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### Explore More In The Alpine Backcountry!

### Featured Adventure

As you might expect, we here at HCA are committed to educating not just ourselves but all those who enjoy the backcountry about how to have fun out there — and that includes subjects like avalanche awareness training. This is an essential skill, whether your sport of choice is ski touring, snowshoeing, ice climbing or snowmobiling. We're proud to have been offering Recreational Avalanche training courses that comply with Canadian Avalanche Association guidelines for the past 10 years.

Your options range from 16-hour Introduction to Avalanche Safety courses to 30-hour Advanced and 4-day Fly-In/Fly-Out Advanced courses — all taught by highly qualified and professional trainers. Accommodation options are available if you need them — for more information, just visit [helicanada.com](http://helicanada.com) or call 1-888-837-5417.

### 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.



**A**t first, you think it's silent — that the deep snow muffles all sound as it blankets the alpine backcountry. But when you listen — really listen — you hear the winter life of the Rocky Mountains, all around you. It's the sound the wind makes as it sifts through the powder snow. It's the heavily laden branches of the evergreens as they creak and sigh. And when you kick off again, it's that most beautiful sound of winter: skis through snow.

We're ready to go powder ski touring here, as we watch the snowpack begin to build up again on the slopes around our home base of Revelstoke and, of course, in Rogers Pass, home to some of the most spectacular backcountry powder ski touring anywhere. Whether you want to head out as part of a group adventure, or book a privately guided daytrip, we're here for you.

Think about it: deep powder, vast icefields, perfectly curved alpine bowls . . . and those gorgeous slopes, just waiting for you to climb up them (you'll be so grateful to the climbing skins for making your skis stick to the snow like glue) and then glide down. If you've never tried this before, we make it easy, providing tips and tricks to get

you started quickly. And if you're already a big fan, we'll make sure that we head into terrain that offers plenty of "wow" factors for you, too.


On most of our trips, you can expect to be skiing (or even snowboarding, with a split board) three to six miles a day, with an elevation change of up to 4,000 feet — but we can go easier or more advanced, depending on your choice.

Along with the private daytrips — which we can combine with all kinds of other winter adventures, from snowshoeing to heli skiing — HCA offers two- to four-day packages, with or without accommodation. Again, it's your choice. For more information, we're at [www.helicanada.com](http://www.helicanada.com), or 1-888-837-5417.

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## News Round-Up

*A few tips that you might find useful:*

### Book now for summer 2009!

It's never too early to reserve your summer adventure in the Canadian Rockies — our trip dates and pricing are already in place, so go ahead and take a look at where you could be next summer! It's all at [www.helicanada.com](http://www.helicanada.com).

### Referral discounts

We think it's the height of praise for our guests to refer us to their friends and family. If those you refer us to subsequently book with us, you'll receive a 10-percent discount on your next Heli Canada Adventure, as a token of our appreciation. Thank you, merci and gracias!

### Family-friendly pricing

Family pricing means that a family of four in any combination (such as grandparents, parents and children) receives special value packages for our Gold Star (pre-arranged adventures from our website at [helicanada.com](http://helicanada.com)) and Diamond Cut (privately guided adventures customized just for you) options.

### Be a star!

We're always looking for your photos for our new Internet 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](http://www.helicanada.com) — consider it part of your 15 minutes of fame!



## “Roaring” to Go!

Have you seen a snow cat in action? Nope, we're not talking about the elusive (and not found in Canada) snow leopard! Heli Canada Adventures is teaming up with a “cat-skiing” operation that uses a Pisten Bully 300 snowcat to quickly take up to 12 skiers and 2 guides up to the mountaintops — so if you just want to enjoy the downhill part of ski touring, well, this is your answer.

Imagine riding the comfy snowcat for a day out to a secluded ski touring spot, and carving out those beautiful curves on pristine snow slopes, again and again. We think it's a great addition to our winter ski touring options — for more information on this exciting new adventure, just call us at 1-888-837-5417.

## More Behind the scenes at HCA

Last newsletter, we gave the floor to Bob, our owner and founder, to provide a peek at the process that we go through to renew the government license that allows us

to operate. It's a big process, as we have to show that we're in compliance with the government's operating rules and environmental regulations. Well, Bob's especially pleased to report that our submission is done and in. Whew!

As well, our supposedly-in-retirement avalanche rescue dog, Big Eddy, is looking decidedly spry as the summer fades into fall. We think the cooler weather must be spurring him on — so much, that the Canadian Avalanche Rescue Dog Association has asked Bob to consider bringing Big Eddy out of retirement, and serving for another winter season on the slopes. Since he (Big Eddy!) was looking fit and happy and cheeky last week, it's under discussion . . . more to come next time!



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We would love to hear from you!