the most able to gain your NZSIA or SBINZ Level 1 and | and Lake Wanaka will without doubt be the 2 qualifications and go straight on to work in coolest place you ever get to call home.

the Northern Hemisphere, including Canada, Europe and Japan. You'll enjoy easy access to amazing freeride skiing, as well as the other outdoor activities that make New Zealand

We run this course in partnership with the longest running and most highly regarded ski school in New Zealand - between us you New Zealand's NZSIA qualifications are set at simply can't get more experience and industry knowledge. We chose Treble Cone as the resort running between July and October, you'll be challenging and varied terrain in New Zealand,

I had an amazing time in NZ! Made lifelong friends, skied variable and challenging terrain. Definitely came home with a better knowledge of skiing and heaps of experience!





#### **EXCEPTIONAL COACHING**

Our highly qualified team of pros are hand-picked for their skill and charisma: we're fortunate to have the best in the business return each winter. During the course you'll receive high intensity on-snow coaching, focussing on making you the best possible skier or snowboarder, whilst also giving you the tools to become an instructor. You will learn the art of movement analysis and develop your eye for spotting good and bad technique in yourself and students.

#### **CHALLENGING TERRAIN**

Treble Cone has steeps, chutes, moguls, bowls and everything in between - this will ensure that you become the best possible skier or snowboarder by the end of your trip. It's no coincidence that some of the world's top international ski teams and professionals all use Treble Cone as their training base during the southern hemisphere's winter - it boasts the sort of terrain that will keep them on their A-game.

#### QUALIFICATIONS

Level 1 is an entry level qualification that enables you to teach beginners but it is not widely recognised outside of New Zealand. If you're serious about working as an instructor then you should be aspiring to get your Level 2 an internationally accepted certification that you will work towards on the program. This leads to more opportunities, and you'll get far more satisfaction from your work as you can teach more advanced lessons.

#### THE PACKAGE

The focus is on getting you ready for your instructor certifications. Although the program was originally designed for budding instructors, it's an amazing way to spend a season in Wanaka. It's tough to imagine a better place to live - set on a stunning lake with awesome views. It has everything that you could want from a ski town; friendly atmosphere, awesome bars, restaurants and access to an incredible mountain.

# 5 WEEK INSTRUCTOR COURSES

The perfect blend of performance coaching with instructor training, enabling you to take on off-piste terrain with style and confidence whilst also giving you the fundamental skills to be able to pass on your passion to others.

Although this is a great stepping stone into the Canadian instructor industry for graduates of this course, the majority come on this program with a focus of personal skill improvement. Our pros will immeasurably improve your technique and challenge you on the best parts of the mountain. Within no time your confidence will have reached new heights and by the end of the course you'll be a certified instructor. And by learning how to teach, analyse and correct mistakes, you'll progress your own abilities even after the course has finished.

Whether you're keen to get the first level of your instructor qualifications, wanting to hit the mountains as a part of your gap year or career break, or hoping to have the ultimate extended holiday in the mountains, there will be a heap of like-minded people on the course to share this experience with.

You're all there for the same reason - to improve your skiing or snowboarding and have an awesome time!

#### FFRNIF PROGRAM

Immerse yourself in this authentic Canadian mountain community and uber friendly town. Enjoy world class terrain in Fernie's five alpine bowls to challenge your skills and take them to the next level. Join us for the first five weeks of the 11 week program, or later in the season if you prefer.

#### BANFF PROGRAM

Train in all of Banff's resorts with masses of terrain and three epic parks to keep pushing your skills and master those tricks. The social scene is pretty awesome too, with Banff a well renowned party town. On this option you'll join the first five weeks of our legendary 11 week program.





#### PERSONAL IMPROVEMENT

We'll take your ability to the highest level with five weeks of professional coaching, developing your performance in all terrain. The split of four days of coaching and three days off allows you to spend the weekend participating in our program of extra activities or practicing what you've learnt. Each week you'll have a different coach so that you experience different teaching styles and get the most out of your training.

#### LEVEL ONE INSTRUCTOR

Gain your CSIA or CASI Level 1 instructor qualification in the fifth and final week of your program. The CSIA and CASI Level 1 is an entry level certification, enabling you to teach beginner lessons in Canada (also UK and Australia). Everyone takes the assessment for this qualification. You can boost your résumé with a qualification in Avalanche Safety Training Level 1 during the course.

#### **OPTIONAL EXTRAS**

Packed with over 15 activities throughout the season, the MORE program gives you a real taste of life in a Canadian mountain town. You will be able to customise your own selection of activities, weekend trips to other resorts, and once in a lifetime experiences. Before you arrive in resort you will be able to see what's happening during your stay, along with prices, and start thinking about what you want to get involved in.

# 3 WEEK INSTRUCTOR COURSES

Push your all-mountain skiing or riding to the next level, while gaining your Level 1 instructor certification. This is an ideal program to improve your skills and get that taste of qualification.

cus on developing your skiing or riding for three weeks, and at the end of your stay with us you'll be a certified instructor and able to tackle challenging terrain with new found skill and confidence.

You'll receive first class coaching from some of Canada's leading instructors. They'll develop your technique and instructor skills as well as show you how to make the most of everything the mountains have to offer.

The instructor assessment, held at the end of the course, will encourage you to raise your performance and test the skills. With a variety of different groups, these courses are suitable for lower intermediates.

#### FERNIE PROGRAM

Fernie is the perfect setting to take your skills to the next level. A big mountain playground with tons of varied and challenging terrain, plus an uber friendly mountain town to call home.

