

LEARN HOW TO SKI TIGHT LINES

START SMALL, THINK BIG AND STICK TO THE EDGES

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& A LITTLE
BIT OF DANGER

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**AMERICA'S
MOST
POPULAR SKI
RESORT?**

THE ANSWER MIGHT
SURPRISE YOU—
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**SNOWBASIN,
UTAH**

THE BEST MOUNTAIN
YOU'VE NEVER SKIED

**MT. BACHELOR,
OREGON**

OLD-SCHOOL SKIING
(THAT'S A COMPLIMENT)



choose your adventure

LIFE IS SHORT—AND THERE'S A BIG WORLD BEYOND YOUR
LOCAL SKI HILL. NO MATTER YOUR SKILL SET OR MINDSET,
WE'VE GOT A GREAT WINTER ADVENTURE FOR YOU.
NOW GO. EXPLORE.



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« **HELI 101** You don't have to be hardcore to heliski. If you can handle a blue run with powder on it, you're qualified. The following programs will hold your hand the whole way down.

CMH Powder Intro

Get the feel for deep snow with two trained guides who provide hands-on, all-day instruction. From \$4,700 per week; canadianmountainholidays.com

CMH Family Week

If you have kids—or a spouse—who aren't yet up for seven days of ripping, no problem. CMH groups them appropriately, cuts kids a price break, and shows everyone a good time. \$4,700 per adult per week; \$2,700 per child

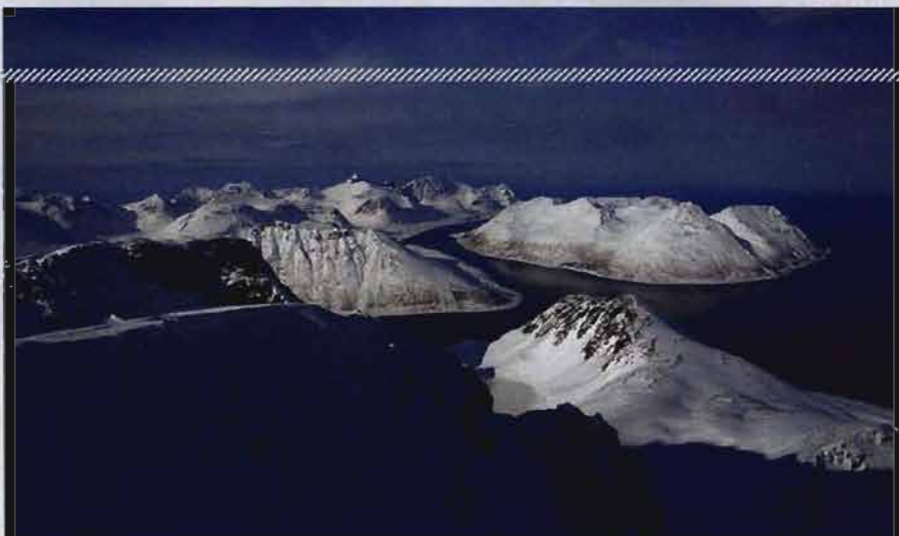
Wiegele's Intro to Powder Week

Wiegele's, located in B.C.'s snowy heart, offers a three-day snowcat, four-day heli trip that gradually introduces guests to powder. The snowcat mountain is partially groomed, and the guides are all certified instructors. From \$6,000 per week; wiegele.com



HELISKI THE HIMALAYAS //

The people who live in the crown of the Himalayas call it the land of gods and goddesses. When you step out of the mouth of a helicopter atop a 21,000-foot peak to rip down long, white robes of untouched powder, you won't wonder why. Remote Lands runs a five-day trip that begins in Manali, India, with two full days of heliskiing at the top of the world. The real highlight of the trip comes on the last day, when the helicopter drops guests in Dharamsala, seat of the Tibetan government in exile, for a private audience with the Dalai Lama. From \$1,000 per person per day; remotelands.com



« **CRUISE NORWAY'S FJORDS**

Breathtaking. Spectacular. Awesome. Our well-thumbed thesaurus fails to describe either Norway's Lyngen Alps—an archipelago of spiny peaks that drop, one virgin powder field after another, into the blue Arctic Sea—or the experience of skiing them. The Lyngen Lodge, perched on a fjord 300 miles inside the Arctic Circle, is Norway's newest—and most luxurious—backcountry adventure hub. The lodge transports skiers by speedboat (helis are verboten by the Norwegian government) to more than 60 otherwise inaccessible peaks with vertical drops nearing 4,000 feet. Mountain guides lead groups equipped with alpine-touring gear (available at the lodge) to treeless swaths of pure, dry powder. Then the boat whips everyone back to the lodge for an elegant feast. Speechless? You'll have plenty of time to search for words from the outdoor hot tub—if you can turn your attention from the Northern lights. \$2,760 per week; lyngenlodge.com



SKI TRAIN TO CANADA //

Recapture the romance of skiing's golden age: Book a ski safari aboard *The Canadian*, a 50-year-old train replete with luxurious dining cars, sleeper cars and chic art-deco décor that chugs through some of the Canadian Rockies' most spectacular terrain. The trip begins in Edmonton, Alberta, and ends in Vancouver, B.C. Along the way, you can enjoy lift-served goods at Marmot Basin and Sun Peaks, heliski at Mike Wiegele's, catski with Cariboo Snowcats or make the drive to Revelstoke Mountain Resort, where you can either buy a lift ticket or hire Mica Heliskiing. For the last leg of the journey, from Kamloops back to Vancouver, you'll want to spring for a private cabin; the trip is at night, and there's that romance to get back to. From \$350; viarail.ca



« **ALASKAN KINGS AND CORN**

Heliskiing in Alaska's Tordrillo Mountains with ski legends Tommy Moe and Jeremy Nobis is pretty cool. But follow that with heli-fishing—yes, heli-fishing—for 50-pound king salmon in a remote stretch of the world's most scenic waters, and you've got yourself a trip to dream about. With Chugach Powder Guides' five-day Kings and Corn package, you carve up soft corn in the mornings, hook up giant salmon in the afternoons and then tell fish tales over a gourmet Alaskan feast at a luxurious backcountry lodge in the evenings. Your life list just got shorter. By a lot. \$8,200 per person; chugachpowderguides.com

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