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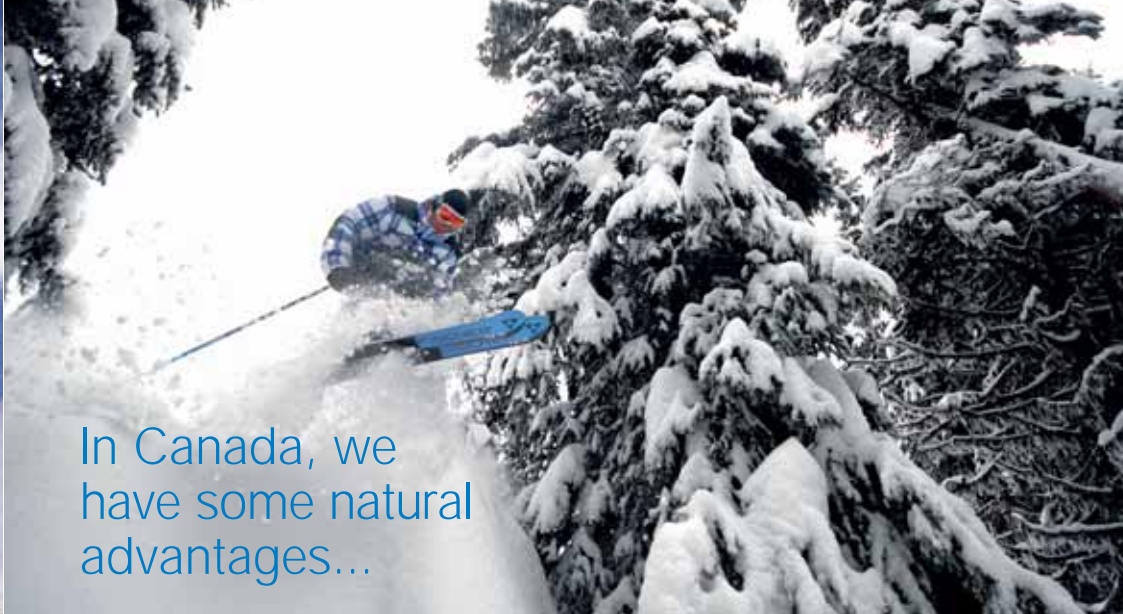
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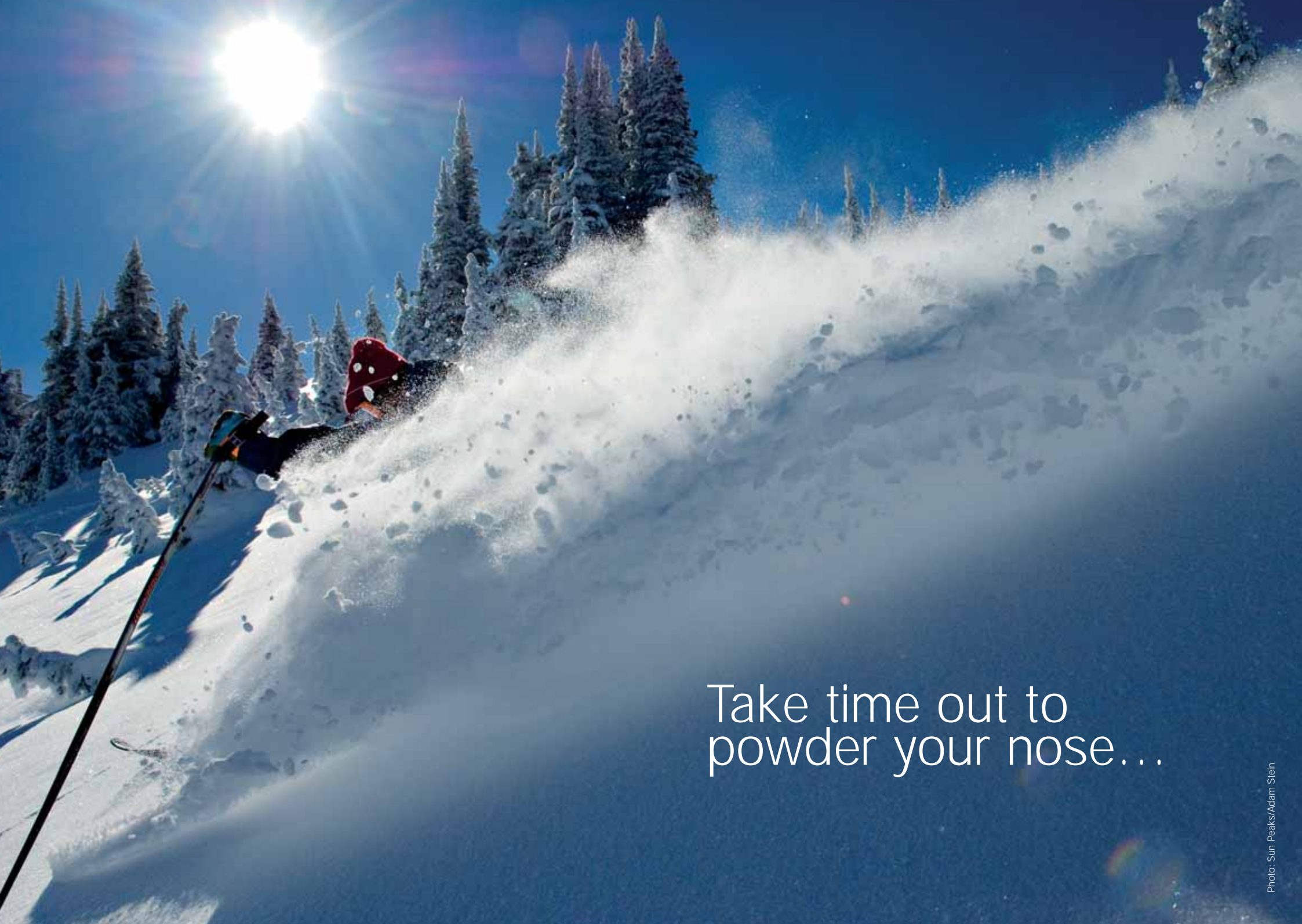
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Take time out to
powder your nose...