# INSTRUCTOR INTERNSHIPS CANADA

Train and work in the same season. You'll gain your Level 1 instructor certification before working for the rest of the winter as an instructor. A true fast-track into the industry.

On our internship program you'll spend the first three weeks training with Nonstop coaches for your CSIA/CASI Level 1. Once qualified, you'll join the local ski school as an instructor and spend the rest of the season being paid to teach on the slopes.

An internship adds teaching experience to your CV from the get-go, and helps you build contacts in the industry.

Once working, you can join snow school led sessions to continue pushing your level. We'll help organise your seasonal accommodation

and will be on hand to support throughout the season and beyond.

To apply for this program, you'll need a working holiday visa and a positive attitude, and should consider yourself a strong intermediate skier or snowboarder as a minimum.

#### FERNIE PROGRAM

Based in Fernie, you'll join Fernie Winter Sports School and become part of the instructor team. An awesome place to spend the winter with epic terrain and a great community of people.





# 10 WEEK INSTRUCTOR COURSE FRANCE

Train at one of the biggest resorts in Europe and develop your all-round skiing. This course is intense but a huge amount of fun, perfect for a gap year or for skiers looking to kick-start an instructor career.

eady for an epic season in the Alps?
We've partnered with an official BASI training centre to run this course where you'll spend 10 weeks on the slopes with leading coaches developing your skiing and landing international qualifications. Training is intensive and covers a range of areas such as off-piste, bumps, steeps, racing and freeride. You'll come out of this course with sky-high confidence, a host of new experiences and a bunch of new friends.

BASI qualifications are globally recognised

and extremely well-regarded throughout Europe. With BASI Level 2, you'll be able to work all over the world including Canada, New Zealand and Japan. And if working in France is your long-term dream, BASI also offer a pathway to this.

Based in Val d'Isere, you'll experience a mega resort known for its huge ski area - one of the biggest in the world. The combination of challenging terrain with the hive of après options makes this a seasonaire's paradise.





Our trainers are among the most respected BASI pros. They are extremely passionate and dedicated individuals who will help develop your skiing and prepare you for your BASI examinations.

#### **INSTRUCTOR TRAINING**

The role of our coaches is to transform you into a technically competent skier. A typical day consists of skills and drills as well as all-mountain freeriding to consolidate what you've learned. With a dedicated approach to this program, you will become a strong all-mountain skier

#### SPECIALIST TRAINING

During the course you will receive dedicated race and freestyle training. Race training is led by former Olympians Alain Baxter and Chemmy Alcott where you'll learn techniques for both slalom and giant slalom You'll also push your freestyle across the epic parks in Val d'Isere.

# 10 WEEK SKI PATROL COURSE CANADA

A professional level ski patrol training course taught in Fernie, a mountain that demands advanced patrolling skills. Fernie also has one of the most complex avalanche operations in the world and the techniques taught are leading edge.

There couldn't be a better place to train as a patroller.

evelop the skills and get the qualifications to do one of the most rewarding jobs on the mountain, training in the patrol techniques used to rescue people who are in over their depth. Understand how to turn the hazardous mountain environment into a winter playground, and how to be there for people when things go wrong.

This program is ideal if you're looking to gain the exact training and qualifications required to gain employment on the world's most challenging mountains. The course is also great for strong skiers who want a new, interesting and exciting challenge. Patrolling is demanding so participants need to be

competent skiers. We ask that you can ski controlled linked turns in off-piste conditions using a pole plant.

During the program the on-mountain patrol training will focus on a specific rescue or patrol operational skill. Topics include advanced first aid scenarios, patient evacuation, ski area risk management, rope rescue, and avalanche control and rescue.

After receiving all relevant training, you will be putting your skills to the test as you run through a number of simulated rescue scenarios. This is a great challenge and a whole lot of fun.





#### **AVALANCHE SAFETY**

Learn about avalanche prediction, control and rescue, with practice using on-hill drills. Prediction is the science of how crystals are formed to create differing layers of snow. Control techniques are the tools to knock down those weak layers to make it safe. Rescue is the use of avalanche beacons, probes, rescue dogs and shovels to find subjects under avalanche debris.

#### **AVALANCHE SAFETY CERTIFICATIONS**

The Canadian Avalanche Association (CAA) is respected worldwide. During the course you will become certified in Avalanche Safety Training Level 1 and have the option of completing Avalanche Operations Level 1, a professional level certification highly desirable by avalanche observation or control operations.

#### FIRST AID CERTIFICATIONS

The Non Urban Emergency Care qualification is designed specifically for dealing with ski and outdoor adventure sport injuries and illnesses. It will not only be accepted for patrol work but also for any other outdoor guiding jobs. The course involves classroom theory as well as both indoor and outdoor practical learning.

#### ROPE RESCUE, TOBOGGAN RESCUE & LIFT EVACUATION

You will take turns playing the rescuer and subject in simulated scenarios. Practice getting to a patient with a rescue toboggan on a steep slope or cliff area and taking them to safety. Such rescues often require ropes and anchors, as well as nerves of steel, skill and creativity. You will also practice using ropes and rescue chairs to lower people down from a broken lift.

#### **SNOWMOBILING**

Snowmobiles are used at ski areas to assist with rescues. In order to learn this important skill, you will head out to Toby Creek where a guide will lead you in the backcountry and you will spend the day driving a snowmobile. Later in the season you will be shown how to use them for rescue at a ski area.



## NONSTOP COACHING

The formation of our groups, and the style of coaching, are all designed to make sure you get the most out of your time with us in Canada. You'll see the benefits in your skiing or riding for years to come.

