

# March/April 2010



# Featured Adventure Spring Heli Snowshoeing?

Through April and May, you can still enjoy winter — even if the tulips are blooming where you are! The higher elevations of the Rockies maintain their snow cover much longer than the rest of the continent, so you can stay and play in winter, long after the spring equinox marks the change of season.

Want to enjoy pristine snow in the meadows, on the slopes and through the forest? Snowshoeing provides tons of powder fun. It's super easy (if you can walk, you can snowshoe!), and it's a wonderful family activity for all ages. Test your knowledge of animal tracks in the snow (we'll even give you the answers!), and learn a little about who — or what — passed by the trail.

If you've never tried backcountry powder snowshoeing before, this is the perfect introduction to the sport. Just be prepared: it can be addictive!

To book, just drop us a line at info@helicanada.com or



# **TOP TEN** Reasons to go Heli Hlking with Heli Canada Adventures

10 <sup>5</sup>Star Luxury Service in every detail of your backcountry adventures. With Heli Canada Adventures you can expect first class service every step of the way. From our attentive, professional staff and the nutritious scrumptious picnic lunches and exquisite fine dining in the evening, to the luxurious elegance of the Hillcrest Hotel. Your gonna love it here!

**9** Small Groups. We specialize in small groups in order to provide maximum guest satisfaction. We understand that all of our guests have unique visions of their ideal heli adventure. In small groups you are guaranteed the flexibility and freedom to choose your pace, and choice of adventure. How about a rock climbing course for the kids while you enjoy your own course learning all about the fine art of photography with our expert photography instructor? Or how about a mountaineering exhibition in the mourning followed by a romantic picnic lunch at the toe of a glacier looking out at a billion dollar view? Let us turn your dreams into reality!

**8** Environmentally Sensitive No-Trance Heli Hiking. It is our commitment to leave absolute zero impact on the delicate ecosystem of the alpine. We are also very dedicated to practicing wild animal avoidance techniques to minimize their stress. No trace heli hiking also means we always vary our hiking routes so there is never an established trail, thereby leaving the flora uninterrupted. Of course, whatever we pack in we pack out, leaving the beautiful flora undisturbed and taking with us, only photos.

7 Alpine Wildflowers. One of our greatest pleasures of heli hiking is observing the delicate beauty of the hardy Rocky Mountain wildflowers. The Monashee range of the Rockies is home to hundreds of rare and ancient species that make the

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exposed ridges, peaks, rocky crevices and bubbling meadow streams their perennial home. In late July you will find the meadows and alpine ridges so richly flowing with these precious gems you may forget to look up and the magnificent mountain peaks surrounding you!

6 ACMG Guides. We are very fortunate to employ highly talented mountain guides, fully certified with the Association of Canadian Mountain Guides. Our team of mountain guides is dedicated to providing sage and exciting backcountry adventures while sharing their knowledge and passion of the mountains with you.

**5** Ancient Glaciers. The ancient glaciers of the last ice age still linger on the highest peaks here. Dazzling to behold, they are even more awesome to travel upon. We even offer crevasse rescue and glacier travel courses.

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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 10percent 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 to info@helicanada.com in .jpeg format 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.



**4** Mt. Begbie. Our Icon. The highest peak in our tenure, Mt. Begbie soars at 9000 feet. Mt. Begbie has the highest peak in the Gold Range of the Monashee Mountains - promising you unparalleled views as far as the eyes can see!

**3** Flexibility. We enjoy customizing your adventure to your goals and skill set. From leisurely walking through the blooming alpine meadows, or rugged hiking above tree line, it's your choice. Perhaps as an experienced mountaineer you want to introduce your family to the amazing sport - we have a fantastic 3 to 5 day Heli Rock Climbing Course for them, while simultaneously, you can enjoy capturing spectacular summits with your own ACMG Guide. IF you really want to just totally submerge yourself in the pristine wilderness - we have a 6 day Heli Backpacking trip tailored to suit you! Flexibility = Freedom + Fun for all!

2 Revelstoke. Revelstoke, BC is our home base from which we take exhilarating helicopter flights into the surrounding majestic mountains. The elegant Coast Hillcrest Hotel is only 10 minutes from our quaint mountain community. We are very proud of out little town Revelstoke, home to a world class ski resort, mountain biking mecca, canoe and kayakers dream, and

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We would love to hear from you!

any foodie will delight in our diverse selection of divine eateries downtown. Young families will love our new excellently appointed aquatic center.

**1** Safety, Guest Satisfaction, Efficiency. This has been our mantra and operation guideline from the start. By operating in this order of priority we can guarantee you a fabulous trip from beginning to end. You can feel confident and comfortable knowing that safety is our highest priority - from our watchful guides, to expert pilots, to the radio operator at the base in constant contact with us in the mountains. By just reading some of our many testimonials you will se we strive to make your adventures the trip of a lifetime. From the day you first



contact us to the moment you pile back into the helicopter after an exhilarating day, we pride ourselves in making your experience feel organized, relaxed and impeccably efficient! Of course, we always warn out guests that our heli vacations can be extremely addictive so we never say 'goodbye' just 'see you again soon'!

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