The flight plan...

We're closer than you think

Where to fly	Closest resorts
Vancouver International Airport YVR	Vancouver is the closest airport to Whistler/Blackcomb.
Comox YQQ	Comox is the closest airport to Mount Washington.
Kamloops YKA	Kamloops is the closest airport to Sun Peaks.
Kelowna International Airport YLW	Kelowna is the closest airport to Big White and Silver Star. It also has connections to Sun Peaks and Revelstoke.
Cranbrook YXC	The Canadian Rockies International Airport at Cranbrook is the closest airport to Fernie.
Calgary International Airport YYC	Calgary is the main gateway to Banff Lake Louise, Fernie, Kicking Horse and Golden.
Edmonton International Airport YEG	Edmonton is the closest airport to Marmot Basin and Jasper.
Montréal International Airport YUL	Montréal is close to Mont Tremblant, Mont Sainte Anne, Stoneham, Le Massif and the resorts of the Eastern Townships.
Québec City Airport YQB	Québec City gives access to the resorts of the Eastern Townships, Mont Sainte Anne, Stoneham and Le Massif.
Mont Tremblant International Airport YTM	Reach Mont Tremblant with direct flights from Toronto and New York.



Photo: Silver Star

Why Canada?

Quality, quantity

Enjoy Canada's powder snow and perfectly groomed terrain on a huge range of mountains amid spectacular mountain ranges.

Ups and downs

In Canada, we have the lifts you need, with high-speed detachable quad and six-seater chairlifts and eight-passenger gondolas – fast lifts and short lift lines.

Feel the buzz

Lots of life during the day and after dark in stunning ski towns and villages. Enjoy ski-in/ski-out accommodation – high quality at affordable prices.

Never too late to learn

We have ski and snowboard clinics and improvement programs for all standards and award-winning children's and crèche facilities.

Easy to reach

Our world-class ski resorts are some of the most accessible in the northern hemisphere. Major US and Canadian air carriers provide hundreds of daily non-stop flights to Canada.



Don't ski? Don't worry...

If you don't ski or board, or you don't want to ski or board all the time, don't worry, there's plenty to do in Canada's winter. What about a white Christmas? With the pine-scent of Christmas trees drifting over a snow covered landscape, sleigh bells ringing and lights twinkling, snow falling while you're curling up by a roaring fire.

Catch a train

Why settle for one Christmas tree when you can have millions? Take a winter rail tour through the winter wonderland of our spectacular Canadian Rockies – land of a million Christmas trees! Enjoy the journey and the destinations on VIA Rail's Snowtrain.

Eat, celebrate

Share Canadian Christmas traditions at the Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge with its 'Christmas in November' celebration – a tribute to the 12 days of Christmas. A unique event at Sun Peaks is the annual Icewine Festival in January, a five-day celebration of food and wine. Banff is host to the Banff Mountain Film Festival in late October/early November and the World Ski and Snowboard Festival is held in Whistler each April.

Ice Hotel, Québec

Each January, Québec City is home to an ice hotel: a creation that includes a cinema, art galleries, a chapel, accommodation for over 100 guests and a bar where vodka is, naturally, served "on the rocks". The structure is rebuilt every winter and accepts guests for three months.

Natural wonders

The winter display at the Butchart Gardens in Victoria, British Columbia is a magical sight with a lavish display of lights illuminating the sky. Or watch the aurora borealis, the Northern Lights, that have piqued imaginations for thousands of years: swaying streamers of pale green, pink and blue light arch and dance in the winter months from vantage points around Alberta, Yukon, Northwest Territories, Nunavut, Churchill Manitoba and in the far north of the provinces.

Stay active

Try one of the many winter activities available off the slopes, like dog-sledding, snowmobiling, ice skating, ice fishing, snow shoeing, taking a sleigh ride or catching the excitement of an ice-hockey match or test your mettle ice-climbing.



The Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise



The Fairmont Chateau Whistler

In the mountains

Your mountain playground experience awaits with your choice of The Fairmont Banff Springs, The Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, The Fairmont Chateau Whistler or The Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge. Come and enjoy our world-renowned ski hills or indulge yourself with a treatment in one of our luxurious spas.

Your journey continues as you shop the quaint stores in our historic town-sites, explore our numerous mountain biking trails or get lost in time on our heritage tours. Fairmont Hotels & Resorts Canada's Western Mountain Region is truly yours to discover.

