

Tour: Itinerary: Location: PANORAMA SKI & BOARD

7-days / 6-nights British Columbia, Canada

PANORAMA MOUNTAIN RESORT, BRITISH COLUMBIA Canada Snowsports Week

Day	Meals	Morning	<u>Afternoon</u>		Evening
		Fly to Calgary, Alberta and transfer to Panorama			Welcome, Safety & Orientation
1	D	Mountain Resort		Resort Dinner	Meeting
2	B, D	Ski Day 1 - 5-hours of instruction included		Resort Dinner	Free Time
3	B, D	Ski Day 2 - 5-hours of instruction included		Resort Dinner	Panorama Springs Pool Night
4	B, D	Ski Day 3 - 5-hours of instruction included		Resort Dinner	Campfire & S'mores Night
5	B, D	Ski Day 4 - 5-hours of instruction included		Resort Dinner	Scavenger Hunt
6	B, D	Ski Day 5 - 5-hours of	instruction included	Resort Dinner	Game Show Night
7	В	Transfer to Calgary; depart for home			



As with all sample itineraries, please be aware that this is an "example" of a schedule and that the activities and hotels shown may be variable dependent upon dates, weather, special requests and other factors. Itineraries will be confirmed prior to travel.





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Panorama Mountain Village in British Columbia, Canada is the most complete ski-in/ski-out resort in the Canadian Kootenay Rockies. This exciting resort is about big mountain terrain with 4,000 vertical feet and almost 2,900 snow-covered acres. Panorama affords some of the longest continuous runs in North America and as the name suggests, Panorama offers beautiful mountain views and at the summit of the mountain, the 'view of the 1000 peaks' is simply breathtaking! With high-speed lifts, varied ski terrain, slope-side hot pools, ski-in/ski-out





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Exceptional grooming and cruising can be found on any one of the mountain's 120 trails and bowls, ensuring that students enjoy top-notch conditions throughout the entire winter season. To maximize the amount of time spent on the slopes, we are pleased to offer 5-hours of daily ski instruction, where skiers and boarders of all abilities will benefit from the excellent tuition on offer. Beginners will quickly progress from the Magic Carpet to long wide runs like Horseshoe and Showoff. Cruisers like Rollercoaster and Little Dipper are perfect intermediate runs – with award winning grooming. Experts hear stories about the black-diamond runs in the Taynton Bowl long before they challenge themselves there and the resort is also rich with extensive backcountry-style terrain. Enjoy!

Resort Website: <u>www.panoramaresort.com</u>

- Trip Details:This is a specialized winter sports education week.All trips include 6-nights lodging, 5-
day skiing/boarding with lift/rental/lessons, breakfasts and dinners daily, transportation
to/from Calgary, plus an evening activity program.
- Arrival Airport: Calgary, British Columbia. Panorama is situated in BC's Purcell Mountains, with alpine views to the Rocky Mountains. Calgary, AB, is just a 3½-hour drive away. Access from Calgary is west, via the Banff and Kootenay National Parks, followed by a turn south through Radium and onwards to Invermere, BC. From Invermere, a gentle 20 minute drive rises into the Purcell Mountains and winds towards Panorama Mountain Resort.
- Hotel: Groups will stay at The Approach, a fresh, minimalist and cozy mountainside accommodation experience. Literally seconds from the main chairlift, The Approach boasts a prime location in the heart of the upper village with restaurants and hot pools just steps from your hotel room. A variety of room configurations are available from single queen or king rooms to classic double queens, family style bunks over queens, and unique loft rooms. The design speaks to economy and function. You won't find coffee machines, hair dryers or mini fridges, just spectacular mountain views and an unbeatable location. The Approach is for those who enjoy stylish simplicity that's supremely comfortable and the perfect place to start a mountain adventure.
- Winter Sports: Ski/Board package includes 5-days of skiing/boarding with 5-hours of lessons daily for students. Staff package includes 5-day lift and rentals. Students may be beginners with no experience on snow, to an expert ability level, and will be grouped by experience. All students will participate under the tutelage of a winter sports instructor. Groups generally ski/board for 2.5-hours in the morning, have a lunch break, and then 2.5-hours in the afternoon. Teachers can enjoy the mountain while students are in classes.
- Instruction Size: General clinics are 10-12 pupils of similar ability level. Snowboarders must have a minimum of 8 of similar ability to comprise a group. At times, boarders may be mixed with ski groups or included in general adult/family clinics. This is not guaranteed until arrival though, so pupils may be asked to switch to a ski instruction package.
- Equipment: Equipment for the week is issued on-mountain and students/staff must care for and store their equipment nightly. For skiers, equipment includes skis, boots and poles; for boarders equipment includes boards and boots. Helmets are included for each person. Fitting of equipment (ski fit) will take place prior to the first morning's lessons, based on





