

# THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN SNOWMOBILE ADVENTURE

## ITINERARY

### Day 1 Kelowna - Revelstoke



Arrival at the Kelowna Airport and shuttle to Revelstoke (Transfer not included, see option) where you will check in at the lodge. This great snowmobile resort offers comfortable fire-place rooms, indoor pool, spa, sauna and fitness room. Enjoy a welcome drink in the pub tonight. Night at the Glacier House Resort. (D)

Accommodation : Lodge

### Day 2 Lake Revelstoke Trail - Frisby Ridge



After breakfast we start this trip with a detailed rider briefing. Then we outfit you with boots, a snowmobile suit and helmet and we're ready to go. We ride along Lake Revelstoke for great views of the Selkirk Mountains and wind our way up to the sub alpine of the Monashee Range. After lunch, we ascend on the trails to the Frisby Ridge alpine meadows for our first mountain adventure. We head back to the lodge for dinner and the night. (B, L, D)

Accommodation : Lodge

### Day 3 Boulder Mountain



This morning we ride across 'Streeter Street' and head up the scenic Veideman Trail that brings us to the alpine cabin. From here it is only a short climb to the amazing alpine meadows of this large riding area. Play in the deep snow and learn to safely negotiate steeper hills and drops, learn to side-hill and have fun exploring the alpine of Boulder Mountain. Play in the deep snow and learn to safely negotiate steeper hills and drops, learn to side-hill

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*Accommodation : Lodge*

#### 📍 Day 4 **Boulder Mountain - Jordan Valley**



This morning a late start sees us snowmobile to the Jordan Valley, where a meandering river is flanked by sheer cliffs and forests on either side. Then we head for the alpine meadows and frozen lakes of Boulder Mt., where more alpine riding awaits. Known for its infamous Super Bowl, Turbo Hill and the sensational 150 horsepower cliffs of 'Turbo' Hill, there is a lot of alpine terrain to explore. A thrilling ride through the trees brings us back to the valley

bottom, where we head back to the lodge. (B, L, D)

*Accommodation : Lodge*

#### 📍 Day 5 **Hot Springs**



This morning we'll hop in our van, and take a scenic drive to Nakusp area to visit the Halcyon Hot Springs, we will stop for the morning and lunch. After lunch we head back and climb back on the sleds to ride !

*Accommodation : Lodge*

#### 📍 Day 6 **Frisby Ridge - Boulder Mountain**



This last day starts with a scenic exploration of the forests of Frisby Ridge or Boulder Mountain. We next head for the alpine, where you can enjoy more of the fantastic riding this area has to offer. In the afternoon we cruise through the trees back to the lodge. Return approx. 3.30 pm. (B, L)

R/T transfer in option for 1 to 4 pax from Kelowna airport to Glacier House Resort available on request.

Pre and post nights available in Kelowna, Calgary or Vancouver on request.

## DATES & PRICES

### ***Departures for English-speaking groups:***

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*No departure for now*

**Trip code: HIVER-03**

### ***Included***

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- Services of a snowmobile guide
- 2017 model, 800cc snowmobile for 5 days
- Gas and oil for 5 days
- "Extreme cold" clothing : snow-suit, boots, helmet
- Snowmobile trail permit
- 5 nights accommodation
- 15 meals (see abbreviations)
- Welcome cocktail
- Hot spring visit
- Applicable taxes

### ***Not included***

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- Air travel· R/T transfer from the airport (see option)
- Personal expenses
- Drinks (excluding coffee and tea with meals included)
- Mittens and/or gloves
- Mandatory Accident insurance for snowmobile
- Credit card security deposit (for lower-see "no worries" option)
- Tips for guide

## **Notes**

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"Unlimited" option including additional fuel for: Skidoo 800cc 164 HP SUMMIT T3 Skidoo 800cc snowmobile: 325\$ cdn - per snowmobile

"No worries" option (Damage insurance for the snowmobile and redemption of the deposit, price per 800cc snowmobile): Partial redemption: Full damage at \$1,000: \$271 including tax\*.

\*Some conditions apply Packages from 2 to 4 days of snowmobiling available on request.

Pre and post nights available in Kelowna, Calgary or Vancouver, consult your advisor for more information.