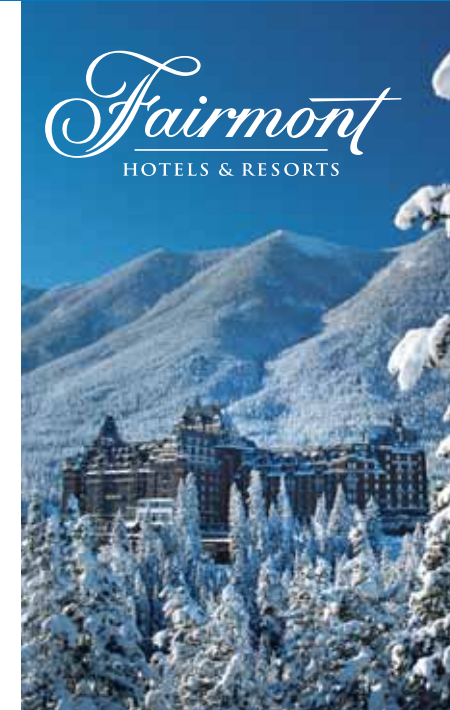
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The Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge



The Spa at Banff Springs



The Fairmont Banff Springs

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THE GAMES

For 27 days in 2010, Olympic and Paralympic athletes from around the world will come to Canada in pursuit of their dreams. Some will win medals. Others will achieve personal bests. All will showcase the values of excellence, friendship and respect.

From Vancouver's ocean shores to Whistler's snow-capped mountain peaks, the setting for the 2010 Winter Games provides a truly spectacular stage for athletes and spectators alike to experience the thrill of competition.

Vancouver 2010 promises to be an inspiring and inclusive celebration. One with a distinctly Canadian flavour. And one that celebrates sport, culture and sustainability.

The 2010 Winter Games capture the essence of Canada — a nation that embraces innovation and diversity, respects nature and celebrates winter with youthful energy.

OLYMPIC WINTER GAMES: FEBRUARY 12–28, 2010 🌿 PARALYMPIC WINTER GAMES: MARCH 12–21, 2010

SEA TO SKY

VANCOUVER — Host City: Vancouver is a cosmopolitan city with a wealth of cultural and recreational opportunities on Canada's West Coast. A major tourist destination, visitors to Vancouver enjoy beautiful gardens and world-famous Stanley Park — a combination of natural forest and parklands near the city's centre, and one of more than 180 city parks.

WHISTLER — Host Mountain Resort: Continuously ranked as North America's number one ski resort, Whistler is an enchanting alpine community in the magnificent Coast Mountains, 120 kilometres north of Vancouver. Whistler residents enjoy an active lifestyle, combining their passion for sports and nature with an energetic social life.

CITY OF RICHMOND — Venue City: Culturally diverse and geographically unique, Richmond is located 14 kilometres south of downtown Vancouver.

DISTRICT OF WEST VANCOUVER: Known for its scenic beauty and spectacular views, West Vancouver is just a quick trip over the Burrard Inlet from downtown Vancouver.

CULTURAL OLYMPIAD

Vancouver 2010 Cultural Olympiad will showcase the finest in Canadian and international arts and culture. Cultural Olympiad 2010 kicks off 60 days of celebration on January 22, continuing through March 21, 2010.

Inspired by culture's role as the second pillar of the Olympic Movement, Vancouver 2010 Cultural Olympiad is a celebration of contemporary imagination, spanning music, dance, theatre, visual arts, digital and new media arts, film, and literary and outdoor events.

With more than 600 free and ticketed performances and exhibitions, Cultural Olympiad 2010 offers something for everyone.



FAST FACTS

- 17 days of Olympic Games events
- 10 days of Paralympic Games events
- 5,500 Olympic Games athletes and officials*
- 1,350 Paralympic Games athletes and officials*
- 80+ countries participating in the Olympic Winter Games
- 40+ countries participating in the Paralympic Winter Games
- 1.6 million event tickets
- 10,000 media representatives
- *projected

Vancouver

Vancouver – “The Most Liveable City” -
Economist Intelligence Unit Global
Liveability Rankings 2008

Photo: Tourism Vancouver



Warm up in vibrant Vancouver

Host City of the Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games



Vancouver is the gateway to skiing and boarding in British Columbia and is only two hours from Whistler. Its unique blend of cosmopolitan culture, laid-back attitudes and natural beauty has inspired countless visitors and residents to declare it one of the world's best and most beautiful cities. It is vibrant, young, and friendly, with ocean surroundings and an amazing rugged backdrop of snowcapped mountain peaks making it a truly sophisticated and spectacular metropolis. Stay two or three nights and see for yourself why Vancouver is so easy to visit and so hard to leave!

Ski Vancouver's slopes

Within 30 minutes of Vancouver's downtown core, winter sport enthusiasts can find themselves in the snowy North Shore Mountains with the choice of three ski resorts – Mount Seymour, Grouse Mountain and Cypress Mountain. These areas boast ample fresh powder in winter – sometimes with a greater snow base than interior resorts. Each offers a variety of runs, awesome views and winter action, from downhill and cross-country skiing and snowboarding to snowshoeing and snow-tubing. Cypress Mountain is the Official Freestyle Skiing and Snowboard Venue for the 2010 Winter Games.



More to explore

Spend some time soaking in the sights and ambiance of this hip coastal city. Thanks to Vancouver's mild climate, it is easy to explore in winter. The cosmopolitan culture encompasses everything from unforgettable attractions and historic neighbourhoods to contemporary museums, fabulous shopping, international cuisine and night life for every vibe. Take in the excitement of a Vancouver Canucks ice hockey game, the city's professional NHL team!