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- Transportation: Motorcoach/shuttle transportation is provided to/from Calgary and the resort. If you decide to add in an extra day for touring this amazing area, please know that transportation will be in addition to your standard trip.
- Meals: Daily breakfasts and dinners are served at the resort and included with your package costs. Lunches are purchased on own, paid for independently in the base lodge or a number of on-mountain restaurant options. Lunch/snack/beverage budget while on-mountain should be approximately \$25 CAN per person, per day.
- Evening Activities: As part of the Panorama package, groups will have three or more general evening activities included such as a Panorama Springs Pool Night, a S'mores & Campfire night, a Scavenger Hunt, a Games Night and more.
- Extra Activities: For groups wanting to add in an extra day while visiting, we suggest considering a day at **Radium Hot Springs** followed by lunch in Banff and then exploring **Banff National Park**.
- Insurance: All groups are required to carry travel insurance. This may be purchased from any provider you select however it is a mandatory requirement of travel. If elected, groups located in the USA are able to purchase this through Trip Mate from our site during the registration process.
- Waivers: Waivers are required for the ski resort, equipment rental and some activities in addition to our standard waiver. Waivers are not negotiable. If unsigned, the participant will not be allowed to participate in the tour. Waivers must be signed by the parent or legal guardian for any persons under the age of 18.
- Ambassador:We provide an in-resort Ambassador for each of our traveling groups. Your Ambassadorwill meet you at the hotel and stay with your group during your time here.
- Gratuities: As service positions earn their personal income from gratuities, it is customary for the group to tip their Ambassador and Ski Instructors. A standard gratuity is \$25 per person for Ambassadors and \$20 \$30 for the 5-day span for Instructors. Gratuities are usually distributed at the end of the ski week. Additionally, please advise your groups on appropriate tipping of waitstaff for any meal services that are not included in your itinerary such as lunches, if eating at restaurant where you are served.







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PANORAMA RESORT - WINTER SPORTS PROGRAM

Minimum Booking Numbers:	20 students
What's Included:	Round-trip flights or motorcoach transportation Airport transfers from/to Calgary/resort 6-nights' in-resort accommodation Breakfasts & dinners daily starting with dinner on your night of arrival and ending with breakfast on your day of departure 5-day ski/board package including lift and rentals 5-day instruction ski/board package for students Evening activity program including activities such as referenced above Personal Tour Ambassador 24-hour emergency cover
What's Not Included:	 Fully comprehensive insurance (mandatory) Transfers to/from home airport Baggage costs, pay directly to airline if required Baggage handling - each student should be able to carry/load their own suitcase Lunches, snacks and beverages other than at meal times Cost of passports nor required visas Cost of inoculations or medication required for travel Sightseeing / Entertainment options not shown as included Hotel incidental deposits & bills – meals, mini-bar items, recreation charges, purchases billed to room, etc. Any gratuities – drivers, hotel services, ambassador, ski instructors, local guides Credit card fees if individuals wish to pay via credit card instead of ACH (online check)

As always, our staff are always available to you to answer any questions you may have regarding programming. If we may serve you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us.





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