

EXPERIENCE WHISTLER

BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

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Whistler is a haven for outdoor lovers who have a sense of adventure and a sense of purpose. It is both an international mountain sports mecca and a down-to-earth mountain town, renowned for delivering thrill straight to the soul. It boasts a rare combination of wild and rugged nature, inspiring adventures, a vibrant village with sophisticated experiences, and a community of passionate locals that make it a one-of-a-kind destination in any season.



WHY WHISTLER

Rugged Mountain Landscape: A place of striking natural beauty, Whistler represents the best of British Columbia's Coast Mountains. You'll want to see its volcanic peaks, massive glaciers, frozen lakes and towering old-growth forests firsthand.

World-Class Recreation: Whistler is an international mecca for outdoor adventure. Tick off your bucket list in Whistler's incredible alpine terrain or find a slower pace in the valley. From the energetic and intense to the deeply relaxing, there are limitless possibilities.

Thriving Community & Culture: The passion and soul of a community of friendly locals, who honour and celebrate Whistler's rugged mountain landscape, have deep roots here. Our culture celebrates the mountain lifestyle — we capture it, create it and re-create it in every part of our lives.

Ski-in / Ski-out: Whistler Village's location at the base of both Whistler and Blackcomb Mountains offers easy ski-in / ski-out access.

Vibrant Pedestrian Village: Located at the base of Whistler and Blackcomb mountains, Whistler Village is a pedestrian-friendly hub. It's the beating heart of a community where locals bring their up-for-anything attitude to every shop, restaurant and gathering place — its energy is palpable.

Snowfall: With a historical yearly average of 10.8 m / 426 in / 35.5 ft, winter is bigger here. Count it up.

Low Altitude: You'll find some of North America's tallest and most rugged mountains surrounding Whistler. But with a base elevation of just 675 m / 2,214 ft, it'll be the striking natural beauty taking your breath away, not the altitude.

Weather: Being close to the coast, Whistler enjoys moderate temperatures throughout the year. With an average daily high of 27°C (81°F), July and August are typically Whistler's warmest summer months. Most of the winter, expect a daily alpine average of -5°C (22°F).

Shopping: In Whistler, you'll find a perfect mix of world-class and homegrown local shops offering the best in fashion, art, souvenirs and the latest outdoor sportswear.

Dining and Après: From casual après snacks to fine dining, no craving goes unsatisfied here. The culture of celebration lives proudly in Whistler, so raise a glass.

Accommodation: Whistler has a diverse selection of accommodation, including secluded alpine homes, charming mountain-side townhomes, full-service hotels and fully equipped condominiums. Playing in these mountains, you'll need a place to rest your feet.

Most Terrain: 8,171 ac of skiable terrain offers up lifetimes of skiing and riding. Are you ready?

Relaxation: Relax, restore and refresh yourself at Whistler's many spas and wellness facilities. There are countless ways to pamper yourself in Whistler. Find your balance and reconnect — mind, body and soul.

Arts and Culture: Immerse yourself in an energetic arts and culture scene. Stroll between international film and culinary events, wander through local galleries, art exhibitions and live music. Dive into Whistler's Indigenous art and cultural landscape. Here, your creative spirit can roam free.

Festivals and Events: The Whistler experience is animated by a legendary range of events and festivals. Wander through the Whistler Farmers' market or check out a non-stop lineup of events, concerts, festivals and races in a place where adventure is endless. View an updated Events Calendar at whistler.com/events.

Olympic Venue Experiences & Valley Tours: Discover the legacy of the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games with guided tours and experiences. At the Whistler Sliding Centre, take an adrenaline-fueled passenger bobsleigh ride or launch yourself headfirst on a skeleton sled. In Whistler Olympic Park, try your hand at biathlon. Or, explore the entire Whistler Valley, including a stop at the Sliding Centre, led by a local guide. The spirit of The Games lives on in Whistler.



GETTING TO WHISTLER IS EASY

Flights to Vancouver are available from major cities worldwide. Travel the scenic Highway 99 by rental car, coach or shuttle bus to Whistler, which is 127 km (2 hours) from downtown Vancouver and 140 km (2.5 hours) from Vancouver International Airport.