#### **EXCEPTIONAL COACHING**

You'll be trained by some of the most experienced coaches in the industry. They each have the right mix of charisma, technical understanding, and teaching skills. As well as taking you to the very best parts of the mountain, they'll focus on improving your technique in a variety of terrain. Coaching is in small groups matched by ability and attitude. Our small group sizes allow our coaches to give personal feedback, but large enough to create an energised sociable dynamic.

#### DEVELOP YOUR TECHNIQUE

Are you ready to step up your technique and start taking on new and exciting areas of the mountain? Intermediates with less all-mountain experience will work with their coaches to tighten up technique on the groomers before learning how to tackle bumps and powder. By the end you will have built confidence and technique, and the whole mountain will be your playground!

#### **FOCUS ON PERFORMANCE**

Do you want to cut straight to the chase and charge through the powder? Our more experienced guests may want to push their skills from the first day and hit the best and most challenging parts of the mountain. We won't waste any time in seeking out advanced terrain and hunting out the very best powder stashes. Our coaches will help you perfect your technique whether it is on steep open powder slopes, tree runs, gullies, or in the bumps.

#### TRAINING SESSIONS

You will have four days of coaching per week: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Each day you will be working on a specific element of your skiing or riding. A break from coaching on Wednesday gives you time to freeride or relax, helping maintain your energy throughout the course. At weekends you are free to rest up, join extra activities or work on what you've been training on.





### **MORE PROGRAM**

As part of your package you'll get access to lots of new experiences in the mountains. If you're left with a thirst for more, then you can add some optional extras to your program to really set this apart as the ultimate experience.



#### FIRST TRACKS

A day where you head out on the mountain with your coach before the lifts open to the public.



#### CAT & HELI SKIING

Rip around in fresh powder with a snowcat or heli as your lift. A great way to explore the backcountry.



#### **AVALANCHE SAFETY**

Teaching you about avalanche formation, off-piste safety, and search and rescue techniques.



#### SNOWBIKING

A growing sport in Canada. Experience snowy mountain trails on fat tyres as you snowbike amid spectacular scenery.



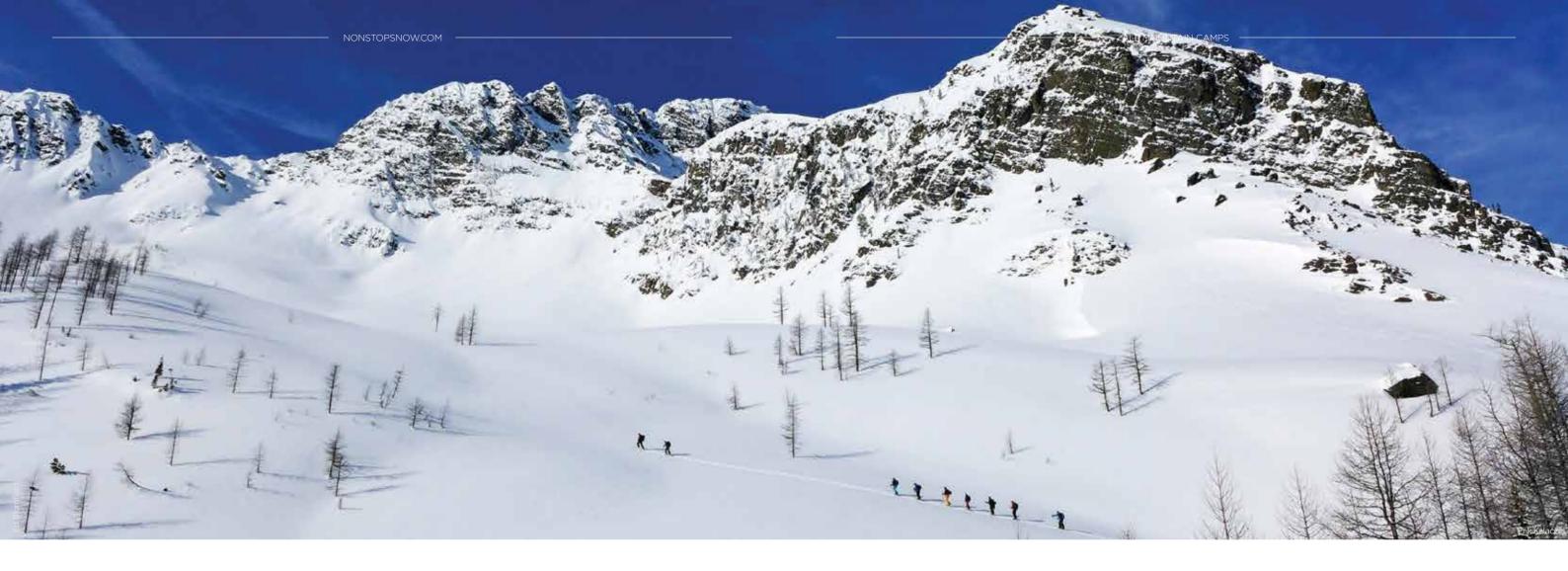
#### **WEEKLY SOCIALS**

Each week, hosts plan different socials. Try your hand at curling or watch the local ice hockey team in action.



#### **TECH SESSIONS**

Designed to help you get the most out of the sport. Subjects include tuning, stretching and sports nutrition.



## 'MASTER THE MOUNTAIN' 4 WEEK OFF-PISTE CAMP CANADA

Over four unforgettable weeks you'll vastly improve your all-mountain skills and confidence so that you truly 'Master the Mountain'.

ernie is famed for its steep and deep conditions that will challenge and excite every level of skier or snowboarder. This course features all-mountain tuition with additional specialist backcountry training, so you will be riding areas of the mountain you once thought inaccessible. Culminating in an exhilarating four-day backcountry touring adventure,, this course is suitable for intermediate to advanced skiers and riders.