Christmas magic

Capture the magic of Christmas with The Peak of Christmas at Grouse Mountain, with family activities including mountain-top ice skating. Enjoy the city's sparkling mosaic of light and colour with the Christmas Carol Ships Parade of Lights in English Bay or the Festival of Lights at VanDusen Botanical Garden.

Top places to visit

Stanley Park, Granville Island, Yaletown, Gastown, Robson Street, West End – English Bay.

Shopping

Every kind of shopping you can imagine can be found in Vancouver, but at great value, including high-fashion clothing, eclectic boutiques, artisan studios and native art galleries.

Eating out

Vancouver is well known for its West Coast Fusion cuisine, combining fresh organic ingredients, seafood and multi-cultural influences. The downtown's West End, Yaletown and Gastown neighbourhoods are home to an array of restaurants for every taste and atmosphere.

More info: www.tourismvancouver.com



Photo: Cypress Mountain

Snapshot Cypress Mountain

Number of lifts: 9
Vertical drop: 610m/2000'
Longest run: 1.4km/0.86 miles
Average annual snowfall: 8.4m/28'
Distance from downtown: 24km /31min

More info
www.cypressmountain.com

Snapshot Grouse Mountain

Number of lifts: 5
Vertical drop: 384m/1260'
Longest run: 1.25km/0.8 miles
Average annual snowfall: 3m/10'
Distance from downtown: 12km /18min

More info
www.grousemountain.com

Snapshot Mount Seymour

Number of lifts: 4
Vertical drop: 330m/1082'
Longest run: 1.6km/1 mile
Average annual snowfall: 10m/32'
Distance from downtown: 15km /21min

More info
www.mountseymour.com

Mount Washington



Tourism



On the mountain

Featuring amazing downhill terrain with ocean views and world-class nordic facilities, Mount Washington is an island ski destination where you can ride through powder in the outback, ski cross-country in the tracks of Olympians, cast a line, kayak pristine rivers and rugged coastlines, hike and bike stunning forested trails, ride the waves on the West Coast, whale watch, or explore some of the world's best cold water diving all on one trip . . . you'll love the Island lifestyle!

What else

Mount Washington offers world-class alpine and nordic terrain, two terrain parks, alpine and nordic night skiing, snow tubing, ski schools, children's programs, day care facilities, instructor training programs, dog sledding and Island Adventure Packages for the ultimate alpine to surf adventure.

In the village

Over 4000 beds available on the mountain offering a wide choice of accommodation. Guests can opt for self-contained chalets and condos in the pedestrian-only Alpine Village or drive to chalets, condominiums, townhouses and slopeside suites.



Eating out

In the evenings, choose from one of our family-friendly restaurants or our popular Bar & Grill. Daytime options include the Alpine Cafe, Hungry Marmot Express and other tasty slopeside snack venues.

Après/nightlife and shopping

In addition to the facilities on the mountain, the Comox Valley offers a cosmopolitan choice of shops, restaurants, theatres, clubs and a casino within a short 30-minute drive or shuttle ride from the mountain.



"There are not many ski areas in the world where high quality, on & off piste terrain, excellent powder snow and stunning views combine to deliver such an all consuming feel good factor."

Neil English, *The Mail on Sunday*, UK, December 2008

Getting there

Travel by air could not be easier with regular scheduled services and flights from Vancouver, Calgary and Edmonton international airports to Comox (YCO). Take a float plane from downtown Vancouver or a ferry to the Island.

Snapshot Mount Washington

Number of lifts: 9
Parks/pipes: 2
Terrain: 20% beg, 35% int, 45% adv/exp
Vertical drop: 505m/1657'
Longest run: 2km/1.2 miles
Average annual snowfall: 10m/33'

More info
www.discovermountwashington.com

Whistler

"Whatever you're looking for, it's here. From five-star luxe to self-catering condos, from easy-peasy beginner slopes to endless backcountry and nearby cat- and heli-skiing, Whistler has sculpted itself over the last few decades into an alpine adventure delivery system."
Ski Canada magazine



Photo: Eric Berg

On the mountain

Winter 2009-10 will be a season of celebration at North America's No.1 ski resort. Outside the peak period (February 12 to 28) of the 2010 Winter Games, guests will be able to experience legendary Whistler hospitality—unbelievable value, minimal crowds, the world record-breaking PEAK 2 PEAK Gondola and phenomenal terrain.

What else

Snowshoeing, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing, ziplining, tubing, dog sledding, sleigh rides, aboriginal cultural centre and highly anticipated festivals.

In the village

Whistler's charming, pedestrian-only alpine village embraces visitors with a genuinely warm, friendly atmosphere set against a stunning, dual-mountain backdrop.

Après/nightlife

World-famous après and nightlife where heated patios buzz, lounges simmer, nightclubs rock and live entertainment makes for legendary good times.

Eating out

More than 90 restaurants offer a huge variety of dining options both on the mountains and in the village.

Shopping

Browse a variety of shops, boutiques and galleries that stock everything from the latest snow sports gear to one-of-a-kind mementos.

Getting there

Whistler is 120 km/75 miles north of Vancouver along the recently improved Sea to Sky Highway. Scheduled coach service and car rentals are available from Vancouver International Airport, or enjoy the scenic trip via limousine.



