



# June-July 2009



## Featured Past Adventure!!

We met one of our many Heli Mountaineering guests, Ellen and Rick, on a fine day with us in July 2003 ... we have kept in touch ever since. In May, we received a really cool invite to attend their 30th wedding anniversary party (we are working on it sincerely guys – it sounds like a blast!) and the background picture used for the invite, is Ellen and Rick embracing on one of our summits! We know that Ellen and Rick really enjoy fantastic adventures around the globe and to know that an adventure with HCA was so memorable that they used a photo of the adventure for the invitation, makes us realize how special our guests are and the job we do.

The invitation states 62 million kisses (several with us!), 36 years going steady, 30 years of marriage, 40 Springsteen concerts, 172 soccer games .... , and 2 Bridge arrests!! ... mmm we need to know what was going on there guys!!

Ellen and Rick, we wish you millions of more kisses, many more Springsteen concerts, many years of adventures together and we really hope to be dancing with you this June! Congratulations to you both and come back soon for another memorable adventure in the Monashee Mountains!



## HOW DO WE GET TO REVELSTOKE?

The most popular question at this time of the year from our new guests is - How do we get to Revelstoke? Many of our guests do enjoy the drive through the mountain scenery to reach Revelstoke by vehicle: we're five hours from Calgary, Alberta and Spokane, Washington, and six hours from Vancouver, British Columbia and Seattle, Washington. Remember passports are required to get into Canada from road, boat or air, just as they are required to get home – please don't leave your passport at home!

Most of our guests are flying into Kelowna International Airport (which receives flights from Seattle, Calgary, Vancouver, Toronto and other key departure cities in North America) and then renting a car for the 2.5 hour drive to Revelstoke, as the evenings provide many opportunities to enjoy the spectacular areas around town.

We can also pick you up from Kelowna if you'd prefer, by vehicle, helicopter or charter fixed wing aircraft (which we can also arrange from Calgary). And if you'd like to stay in Kelowna for a few extra days, we're happy to arrange hotel rooms.

If you're including our package in a longer Rocky Mountain experience, we love the idea of flying into Calgary and renting a vehicle there for the trip. You'll be able to see the city that's the Heart of the New West, plus all the signature sights in the Rockies – and, of course, the best experience of all: the alpine backcountry, with Heli Canada Adventures (not that we're at all biased!).

If you have any questions or need ideas on helping you plan your travel, please do ask and we will be able to make suggestions that fit your itinerary.

## Get-A-Ways Anybody?

Revelstoke is so close to the major centers in British Columbia, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Alberta, that our 2 day 2 night adventures are perfect for those of you who need a quick get-a-way from your routine! This makes our adventures ideal for your long weekends this summer where you will find your selves refreshed after a taste and frolic with our nature. We bet you will enjoy our side of the contrast between your hustle and bustle and our expanse of tranquility(good for you too)!

Take a second to ponder: the roar of waterfalls, the vivid colors of the soft alpine meadows bristling full of wild flowers, the fresh mountain air, the wild life watching you, a comfy sleep, a culinary delight ... inspired?

You can choose from Heli Hiking to Heli Mountaineering or any combination of our summer adventures for your get-a-way. It can be a romantic couple of days for two, a memorable family outing with an educational twist, a family reunion or a group of friends simply getting together in the wilds – just drop us a line and we will be happy to make your get-a-way refreshing and relaxing for the soul.

## What is Heli Hiking and Heli Mountaineering?

Another great question we get at this time of the year! Heli Hiking or Heli Mountaineering is using a helicopter as a taxi to get us into and out of the pristine mountain wilderness each day of your chosen adventure. With out the use of the helicopter here in Canada, in most cases, it would take you many days



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## News Round-Up Just a few tips and newsy reminders

### The GST Dance

You'll notice that trip costs look slightly different for international (including US) and Canadian guests: International guest prices include the federal government's visitor Goods and Services Tax (GST) rebate of 2.5% (meaning that international guests only pay 2.5%); Canadian prices include the full 5% GST.

### Referral discounts

For those very kind folks who refer us to other people who subsequently book with us, we're offering a 10-percent discount on your next Heli Canada Adventure — just our way of saying a warm "thank you!"