Each week you'll receive professional coaching from some of the best pros in the industry. As well as group lessons, there will also be several other training days throughout the course, such as ski touring or splitboarding and avalanche safety. By the end of the course you'll be able to confidently ride powder, glide through trees, power over moguls, carve up the groomers and ski tour or split board.

With 24 like-minded people on the program, all holding an equal passion for the mountains, strong bonds always form between participants. It is with these new friends that you will enjoy a once in a lifetime adventure to the Boulder Hut. Set out into the wilderness to ascend mountains and experience the fruits of your labour with fresh tracks and bottomless powder on the way back down.

## BACKCOUNTRY AND AVALANCHE TRAINING

During the program you will learn how to tour and master the correct techniques for ascents and transitions. You'll also complete avalanche rescue training, carrying out simulated search and rescue scenarios. This is essential preparation for the backcountry trip and useful knowledge for any mountain lover.

#### THE BOULDER HUT

The highlight and culmination of this trip is a four-day backcountry touring adventure. Arrive by helicopter at a remote lodge set in a valley surrounded by pristine wilderness. Each day is spent exploring the spectacular slopes and getting your powder fix, with several ascents before returning home to delicious home-cooked meals and an outdoor wood fired hot tub. This is an experience of a lifetime and opportunity to see a different side of mountain life.



# 1, 2 & 3 WEEK ALL-MOUNTAIN CAMPS

### **CANADA**

Transform your technique and take on new challenges in Canada's legendary powder, trees and bowls.

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Our camps take place in powder-heavy resorts and will see you smash through boundaries in your technique and enable you to master terrain you previously only dreamt of. What's more, you'll be doing it in style and with a smile.

You'll gain new confidence and an even deeper love for the sport and on future trips you'll continue to benefit from the skills you gained with us. New experiences like cat skiing or boarding will not only be some of the most enjoyable hours of your skiing career but will help cement your new technique into habit (and you'll have the photos to prove it).

Lastly, you'll meet a great bunch of people who share your interest in skiing and by the end of the camp you'll have made new friends for life.

#### FERNIE PROGRAM

Explore this steep and deep resort and five epic alpine bowls. Here you'll push yourself to the max.

#### BANFF PROGRAM

Experience Lake Louise, Sunshine Village and Mount Norquay in one unforgettable adventure. Panoramic views and a huge variety of terrain.



#### MASTER ADVANCED TERRAIN

Whether you are an experienced off-piste skier or a relative newbie to more advanced terrain, our coaches will work closely with you to develop and push your skills so you can rip around all parts of the mountain. Our ultimate goal is for you to ski or ride all terrain, in all conditions, with good technique, style and confidence.

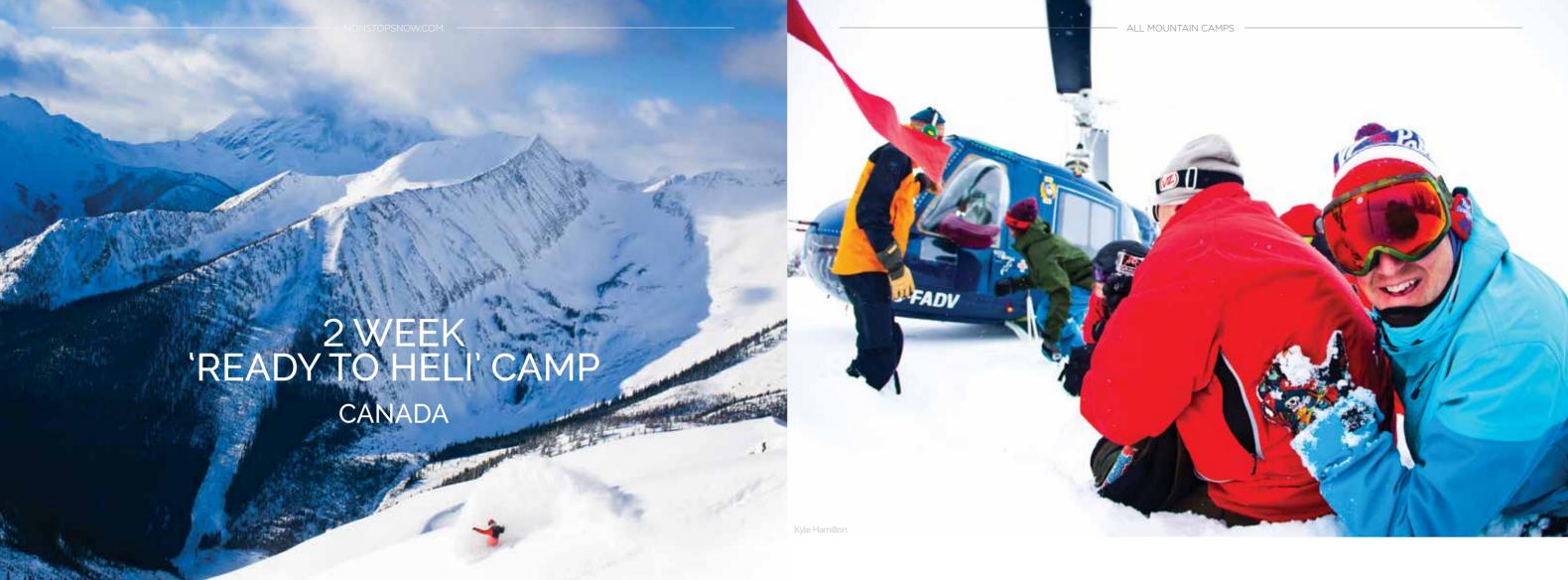
#### **PUSH YOUR SKILLS**

On all of our camps you have the option to go cat skiing or boarding and get your first taste of the Canadian backcountry. A whole day charging through fresh powder and enjoying some of the best turns you've ever experienced. This is a great opportunity to see how far you've come. It will be a day to remember and a highlight of the trip for sure.