Snapshot/Whistler

Number of lifts: 38
Vertical drop:
Whistler Mountain – 1530m/5020'
Blackcomb Mountain – 1609m/5280'
Terrain:
Whistler Mountain – 20% beg, 55% int, 25% adv/exp
Blackcomb Mountain – 15% beg, 55% int, 30% adv/exp
Parks/pipes:
Whistler Mountain – 2 parks
Blackcomb Mountain – 3 parks,
1 super pipe, 1 snow cross track
Longest run: 11km/7 miles
Average annual snowfall: 10.2m/33'

More info
www.whistler.com



Photo: Joern Rohde

Sun Peaks



Photo: Adam Stein

On the mountain

Discover Canada's "2nd Best Ski Resort", as named by readers of one of the world's leading travel publications, *Condé Nast Traveller* (2008). This family-friendly resort boasts three mountains of diverse terrain on close to 1620 hectares/4000 acres, and its 122 runs are blanketed by dry, easy-to-ski snow all winter season.

What else

Other winter activities include nordic skiing, snowshoeing (and the new snowshoe golf!), dog sledding, snowmobiling, tubing, ice skating, sleigh rides and an outdoor pool.

In the village

A picturesque ski-through village sits at the base of the mountains offering the utmost convenience of true ski-in/ski-out accommodation from luxury to mid-range.

Eating out

Explore culinary diversity from pub fare to fine dining and trendy cafés to take-out pizza. Visit the Sunburst mid-mountain restaurant for award winning cinnamon buns.

Après/nightlife

Choose from nine pubs and restaurants (many with patios) to meet friendly locals and enjoy a pint of local brew. Check out Mackdaddy's Nightclub or join an evening snowshoe marshmallow roast.



SUN PEAKS
RESORT

"A hidden gem. The number of distinctive glade runs cut through forest is unique in my experience - a real highlight."

Peter Horn, Southampton, Hants, UK

Shopping

Art galleries, souvenir shops, clothing/equipment stores, organic market, full service grocery store, Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory and Sun Peaks Spa.

Getting there

Daily shuttles available from Kamloops Airport (45 minutes) for guests arriving via Vancouver or Calgary International Airports. Shuttle service is also available from the Kelowna International Airport. For guests on dual mountain holidays, inter-resort shuttles between BC's inter-resorts and Whistler are available.



Photo: Adam Stein

Snapshot/Sun Peaks

Number of lifts: 11
Terrain: 10% beg, 58% int, 32% adv/exp
Pipes/parks: 1 park (3 sections - adv, int and beg)
Vertical drop: 881m/2891'
Longest run: 8km/5 miles
Average annual snowfall: 6m/20'

More info
www.sunpeaksresort.com



Big White – Silver Star

On the mountain

Canada's renowned, award-winning family resorts with guaranteed snow; light, dry, champagne powder to float through or perfectly groomed terrain to cruise over. New schoolers rave about the terrain parks and the ski schools, children's programs and daycare are legendary. With modern, high speed lifts, you never wait around. The average temperature is -6°C/21°F; perfect for lots of snow.

What else

So much more to do! It is not just a ski holiday ... it is a winter wonderland Canadian experience. Dog sledding, ice skating, tubing, weekly fireworks, carnival nights, Big White/Silver Star Idol or just sit back and relax in your own private hot tub.

In the village

Big White's modern village and Silver Star's quaint Victorian village both feature vast choice. Choose from a huge variety of ski-in/ski-out accommodation ranging from hostels to five star apartments with private hot tubs.

Eating out

Casual eating, family choices and fine dining – whether you order a pizza delivered to your room or sip one of our famous Okanagan Valley wines, there is something for everybody.

Après/nightlife

From Big White's Snowshoe Sam's (voted Canada's #1 ski bar), to live nightly entertainment at Silver Star's Den, the hardest decision is where to go.

"The ski conditions, family friendly environment and genuine hospitality were all perfect. Later, from the comfort of our hot tub we watched the fireworks. A huge family memory!"
The Mang family, Australia

Shopping

Choices are abundant at Big White's or Silver Star's numerous clothing, equipment and souvenir shops.

Getting there

Easy access through Vancouver, Calgary or Seattle, then a short connection to Kelowna International Airport. From there it is less than an hour's ground transfer to either resort.



Revelstoke Mountain Resort

"Revelstoke is surely the biggest news to hit the North American slopes in years. 'Here, you can ski a 2000-foot bowl and a 2000-foot tree run, all in the same run,' said David Scott, a local mountain guide. 'You can't find that anywhere else in the world.'"
New York Times

Photo: Doug Marshall

On the mountain

Set among the spectacular Selkirk mountains of the Columbia Mountain Range, Revelstoke Mountain Resort offers world-class lift, snow-cat and heli skiing in one mountain playground. The resort features the longest lift-serviced vertical descent in North America over a skiable area of 1227 hectares/3031 acres accessed by two high-speed quad chairs, an eight-passenger gondola and beginner carpet lift. With majestic alpine bowls, legendary tree skiing and lofty rolling groomers, terrain options are endless. Another half-million acres of heli-skiing terrain is accessible through Selkirk Tangiers Heli Skiing, offering day and multi-day packages.



What else

The town of Revelstoke offers snowmobile rentals and guided excursions. The Revelstoke Aquatic Centre is a new facility with a 25-metre lap pool, climbing wall and leisure pool with lazy river, Wild Waterslide, huge hot tub, sauna and steam room. Take in a local hockey or curling game or catch a movie. There are also five different museums in Revelstoke.

In the village

The new village base at Revelstoke Mountain Resort features the Nelsen Lodge condominium hotel offering luxurious studio- to 4-bedroom suites.