## **International flights**

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On request, ask your advisor at [canada@altaibasecamp.com](mailto:canada@altaibasecamp.com)

## **Insurance**

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On request, ask your advisor at [canada@altaibasecamp.com](mailto:canada@altaibasecamp.com)

## **PRACTICAL INFO**

### **Food**

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All meals are not included in your stay. You can go to the restaurant in the evening. Enjoy all the restaurants and snacks you will come across during your stay.

### **Transportation**

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We can offer you our services for transfers and provide you with a rental vehicle (contact us)

### **Budget & exchange**

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Visa and Mastercard credit cards are accepted almost everywhere. You can also change euros. 1 Euro = C\$1.50 as at 26/10/2017

### **Tips**

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In the United States and Canada, service is never included in the prices. In bars, restaurants and all places where a service is provided, you are expected to leave a tip of between 15 and 20% of the total amount. Be aware that many employees in service occupations only pay themselves with tips. It would be very wrong to give nothing, or not give enough. Even when paying by credit card, you will indicate the amount of the tip you wish to leave. On this type of trip, it is customary to leave \$6 per person per day for the driver guide and \$20 per group for the city guides.

### **Vital equipment**

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- A pair of warm shoes or a pair of padded boots
- Slippers or light sneakers for the chalet
- Pair of wool socks
- Anorak

- Warm trousers
- Warm sweaters or fleece furs
- Underwear made of fine technical fibres
- Bathing suit
- Gloves, hat, scarf (depending on the season)

## **Material**

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- Toilet bag
- Pair of sunglasses
- Sun protection cream (face and lip)
- Pocket knife
- Flashlight or front light with spare batteries
- 1.5 litre minimum flask, light and isothermal.

You can also provide a 2-litre water bag. The latter has the advantage of allowing direct consumption thanks to its pipette. So you don't have to drop the backpack to grab the canteen. This way you drink more regularly and in small quantities, which is recommended for a good hydration.

Tip: having two containers allows you to consume one while the other is being processed.

## **Helpful equipment**

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- Waterproof pocket for your passport and/or identity card
- Your driver's license
- Your vaccination record
- Your travel insurance brochure
- Your currencies
- Your credit card and personal papers
- Plastic bags to guarantee the waterproofness of your belongings
- Clothing
- Dirty laundry bag
- Earplugs
- Notepad and pen Book, card game...
- Walking sticks (optional). They are a precious help to save your knees during the descent (up to 30% of your weight + that of your bag are supported by the poles) and support your effort during the ascent (the arms help in addition to the legs)
- Pair of binoculars
- Camera and battery charger
- Adapter for electrical plug

## **Luggage**

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A flexible travel bag with side zipper giving easier access to its contents than a sailor bag, it will contain the things you will not use during the day a small backpack (capacity about 40L) for your daily stuff such as sweaters, spare tee shirts, water bottles, glasses, lunch picnic etc.

In case of delay in your checked baggage (toothbrush, t-shirt, walking shoes, etc.), please bring

something to the cabin to survive the first few days.

## **Passport**

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Consular formalities for Europeans and Swiss nationals:

Upon your registration, please transmit your passport information (name, first name, passport number, date of issues and expiration). Currently, to stay as a tourist for less than six months, a visa is not mandatory and a valid passport is sufficient with a validity exceeding by one day your stay in Canada.

Travelers must imperatively have an **electronic travel authorization (eTA) to enter Canada**. You will have to fill the form online and individually (**one application per person**) on <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/ave.asp> It is essential that you have a valid email address. The 7 CAD fees are payable by Visa, Mastercard or American Express credit cards. The eTA is granted in just a few minutes but we advise you to apply for it as soon as your trip is confirmed. The eTA is an electronic document linked to your passport and **stays valid for 5 years or until the expiration of the passport**, depending on the first of these eventualities to occur. You must then travel with the passport used to apply for it.

**CAREFUL:** for French women, the eTA must be filled with your maiden name. Hence, to facilitate the check-in at the airport, we ask travelers in Canada to indicate their maiden name for the booking of their tickets.

### **You travel with children:**

Children and adults are submitted to the same obligations regarding passports and visa described above. Registration of minors on parents' passports is now impossible; children must hold an individual passport. It is compulsory to apply for an eTA for each child individually.