Instruction has been first rate, the course has been great fun and has taken my skiing up another level. I will definitely be back.

Martin, 2 Week Fernie Camp



Realise a life long dream.

Progress from backcountry novice to king or queen of the mountains in just two weeks. Finish with the ultimate off-piste adventure, a heli day in BC's legendary terrain.

verybody loves the idea of going heli skiing or boarding, but not everybody has the confidence to jump straight in there. This camp is designed to help you smash through boundaries in your technique and enable you to master the terrain and snow conditions you'll face on a heli trip.

Progress from backcountry novice to king or queen of the mountain in Canada's powder-capital, Fernie. Finish with the ultimate off-piste adventure, a heli day in BC's epic terrain. Includes eight Nonstop coachings days.

In addition you also have a day cat skiing or boarding and, of course, the heli day to top it all off.

#### **OFF-PISTE COACHING**

It's not often that you're blessed with bottomless powder when you're on holiday so, when you do experience it, it's hard to know how to make the most of it. Our all-mountain specialist instructors will spend time teaching you the techniques that allow you to ski or ride confidently and have the most fun possible in untracked snow.

#### **CAT SKIING & BOARDING**

Halfway through your trip we take you cat skiing for a day of untracked snow and a taste of what's to come. You will spend the day being taken around the mountain in a modified snowcat before dropping into the untouched powder and laying down fresh tracks. It's the perfect way to test the skills you have learnt with our coaches, and prepares you for your heli adventure.

#### THE ULTIMATE ADVENTURE

Finally, the day will arrive! Your chance to experience what will most likely be the greatest day of your life! You will take a helicopter into the Canadian backcountry, in itself a spectacular journey. You usually get three (very long) runs, huddling around the heli before dropping in to experience some of the most pristine powder that off-piste skiing and riding has to offer.



# 2 WEEK SNOW SAFARI CANADA

An amazing two week road trip visiting some of the top powder destinations in Canada. A truly authentic travel experience through British Columbia shared with like-minded adventurers. Embrace Canadian mountain culture and enjoy some of the best terrain in North America.

#### 'POWDER HIGHWAY' ROUTE

FERNIE - RED MOUNTAIN - REVELSTOKE - KICKING HORSE

The 'Powder Highway' sits in the heart of British Columbia and is renowned for producing massive amounts of dry, fluffy powder. It has earned cult status among powder hounds, boasting awesome freeride terrain. We take you to four legendary 'steep and deep' resorts over two weeks and our hosts will show you the very best stashes at each mountain.





