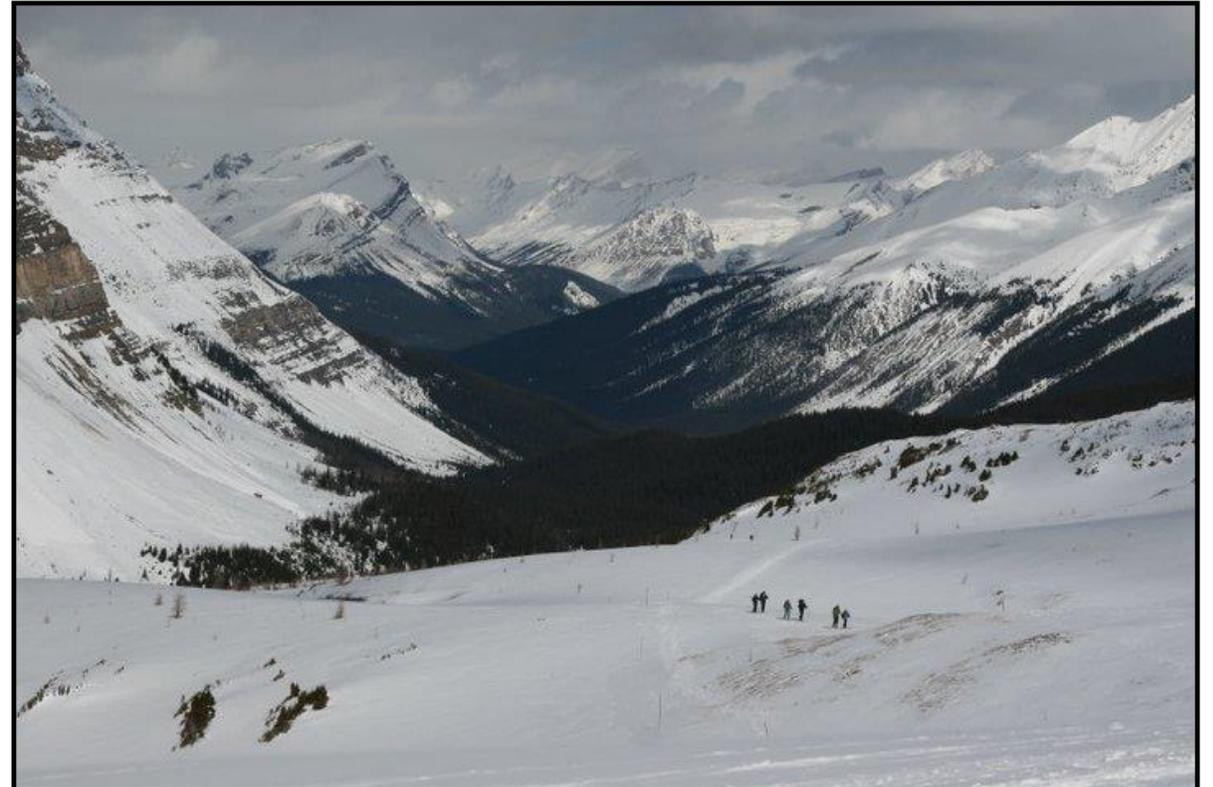


# ONC Skoki/Canadian Rockies Pricing and Trip Overview

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# Trip Description

The Canadian Rockies provide some of the most scenic skiing on the planet and on this trip we'll ski right into the heart of the Rockies as we spend 3 night in the historic Skoki lodge. Skoki lodge is a national historic site. It is rustic and isolated. So rustic that it doesn't even have electricity. So isolated that the only way in is to ski 11 km through the backcountry. You'll need to be an intermediate skier to make it into this lodge. Six of us will share a cabin, sleeping on bunkbeds and cots for 3 nights. Clearly not the Ritz-Carlton but Skoki does make up for these hardships by providing excellent meals and access to some of the best skiing in the Rockies. Depending on abilities, we'll explore the bowls or canyons around the lodge. Short of snow camping in a tent there is no better way to experience this wilderness.

Since we've made the drive all the way up to Lake Louise, after Skoki we'll kick back by staying 4 more nights at a condo in the Canmore area. From here we can enjoy the usual skiing the Rockies offer with everything from world class skate skiing to downhill and in between.