Eating out

Delicious breakfast and lunch options at the Day Lodge and on-mountain Snack Spot. The village will feature a full-service restaurant in Winter 2009-10. Nearby Revelstoke town offers great sushi, coffee houses, bakeries, fine dining and excellent casual establishments.

Après/nightlife

Our Day Lodge offers great après ski on the large outdoor deck. In town, there are several après options and three nightclubs.

Shopping

Revelstoke Mountain Resort currently has one retail outlet on-mountain offering snowsports and casual items. Further outlets are available in the town of Revelstoke.

Getting there

National and international connections are available at Kelowna (2 hours/199 km) and Kamloops (2 hours/210km) with ground transport to Revelstoke. International access is available to gateway airports in Calgary (4½ hours/413 km) and Vancouver, transferring to regional airlines and/or ground transport.

Snapshot/Big White

Number of lifts: 16
Vertical drop: 777m/2550'
Longest run: 7.2km/4.4 miles
Average annual snowfall: 7.5m/24'6"

More info: www.bigwhite.com

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Snapshot/Silver Star

Number of lifts: 12
Vertical drop: 760m/2495'
Longest run: 8km/5 miles
Average annual snowfall: 7m/23'

More info: www.skisilverstar.com

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Snapshot/Revelstoke

Number of lifts: 4
Terrain: 10% beg, 42.5% int, 47.5% adv/exp
Vertical drop: 1713m/5620'
Longest run: 15.2km/9.5 miles
Average annual snowfall: 12m to 18m (40' to 60')

More info: www.revelstokemountainresort.com

Banff Lake Louise

"There's something in the snow here that just makes people more friendly."
Karen Smariotto, Denver, Colorado



Marmot Basin, Jasper

"The wonderful thing about Marmot is that even on the busiest of days there is still so much space."
Malcolm Bassett-Smith, UK



On the mountain

Set in the heart of a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the ski areas of Banff National Park offer almost 3200 hectares (8000 acres) of terrain on one convenient tri-area lift ticket. Surrounded by pristine wilderness and spectacular mountain scenery, our light, dry powder is world-famous – just like the season that stretches from November to May.

What else

Snowshoe with a guide, soak in natural hot springs, visit frozen waterfall canyons or ride through a forest on a horse-drawn sleigh ride or dog sled.

In the village

Choose from a cosy bed and breakfast, rustic log cabin in the woods, self-catering condo or luxury resort. Meet the locals in the friendly communities of Banff and Lake Louise.

Eating out

Dine a la carte at ski areas or select a healthy cafeteria meal. In the evening, choices are huge, ranging from Alberta beef, fresh sushi and Swiss fondue to Thai curry, Italian pasta and wild game.

Après/nightlife

Learn to line dance at a western saloon, listen to live music in local pubs or party at the Banff nightclubs.



www.banfflakelouise.com

Shopping

Bring home something special, whether it's unique hand-made jewellery, designer fashions, the latest outdoor clothing, original native art or pure maple syrup.

Getting there

Banff is a scenic 90 minute trip west of Calgary International Airport. From Banff, it's another 10 minutes to Mt Norquay, 20 minutes to Sunshine Village and 40 minutes to Lake Louise Ski Area.

On the mountain

Located in the rugged landscape of Jasper National Park in the Canadian Rocky Mountains, Marmot Basin is as unpretentious as it is pristine. Overlooking breathtaking mountain vistas, you will find 85 runs on varied terrain that makes up Marmot Basin. Marmot's trails are split between easy, intermediate and advanced, making it an ideal destination for people of all abilities. There are four distinct areas of the mountain that are laid out in a very user-friendly way, so going from steep alpine bowls to bumps to cruising through glades is just a chairlift away. New for 2009-10, Marmot Basin has the longest high speed chairlift in the Alberta Canadian Rockies (see trail map).

What else

Experience the Maligne Canyon Ice Walk or ice skate on frozen lakes. Heli and snowcat skiing, cross-country skiing, dog-sledding and wildlife viewing are all available nearby.

In the village

Marmot Basin and the town of Jasper offer an authentic Canadian Rocky Mountain experience that is easy-going, relaxed and free of chaotic lines and crowds. Jasper is a true mountain town, not just a town in the mountains: it has managed to preserve a small-town feeling while offering the amenities expected from a world-class winter resort.

Après/nightlife

Pubs and nightclubs with live entertainment and local talent keep Jasper alive at night. The De'd Dog Bar and Grill, Downstream Bar and Whistle Stop Pub are après ski locales not to be missed.



Eating out

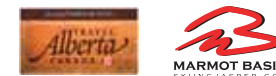
When it comes to cuisine, our little mountain town is more eclectic than most may realise. Whether it's a fresh baked bear claw for breakfast, a deli sandwich for the mountain, or an elegant dinner of fusion cuisine befitting the most important of occasions, we can deliver. If your mouth waters for it, you'll find it in Jasper.

Shopping

Connaught Drive and Patricia Street are Jasper's two main shopping areas, with everything from native art to technical sport gear to souvenirs, all within walking distance.

Getting there

Fly into Edmonton or Calgary International Airports. Both airports have daily shuttle services to Jasper.