**CAREFUL, from January 15th 2017 onwards, for all French minors traveling abroad alone, an authorization to leave the country is compulsory.**

The child will have to submit the three following documents:

- The minor's valid passport
- A photocopy of the signatory's identity card, valid or expired for less than 5 years and the birth certificate
- The form, signed by one of the legal guardians, available online on <https://www.service-public.fr/particuliers/vosdroits/F1359>

Concerning other nationalities, seek the Canadian consular authority of your country.

### **ARRIVAL IN CANADA VIA A TRANSIT THROUGH THE UNITED STATES :**

**CAREFUL,** we can exceptionally use American airlines for travels bound for the American continent (North and South).

They stop over in the US: **you must possess an electronic or biometric passport which is still valid 6 months after your departure from the US** (under "passport", a rectangle under a circle meaning a secure symbol).

You must also **apply for an electronic travel authorization (ESTA)** on the official website <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov>. Valid for a duration of two years or until the expiration of the passport, this authorization must be requested at the latest 72h before your departure: we advise you to apply to it as soon as your trip is confirmed. It has to be paid for (14 USD online by credit card). The name you put on the form must be the same as the one that figures on your plane tickets and must of course appears on your passport. If the name used on the ESTA form is different from the one on your tickets, the airline can deny your boarding. Minors must also fill out an ESTA authorization.

The Visa Waiver Program allows French nationals to enter the American territory without a visa, either via transit or for a stay of 90 days to the maximum. A visa is nevertheless necessary if you only have an emergency passport. Furthermore, travelers who went to Iran, Iraq, Syria, Somalia, Yemen or Soudan since March 11th 2011 and people who are national of Iran, Iraq, Syria or Soudan cannot benefit from the Visa Waiver program anymore: more information on <http://www.diplomatie.gouv.fr/fr/conseils-aux-voyageurs/conseils-par-pays/etats-unis/>

### **ARRIVAL IN THE US OR TRANSIT THROUGH THE US :**

Upon your arrival, the immigration service will take your photo and fingerprints. You'll have to wait behind the yellow line and not cross it unless you're told to, it can take some time. Customs controls will take place at the first access point to the territory (in case of a transit through a Canadian airport, it will be considered as a first access point to the US and the following process must be applied). Once you've been through the immigration service, you'll get your luggage back from the conveyer belt and go to the customs. In case of a continuation of your trip, you'll have to get your luggage back and bring them the baggage conveyer which serves.

### ***Health information & recommendations***

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It is recommended that participants bring their own medication:

- Aspirin
- Intestinal antiseptic
- Small scissors
- Tricosteril
- Protective cream
- Sun face and lips
- Mosquito repellent cream or lotion

Also think about your feet: elastoplast, eosin etc.

No vaccination required.

Hygiene Tap water is safe to drink.

### ***Weather***

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## **Electricity**

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As everywhere in the US, voltage runs at 110 Volts/60 cycles. New electric devices can be adapted to the current. It's preferable to check whether or not your device is equipped with a current transformer. In general, it is a black box located between the electric plug and your device. If your device isn't compatible with the 110-volt current, you'll need to get a current transformer sold separately. As electrical plugs are flat, you'll also need an adaptor to plug your device in. you'll find it easily on the spot or before departure in a shop specialized in travels. A waterproof Zip Lock bag is a good way to keep your equipment in a dry place.

## **Sustainable tourism**

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Since the outset, Altai works for an eco-tourism and an organization of trips that respects equitable and sustainable principles.

The harmonization of practices assures:

- A fair economical repartition
- The improvement of local teams' working conditions and their awareness of the protection of the environment
- The information of travelers about respecting the local population and environment and the collection of their feelings at their return.

You can also act in favor of an eco-tourism by adopting simple green gestures during your trips:

- Avoid letting waste out, throw it in the trash can or bring it with you
- Use potable water sparingly (take a shower instead of a bath and report any leaks) and avoid wasting it (use biodegradable soap to wash yourself)
- Avoid damaging cultural sites: don't touch the statues, don't move the stones and objects
- Exchange instead of giving (too Important gifts can destabilize the local economic stability of the country depending on their living standards)
- When taking a walk, especially in some fragile ecosystems, observe the fauna from afar, do not go beyond beaten roads, limit stamping and do not bring any souvenirs: give up picking rare flowers picking fossils...
- In some hotels, you can have individual air conditioning. It is advised to systematically switching it off when you're out of the room to avoid energetical overconsumption and greenhouse gas emission.