The cost for this trip is \$675/person. This cost does include food while at Skoki lodge but does not cover food while in condo, carpooling costs (1500 miles ~\$225) and any park passes we made need

# Trip Schedule

- Sat 17 Feb - Radium
  - Drive from Portland to Radium Hot Springs, BC Canada ~11 hours driving
  - Spend night in inexpensive hotel (not part of trip cost)
- Sun 18 Feb - Skoki
  - Get up early and drive approx. 2 hours to Lake Louise Ski Resort
  - **We need to be ready to ski at 9AM**
  - Ski in 11km to Skoki Lodge
- Mon 19 Feb – Skoki
- Tue 20 Feb - Skoki
- Wed 21 Feb – Canmore
  - Ski out 11 km to Lake Louise
  - Spend afternoon at Lake Louise
  - Condo at Canmore Wed night
- Thu 22 Feb - Canmore
- Fri 23 Feb - Canmore
- Sat 24 Feb – Canmore
- Sun 25 Feb
  - Drive back to Portland (most people do this non-stop on way back)

# Skoki Lodge

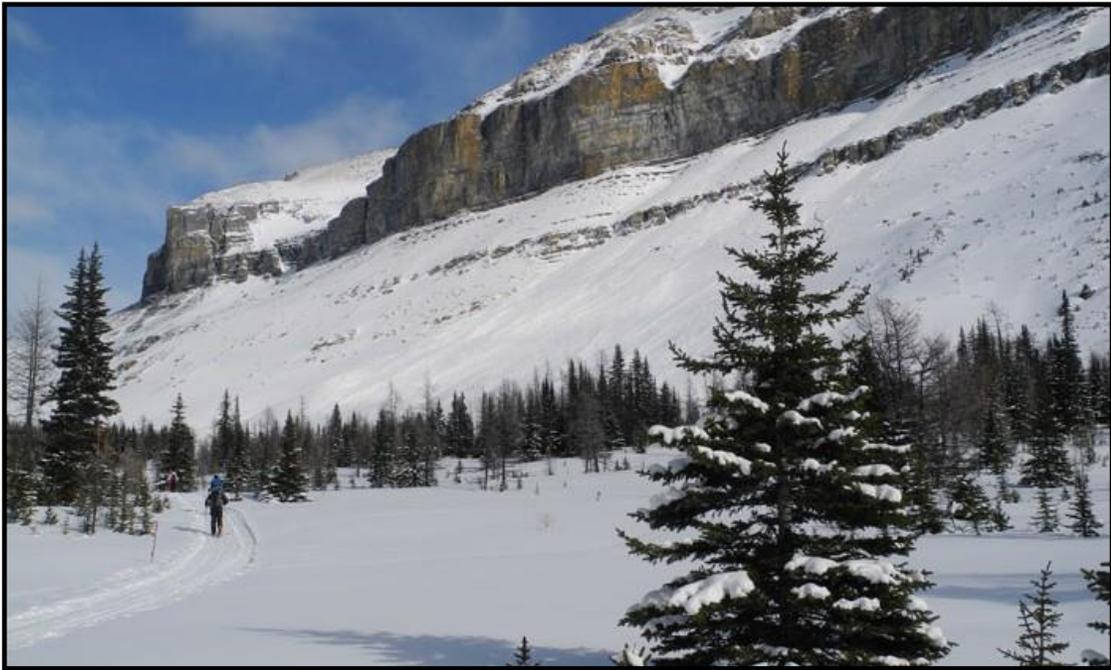
- Skoki lodge is the cornerstone of this trip and is also the majority of the expense. (We are paying CAD\$3075 for the six of us in the Wolverine cabin.)
- The lodge is very rustic. If you used to staying in a high end hotel then you will be disappointed. If you are used to snow camping then you will be thrilled. For comparison think of the huts on the ONC Three Sisters Traverse.
- Meals are provided at the lodge and the reviews indicate they do a great job
- The skiing from here is spectacular (as is the ski in)

# Wolverine Cabin

A cot will be brought in to bring the bedding up to six people and this will be our home for three nights







# Mistaya Condo

- We will spend three night at Mistaya condo in Canmore
- The condo should be fairly luxurious after staying in Skoki
- We'll rotate cooking duties
- From Canmore there is a complete range of ski options
  - Skate/track skiing at [Canmore Nordic center](#) (1988 Olympic site)
  - Groomed cross country skiing at many Provincial Parks (e.g. [Mt Shark](#))
  - Backcountry/Telemark at many sites (e.g. [Burstall pass](#))





# What is and is NOT included in cost

- Included

- Lodging Skoki
- Food at Skoki (but need to pack lunch for ski in)
- Lodging at Canmore

- Not Included

- Travel cost for ~1,500 miles driving (~\$225 carpool cost @15¢/mile)
- Lodging at Radium Hot Springs (we found motel rooms for ~CAD\$50 last year)
- Food at Canmore (we'll have group dinners and rotate)
- Park passes (~\$8/day-person for days in park)

# How Good of Skier Should You Be?

- You should be an intermediate skier for this trip.
- It is 11km ski in to Skoki lodge. Along the way we climb up over 1,500 feet and go over Deception pass at 8,200 feet
- We will need skins to go over the pass (kicker skins are fine and I have a couple of extra pairs)
- The tour does not require advanced skiing or Telemark turns



# Equipment to Bring/Skis

- Equipment
  - Do not pack too much! A heavy pack will suck the fun out of the trip
  - Make sure you have skins
  - Skoki has their recommended [what to bring list](#).
- Skis
  - Metal edged touring skis with NNN-BC binding are probably optimal for this tour
  - You do not need Telemark or AT skis unless you plan on exploring some of the bowls once you are at the lodge



Climbing up pass at 8,200 feet