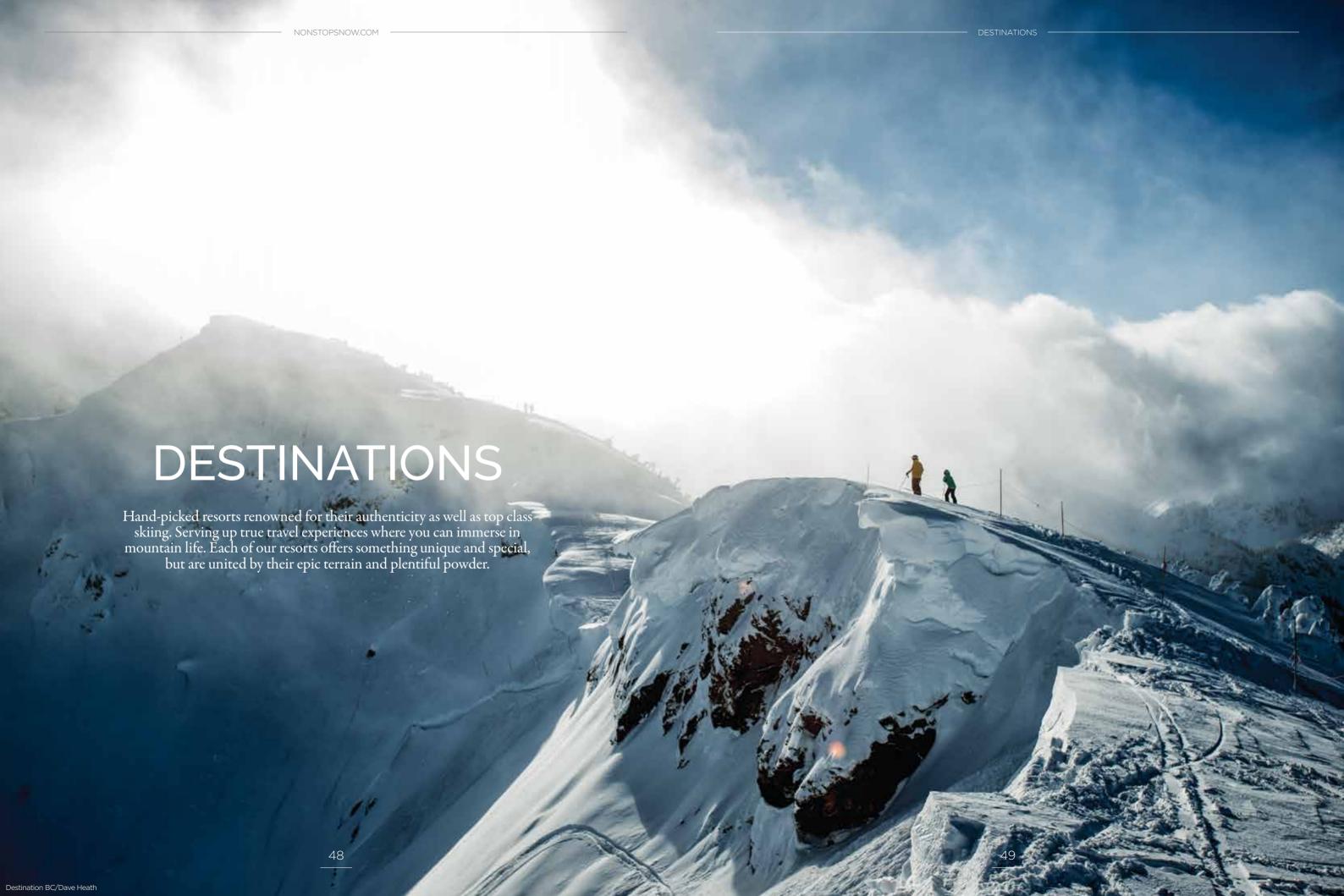
# 1 WEEK EARLY-SEASON CAMP

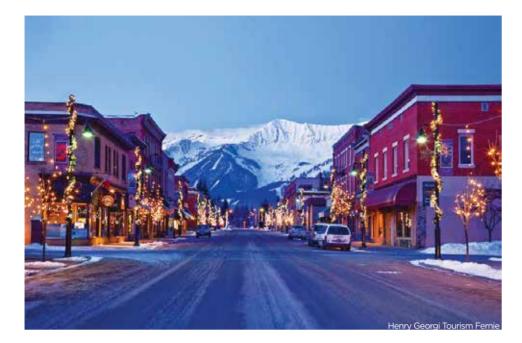
Boost your technique in Italy's top resort. You'll take to the slopes during the early-season and work on your snow skills ready for the winter ahead.

Suited to all standards of skier and snowboarder, this course will push your technique and set you up for a great season. Our Canadian pros lead this camp, with coaching focused on building confidence and honing performance, from carving to short radius.

Based out of Cervinia, we have access to a huge amount of terrain, including a glacier and slopes over in Zermatt. Wide open pistes, steep pitches and long runs provide ideal conditions for progression. Cervinia's high elevation also means good quality snow during the early-season.

This course is five days in duration to make it easy to weave into your schedule. Small group coaching, you'll meet like-minded people and experience Italian mountain life off the slopes too.





## **FERNIE**

#### "NORTH AMERICA'S COOLEST TOWN"

Fernie has a vibrant cultural scene with regular arts and music events welcoming locals and visitors from all over the world. Hosting numerous ski and snowboard events throughout the season, Fernie is sure to keep you entertained.

#### THE MOUNTAIN

Known locally as Snow Valley, Fernie Alpine Resort boasts an incredible average annual snowfall of over 11m and regularly has the deepest snow pack and the biggest powder dumps in North America.

Renowned for its "steep and deep", Fernie has amazing tree skiing and a huge range of terrain to keep you challenged. With five large alpine powder bowls and an emphasis on off-piste, Fernie is the ultimate big mountain playground that will just keep giving and giving.

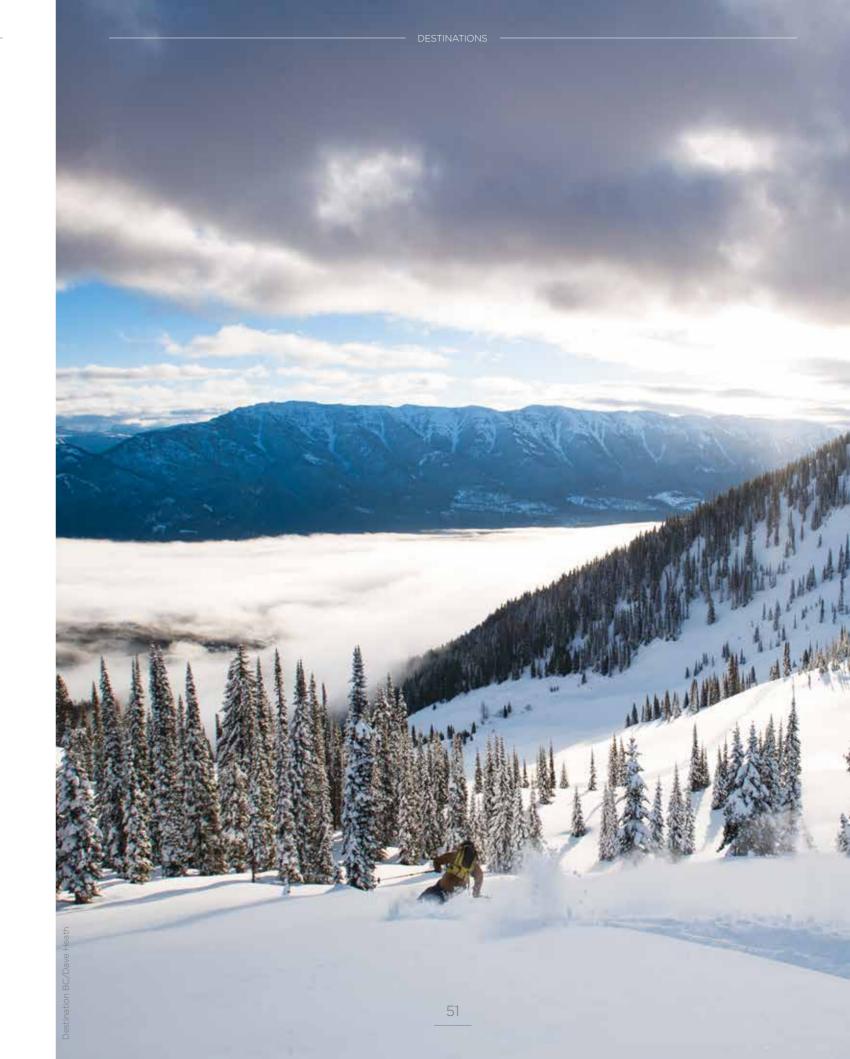
Off the tourist trail, the slopes are empty and there are no lift lines - plenty of fresh tracks to go around. Fernie also boasts the longest vertical and most marked runs in the Canadian Rockies.