Snapshot Sunshine Village

Number of lifts: 12
Terrain: 20% beg, 55% int, 25% adv/exp
Pipes/parks: 1 terrain park
Vertical drop: 1070m/3514'
Longest run: 8km/5 miles
Average annual snowfall: 9.1m/30'

Snapshot Lake Louise Ski Area

Number of lifts: 9
Terrain: 25% beg, 45% int, 30% adv/exp
Pipes/parks: 1 terrain park
Vertical drop: 991m/3250'
Longest run: 8km/5 miles
Average annual snowfall: 4.5m/15'

Snapshot Mt Norquay

Number of lifts: 5
Terrain: 20% beg, 36% int, 44% adv/exp
Pipes/parks: 1 terrain park
Vertical drop: 503m/1650'
Longest run: 1.2km/0.75 miles
Average annual snowfall: 3m/10'

Snapshot Marmot Basin

Number of lifts: 8
Terrain: 30% beg, 30% int, 40% adv/exp
Pipes/parks: 2
Vertical drop: 914m/3000'
Longest run: 5.6km/3.5 miles
Average annual snowfall: 4m/13'

More info
www.skiingjasper.com

Fernie



"Best Powder" - *Ski Canada* magazine 2008
 "Best Ski Town to Live In" - *Ski Canada* magazine 2008
 "Coolest town in North America" *Rolling Stone* magazine 2000

Photo: Henry Georgi

On the mountain

Fernie Alpine Resort is set within the spectacular Lizard Range with its skiable terrain spread across five alpine bowls. The resort offers a friendly children and beginner area, plenty of intermediate groomed and cruising runs, along with tree skiing and steeps. The resort features a convenient ski-in/ski-out mountain village with many amenities, while the historic, character-filled town of Fernie is only 10 minutes away by shuttle. Powder hounds will appreciate Fernie's abundant annual snowfall and for a truly epic Canadian experience, can book single or multi-day cat skiing adventures through Island Lake Lodge.

What else

Fernie's winter wonderland extends far beyond downhill skiing, with activities like cross-country skiing, ice skating, guided dog sledding, snowshoeing, and snowmobiling, it's like being in a Christmas card.

In the village

With the charming downtown centre of Fernie only 10 minutes away from the resort village, visitors can choose accommodation to suit their style, from ski-in/ski-out access to in-town lodging.

Eating out

In addition to fantastic in-resort dining, locally-crafted restaurants in Fernie delight visitors with a wide range of international flavours. Japanese, Mexican, Asian, and good old pub-style fare can all be found in Fernie.



Photo: Henry Georgi



Shopping

No malls here – Fernie's scenic downtown core is lined with unique boutiques that are locally owned and operated. Stroll down beautiful 2nd Avenue just to enjoy the window shopping after dinner.

Getting there

Fernie is tucked away in the south-east corner of British Columbia; a beautiful three-hour (325 km) drive from Calgary, the closest international airport. The Cranbrook Airport is 75 minutes away, with a transfer from Calgary. Regular shuttles are available from both airports.

Snapshot/Fernie

Number of lifts: 10
 Terrain: 30% beg, 40% int, 30% adv/exp
 Pipes/parks: 1 rail park
 Vertical drop: 857m/2816'
 Longest run: 5km/3 miles
 Average annual snowfall: 8.75m/29'

More info
www.TourismFernie.com

Kimberley Alpine Resort



Photo: Dan Weist

On the mountain

Kimberley is an authentic ski resort with ski-in/ski-out convenience. There's a relaxed atmosphere around the resort village with family-friendly amenities. The mountain is well-known for excellent groomed terrain and fewer crowds means more skiing. There are exciting long trails and glades to get even the most adventurous hearts pumping and light, fluffy Purcell powder with many blue sky ski days.

What else

Activities in the area include cross-country ski, ice skating, snowmobile tours, snowshoe tours, ice skating, ice hockey games to watch, ice fishing, helicopter tours, aquatic centre, cinema, horse drawn sleigh rides, dinner in an igloo, overnight in an igloo and wildlife safaris.

In the village

A friendly and cosy resort village, with a variety of ski-in/ski-out lodging options and many accommodations with private hot tubs on their decks with stunning scenic views. Kimberley is an authentic resort retaining its small-town charm and adventurous soul. You immediately feel the difference that sets Kimberley apart.

Eating out

On mountain are Kelsey's Restaurant and Stemwinder Pub and a new restaurant for season 2009-10. The village and nearby town offer a great selection of cuisine in character-filled restaurants with diverse menus, including the Village Bistro, Snowdrift Cafe, Old Bauernhaus and Gasthaus.

Après/nightlife

The Sullivan Pub is legendary for rubbing elbows with the locals. At the resort village, the Stemwinder is the place to be for après ski. If you want to dance the night away, visit the Ozone. Live entertainment and events are held nearly every week of the ski season.

Shopping

Complete packages are available on-mountain or in the city centre with alpine and nordic sales and rentals, snowshoes, ice skates and more. Enjoy shopping and dining in the Bavarian-themed pedestrian Platzl.

Getting there

The Canadian Rockies International Airport (YXC) is located only 20 minutes from the quad chair, with services from Salt Lake City, Vancouver and Calgary.



"Have been coming to Kimberley from Ireland for the last five years ... unlike Europe, there's never any lift queues. Very friendly lift staff and great pub at the base for apres ski."
 Róisín U, Ireland (from onthesnow.com)



Snapshot/Kimberley

Number of lifts: 5
 Terrain: 20% beg, 42% int, 38% adv/exp
 Pipes/parks: 1 rail park
 Vertical drop: 751m/2465'
 Longest run: 6.4km/3.97 miles
 Average annual snowfall: 4m/12'6"

More info
www.visitkimberleybc.com

Above and beyond

At the top of a mountain range or deep in the mountain forests, helicopter and snow cat skiing or boarding opens up Canada's white open spaces.