ACTIVITIES

There's an endless list of reasons Whistler is a permanent fixture on bucket lists around the world. When you come here, you feel it in your soul. There's a good chance that feeling will have you coming back.

YEAR ROUND

Ziplining: Experience Whistler's ecology and wildlife by flying through the forest canopy on a thrilling high-wire adventure over creeks and between old-growth trees.

PEAK 2 PEAK Gondola: Connecting the high alpine terrain of Whistler and Blackcomb Mountains, the record-breaking PEAK 2 PEAK Gondola immerses you in a 360° airborne experience, whether you're heading hiking in the summer or switching mountains during the ski season. There are periods of closure during the fall and spring.

Aerial Sightseeing: See the unmatched beauty of the Coast Mountains from the sky, by helicopter or floatplane, and enjoy tours to ancient glaciers, volcanic formations and ice caves.

Scandinave Spa Whistler: The Scandinave Spa offers a traditional Scandinavian hydrotherapy experience to help you find complete relaxation. Take on the Finnish tradition of hot soaks and cold plunges and leave renewed and rejuvenated.

Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre: The Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre, the first of its kind in Canada, celebrates the cultures of the Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw and Lil'wat7ul nations. Indoor and outdoor exhibits animate the history of the local Indigenous people in this interactive cultural experience.

Audain Art Museum: Highlighting the richness of Canada's cultural heritage, the Audain houses a permanent collection of art from British Columbia, in addition to temporary exhibitions. Here, you can engage in an immersive visual journey from the late 18th century to the present.

SUMMER

Mecca For Biking: Discover the exhilarating pull of gravity at the world-renowned Whistler Mountain Bike Park. Spin your pedals and follow the dirt in Whistler's expansive cross-country trail network. Go the distance on your road bike and take on challenging mountain climbs. Or, rent an e-bike and experience glacier-fed lakes, forests of ancient trees and waterfalls on two wheels.

Water Activities: Digging in your paddle on a whitewater rafting tour or exploring Alta Lake on your paddleboard, Whistler's waters are primed to inspire. Guided tours and equipment rentals are available.

Golf: With four championship courses designed by legends of the game: Whistler Golf Club, Fairmont Chateau Whistler Golf Club, Nicklaus North Golf Course and Pemberton's Big Sky Golf and Country Club, Whistler is one of Canada's premier golf destinations.

Hiking: Whistler's trail network spans the rugged alpine landscape of the Coast Mountains and the sprawling valley below, allowing you to experience the natural beauty of Whistler's coastal rainforest on foot.

ATV / Side x Side UTV Tours: Four wheels feel a lot like freedom rolling through the Whistler backcountry. Climb up old logging roads, forested singletrack and leave the valley floor behind.

Bear Viewing: Led by experienced guides and expert researchers, adventure into the wild and witness Whistler's famous black bears and cubs roaming freely in their natural habitat. View their feeding sites, daybeds and dens from the comfort of a 4x4 vehicle.

WINTER

Skiing / Snowboarding: There's enough skiable terrain to last multiple lifetimes between Whistler's two side-by-side mountains. Feel the thrill of ripping down a snow-covered mountain in a place that's been on every passionate skier's bucket list for more than 50 years.

Heli-Skiing / Cat Skiing: Leave the lift lines and chairlifts behind. Find your freedom in Whistler's endless backcountry terrain by helicopter or snowcat and experience pristine powder that's the stuff of legend.

Snowmobiling: No matter if you're looking for a family-friendly cruise, an epic backcountry expedition or a venture to a rustic cabin for a 3-course steak dinner, you'll find the right guide and outfitter in Whistler.

Whistler Olympic Plaza: Embrace treasured Canadian pastimes and lace-up your skates or grab your toboggan, right in the heart of Whistler Village.

Cross-Country Skiing: There's more to Whistler than fat skis and gondola rides. With more than 150 km of cross country ski trails, sliding on skinny skis opens a whole new world of exercise and exhilaration.

Snowshoeing: Experience the tranquillity of Whistler's West Coast beauty and towering old-growth forests by strapping on a pair of snowshoes. Embrace a slower pace of adventure by yourself or on a guided tour.

Dog Sledding: Be pulled through Whistler's dramatic wilderness by a team of spirited sled dogs in this quintessentially Canadian experience.