#### THE TOWN

Fernie is an authentic Canadian mountain town and its super laid-back environment rubs off almost immediately on even the most stressed out souls. Canadians are famous for their friendly nature, and nowhere is this more true than in Fernie. The atmosphere is a great escape from normal life.

Downtown offers a wide selection of restaurants, bars, coffee houses, ski shops, spas, a fantastic swimming pool, ice skating rink, a museum, gyms and much more.

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## **BANFF**

#### "ONE AWESOME TOWN, THREE EPIC RESORTS"

Live in this energetic party town while training in not one, not two, but three resorts: Lake Louise, Sunshine Village and Mount Norquay. We are the only training provider to offer instruction in all three of the Banff ski areas.

#### THE MOUNTAINS

Each of the three resorts offers unique challenges, and all three have amazing terrain parks. Being able to ride at all three resorts guarantees you the best conditions available in Banff.

Follow the sun around the three separate mountains at Sunshine Village (hence the name) or tackle the notorious 'Delirium Dive', an intimidating bowl with obscenely steep faces... not one for the feint hearted.

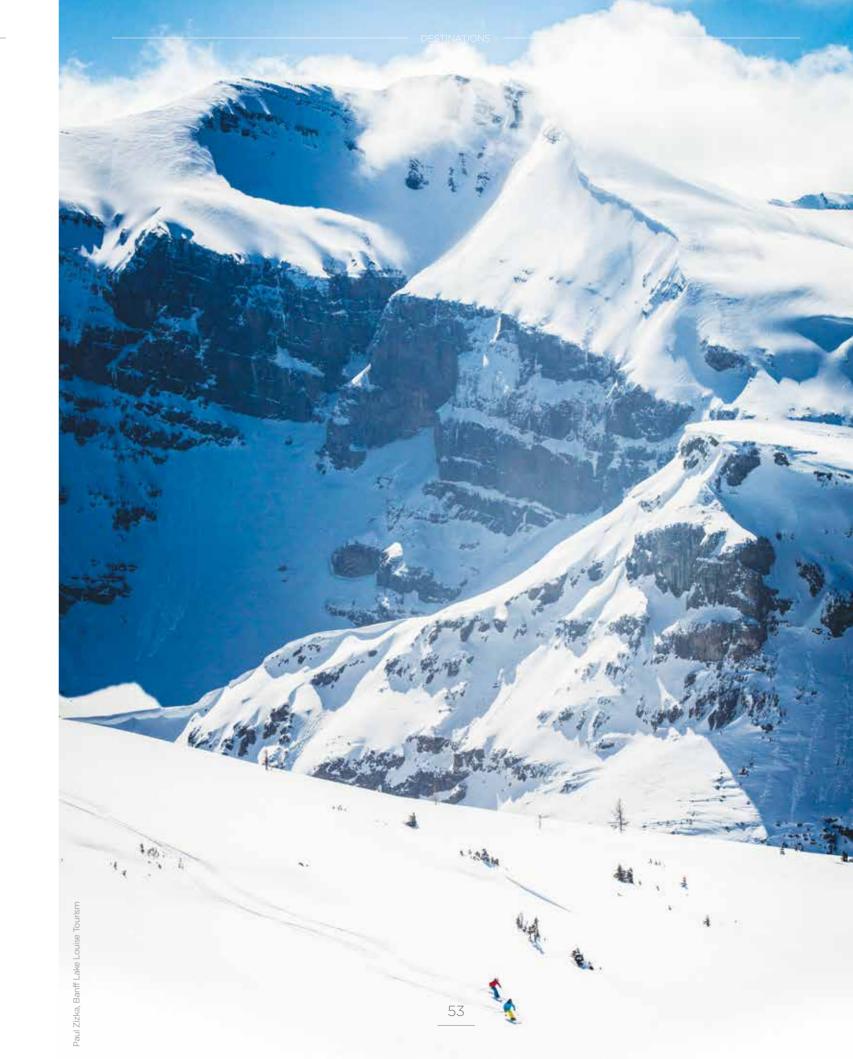
Head to Mount Norquay on powder days, as there are never any crowds. You can also take on Friday night park skiing there every week. Be sure to explore the incredible back bowls at Lake Louise, as well as the epic tree skiing in resort.