It will challenge your technique and fitness, but this is not the exclusive domain of experts – skiers and boarders of intermediate level or above can take a helicopter or snow cat adventure; many operators even offer powder introduction programs.

Vertical and variety

There are hundreds of ski areas in Eastern Canada, but for international visitors looking for a world class experience and a stimulating winter holiday, two main options beckon – Montréal and Mont Tremblant; or Québec City and its three major resorts of Mont Sainte Anne, Le Massif and Stoneham.

"Skiing Europe with manners" is how one magazine summed up the Eastern Canadian experience – a unique culture with the laid-back friendliness, service and polite behaviour on the slopes that are the hallmark of Canadian skiing everywhere.

Getting there

For Mont Sainte Anne, Le Massif and Stoneham, fly in to Québec City; all three resorts are between 20 and 40 minutes from Québec City. Mont Tremblant is 90 minutes north of Montréal or you can fly direct to the Mont Tremblant International Airport. Car rentals and limousine and shuttle services are available from Montréal's Trudeau International Airport.

Québec City



Welcome to Québec, Canada's majority French speaking province with a long, colourful history that pre-dates most English settlement in North America. Visit old Québec City and that history springs to life. The beautifully preserved and restored old walled city offers a snapshot of 17th century French architecture.

The fairytale Chateau Frontenac hotel adds another magical dimension. Under a snow mantle for several months each winter, the city provides a warm welcome in its myriad cosy bars and restaurants. The bonhomie reaches a peak during winter carnival, which does for cool climes what Carnivale in Rio does for the tropics.

Stoneham

Just 20 minutes from Québec City, the friendly resort of Stoneham is ideal for a warm up on arrival. With Canada's largest area for night skiing and views back to the lights of Québec it is also ideal for a late session. Without the mega verticals of larger resorts, Stoneham has concentrated on terrain parks and pipe facilities, which rock.

Snapshot Stoneham

Number of lifts: 8
Terrain: 20% beg, 40% int, 40% adv/exp
Vertical drop: 420m/1380'
Longest run: 3.2km/2 miles
Average annual snowfall: 4.2m/14'

More info
www.ski-stoneham.com

Le Massif

This is a mountain experience like nothing else. Just 45 minutes from Québec City, Le Massif is a mountain by the sea with a breathtaking panorama, the biggest vertical drop east of the Canadian Rockies and the highest annual snowfall, yet the best thing is, it is just above sea level. Skiing while you watch cargo ships slip silently by and tides gently nudge the river ice is an unmatched experience.

For Le Massif's first 10 years, skiers were ferried up the mountain by snowmobile, car and bus, until an express quad changed access forever. What hasn't changed is the vision to preserve the natural environment that has always been a part of the Le Massif philosophy in this United Nations World Biosphere Reserve. Le Massif boasts Canada's national alpine downhill ski training centre, a good indication of the quality of the terrain and fall line skiing.

Snapshot Le Massif

Number of lifts: 5
Terrain: 20% beg, 37% int, 43% adv/exp
Vertical drop: 770m/2526'
Longest run: 4.8km/3 miles
Average annual snowfall: 6.3m/21'

More info
www.lemassif.com

Snapshot Mont Tremblant

Number of lifts: 13
Terrain: 17% beg, 33% int, 50% adv/exp
Vertical drop: 645m/2116'
Longest run: 6km/3.75 miles
Average annual snowfall: 3.8m/12'6"

More info
www.tremblant.ca

Mont Sainte Anne

Admire the views across the ice floes of the St Lawrence Seaway as you ski Mont Sainte Anne, a 30-minute drive from historic Québec City (shuttles are available). Mont Sainte Anne features trails for every ability level spread with breathtaking scenery all around. Three great terrain parks, a half-pipe and slopestyle course help explain why Québec's young freeriders are at the cutting edge of the sport.

The Black Forest gladed advanced/expert area, adds to Mont Sainte Anne's reputation for some of North America's best expert skiing. Snow conditions are consistently exceptional, thanks to a high performance snowmaking system and high-tech snow groomers. Families are well catered for, with an award-winning childcare centre. A visit to the Sugar Shack, where you get

Mont Tremblant

After a full day of activities and fresh air, be swept away by the undeniable charm of the picturesque pedestrian village where the mood is always festive. Les Suites Tremblant, is a group of hotels in the heart of the pedestrian village and slopeside. Each establishment has its own style, charm, and attractions.

To find the best conditions on the mountain, to discover lesser-known trails or even to admire the region's best scenic views, guided tours are run twice daily by skiers who know the best-kept secrets. Extreme and otherwise, there are all kinds of activities right beside Mont Tremblant's renowned ski slopes and snow parks, including snowmobiling, dog sledding, cross-country skiing, tubing, skating, snowshoeing and so much more! You'll have as much fun sampling the cuisine as you will carving up perfectly groomed runs. Enjoy fine French cuisine one day, Italian the next and a spicy fajita after that. Dance into the wee hours to music by a DJ, or listen to friends sing karaoke.

Snapshot Mont Sainte Anne

Number of lifts: 13
Terrain: 23% beg, 45% int, 32% adv/exp
Vertical drop: 625m/2050'
Longest run: 5.7km/3.6miles
Average annual snowfall: 4.75m/15'6"

More info
www.mont-sainte-anne.com

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