### Post your pictures!

Have you enjoyed one of our adventures? Don't forget that we're looking for your photos for our new photo gallery. Just e-mail them in jpg format to [info@helicanada.com](mailto:info@helicanada.com) and we'll put them up on the website for everyone to enjoy.

## About Heli Canada Adventures

HCA specializes in exclusive, small group heli adventures. Our summer adventures range from heli picnics to heli backpacking, with heli hiking and heli mountaineering as our signature offerings.

Our winter adventures feature powder ski and snowboard touring, and heli snowshoeing — and we also team up with two high-quality partner companies to offer heli skiing and heli snowboarding.

We match each trip and group to your pace and expertise, making our adventures ideal for families, couples and single travelers. We also specialize in designing corporate, private and incentive heli adventures to fit your goals. From our base in Revelstoke, British Columbia, we provide unparalleled access to some of North America's most pristine mountain wilderness.

with heavy packs to get into the alpine meadows or the mountain peaks to climb.

How does it work? You meet your fun and knowledgeable guide (our guides are certified by the Association of Canadian Mountain Guides — [www.acmg.ca](http://www.acmg.ca)) in the morning for a hearty breakfast at our base, The Hillcrest. After taking a packed lunch full of nutritious wholesome food, we take off from the Helicopter pad around 8:45 am to the hiking/climbing area for the day. Your guide will point out the wild flowers (most of which you can eat or use for medicinal purposes), show you interesting geology while being surrounded by glaciers, waterfalls and many mountain peaks. If you are lucky, you may see our wildlife from a distance and there is plenty of time for mountain photography. Our lunch spots provide excellent mountain vistas with opportunities to soak in the ambiance of nature that surrounds you. Around 4 pm, we meet the helicopter which will whisk us back to our base and the Mountain Guide Lounge, to share your stories and pictures with your new found friends.

Around 7 pm, we meet again for dinner in the dining room or the patio over looking the Columbia River Valley. With good wine, excellent food and more stories to share with your friends, your appetite and palette will be satisfied after a day of fresh mountain air. Then, you will be ready to retire to your comfy bed, with sweet dreams and anticipation for tomorrow's new adventures...

This is Heli Hiking/Heli Mountaineering and it is best not to take our word for it ... come see for your selves!!

Get together with your family or friends to discuss the possibility of a helicopter adventure this summer in either of our packages, Gold Star (great pre-arranged adventures that you'll find on our website at [helicanada.com](http://helicanada.com)) or Diamond Cut (privately guided adventures customized just for you).

For more details on our packages, just check out [www.helicanada.com](http://www.helicanada.com), or email [info@helicanada.com](mailto:info@helicanada.com) or call 1-888-837-5417.

## Referral Discounts – save more money this summer on your vacation!

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We would love to hear from you!

As our returning guests know when you refer guests to us and they book an adventure, we give you a 10% discount on your next trip with us — a good savings! For June 2009 bookings, we are going to up the ante! If you bring with you a group of 4 guests total or more, we will give you a 20% discount on your trip bill now! This would mean a significant savings and you can share the discount with the group or take it yourself — it is up to you as the group organizer. We will also give the group organizer a one hour massage while you are with us — so give us a call this June to take advantage of this offer — there are only 30 days in June!!!

For more information about any of our heli hiking or heli mountaineering adventures, visit [www.helicanada.com](http://www.helicanada.com) or email [info@helicanada.com](mailto:info@helicanada.com) or call 1-888-837-5417.

## Trip Cancellation Insurance – Do you need this?

Yes you do as all our payments are non refundable — period! We must do this to ensure helicopter and guide availability in case life throws you a wrench! We know that emergencies crop up at the worst times, so, we have researched the market to bring our guests the best possible coverage so you can be relaxed knowing you are covered. We have partnered with Uniglobe Specialty Travel Ltd. right here in Revelstoke to provide you with trip cancellation, interruption, visitors to Canada medical and evacuation insurances. This very extensive policy will cover your flights, hotels and any other activities you have booked for your vacation. We recommend contacting Uniglobe Specialty Travel Ltd. by toll free phone 1-866-667-0811 or 1-250-837-2544 or email at [Revelstoke@uniglobespecialty.com](mailto:Revelstoke@uniglobespecialty.com)

## Did You Know?

The muscle that lets your eye blink is the fastest muscle in your body. It allows you to blink 5 times a second. On average, you blink 15 000 times a day. Women blink twice as much as men.

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