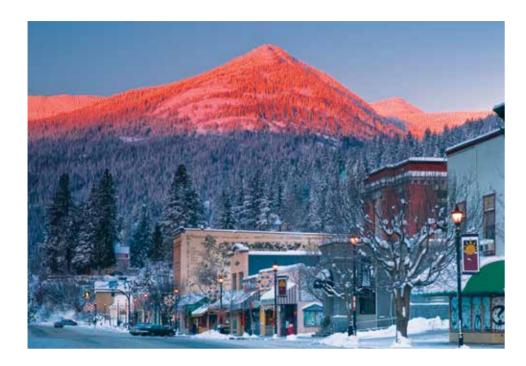
#### THE TOWN

Situated in the heart of the National Park and surrounded by breathtaking mountain scenery, Banff is an incredible place to stay. A lively, picture-perfect town with a famous nightlife scene and great bars, clubs and restaurants.

There are plenty of shops as well as natural hot springs, ice rinks, a cinema and theatre, gyms and even one of the premiere centres for Art in North America, for alternative après relaxation.

There are numerous places to eat and listen to live music, with many of the bars and clubs offering happy hour and VIP deals to Nonstop clients. For those who enjoy last call equally as much as first lift, Banff won't disappoint.





## **CANADIAN HOTSPOTS**

As well as Fernie and Banff, we also run courses that take you to other resorts in Canada, renowned for their light powder and challenging terrain.

#### RED MOUNTAIN, BC

Like heli skiing with lifts. Steep, deep and quiet, this is a powder hound's dream. An old gold-mining town and a true Canadian experience, Red Mountain boasts world-class tree skiing, empty slopes and super friendly locals.

The resort is advanced and consists of three peaks - Red, Granite and Grey - with 360° skiing off each mountain. If you love authentic mountain experiences and unbelievable skiing, Red is for you.

#### REVELSTOKE, BC

Revelstoke has the longest vertical of any resort in North America. The terrain is wild with endless off-piste options for challenging descents. You'll find deep snow, amazing

bowls and lots of natural features. You are certain to have fun and be challenged here.

Revy is also heli-ski playground with half a million acres of drop terrain - the perfect place to tick heli-skiing off your bucket list.

#### KICKING HORSE, BC

A big mountain resost with powder-filled bowls, tough chutes on the upper slopes, and steep faces. With more black runs than any other grades, there's plenty of inbound ridges and bumps to challenge you.

For fresh lines, take the Stairway to Heaven steps to the top of Feuz Bowl, and take your pick of routes downs. The scope for adventure is huge and, with few crowds, finding freshies on a pow day is easy.





## WORLDWIDE

Our reach spans further than just Canada. We have hand-picked a number of resorts in Europe and the Southern Hemisphere as the base for our international programs.

#### CERVINIA, ITALY

Based in the Italian Alps, Cervinia is a highaltitude ski hub with the best snow record in Italy and access to glacier skiing. Famed for its wide-open slopes, Cervinia is the perfect hunting ground for working on fundamentals and refining your technique.

Cervinia enjoys a long winter and offers some of the best early season conditions in the world. Linked with Zermatt on the Swiss side of the glacier, there is a vast range of skiing to enjoy. Combined, the Cervina-Zermatt ski area is one of the world's largest with 350km of pistes.

#### VAL D'ISERE, FRANCE

Located in the heart of the French Alps, Val d'Isere is a mega resort with access to a huge amount of terrain and lively nightlife. The resort is linked with Tinges and offers some of the most varied and exciting slopes in Europe.

With over 300km of pistes and awesome off-piste opportunities, you'll find everything you need to keep you challenged, including a terrain park and World Cup downhills. There's also epic après-ski, including wild on-mountain bar La Folie Douce to see out your days on the slopes.

#### TREBLE CONE, NEW ZEALAND

Treble Cone, set above the breathtaking Lake Wanaka, is the largest ski area in New Zealand's South Island and is renowned for being one of the most challenging resorts in the Southern Hemisphere, with an epic town to match for plenty of fun off the slopes.

The mountain offers up the longest vertical in the Southern Lakes and the terrain is an off-piste paradise, with awesome freeskiing. Enjoy steep chutes, wide faces, drops offs, thrilling gullies and powder bowls.



## THE NONSTOP LODGE, FERNIE

In our home resort of Fernie, we renovated our very own ski lodge to provide accommodation perfectly suited to our clients while in Canada with us. With large, comfortable and newly refurbished rooms, the Red Tree Lodge is the perfect home to come back to after a day on the mountain.

Located centrally, walking distance from downtown Fernie with unrivalled amenities, you'll feel at home in the heart of the town. What's more, there's everything you need to relax and hang out, with a restaurant, bar, communal kitchen, games room, swimming pool, hot tub, sauna and movie theatre.

The Red Tree Lodge is the hub for all our courses in Fernie where our participants socialise and share stories. Our knowledgeable staff are always around to help you with advice and tips on anything else you want to do.

Discover more about specific course accommodation on our website.

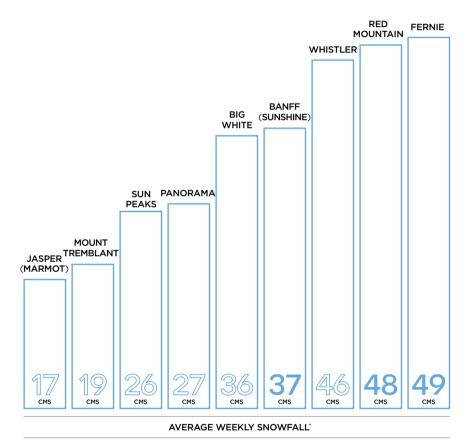




DESTINATIONS

The incredible snowfall and varied terrain at our resorts provide our instructors with the perfect training environment to transform your skills. Ultimately, the mountain determines how far you can go. (

## Choose wisely. Go beyond.



\*Source: Skitown.com (Average annual snowfall / Resort opening period)







