

TRAVEL TO ATLIN

FLIGHT AND TRAVEL INFORMATION



Dear heliski enthusiast,

In the following pages you will find several suggestions for your trip to Atlin.

Atlin is fairly easy to get to, compared to other ski destinations. Since the inception of flights from Air North to Calgary and Vancouver, there are a few more options to choose from. To start off, the flight connection via Calgary allows for 7 days of heliskiing rather than the previous 6 or 6.5 days. The following paragraphs explain how it works.

Generally there are 2 sensible options to access Atlin.

1.) TRAVELLING TO WHITEHORSE ON FRIDAY:

- Departure from the nearest airport on Friday morning to London.
- Continue with Air Canada, Lufthansa (flight# AC899 / LH5518) to **Edmonton**, Alberta in Canada. There will be a 2,5-hour layover. Some of this time will be taken up with entry formalities. This can take quite a bit of time depending on the queue.
- You **must** check out your luggage in Edmonton and check it in for the flight with Air North.
- Continue with Air North at 3:35 PM to Whitehorse (booking with Klondike Heliskiing is possible). Arrival in Whitehorse at 5:00 PM.
- This option offers the least travelling time and the most direct route.
- Or: Departure from the nearest airport on Friday morning to Vancouver via London, Amsterdam or Frankfurt. Depending on your route there will be a 2-6 hour layover in Vancouver. This option may qualify for an international connection fare ticket.
- You **must** check out your luggage in Vancouver and check it in for your next flight. You simply put your luggage on the carousel located at the exit near Customs.
- Continue to Whitehorse departure Vancouver 10:30 PM, arrival Whitehorse 0:55 AM.

2.) TRAVELLING TO VANCOUVER OR CALGARY WITH ONE OR MORE DAYS STAY:

- Departure from the nearest airport on a weekday morning /afternoon to Frankfurt, Amsterdam or London.
- Continue with Air Canada, Lufthansa (both Star Alliance), KLM or British Airways to **Vancouver** or **Calgary**, Canada. You can spend one or more days sightseeing or skiing in Whistler, Banff (100km west of Calgary) or Lake Louise (150km west of Calgary)
- Continue to Whitehorse with Air North on Friday, Vancouver departure at 11:30 AM, arrival Whitehorse at 1:55 PM, departure Calgary at 2:10 PM, arrival Whitehorse at 5:00 PM
- Or: continue to Whitehorse with JAZZ on Friday (the contract airline of Air Canada), departure Vancouver at 10:30 PM, arrival Whitehorse at 0:55 AM.

Ticket prices to Vancouver are generally slightly less expensive than to Calgary.

3.) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR YOUR ARRIVAL

- For the flight from Vancouver to Whitehorse you should select a seat on the left side of the airplane, either at the very front or back to avoid the wings when taking photographs. On the regular flight route and with good weather conditions you will see a frozen lake approx. 160 km south of Whitehorse (the airplane will have started the approach to Whitehorse at this point). This is Atlin Lake, surrounded by the mountain you will be skiing.

Upon arrival in Whitehorse there are 2 options:

- Pick up at the airport with the hotel shuttle and an overnight stay in the best hotel in Whitehorse – pick up at approx. 7:30 AM on Saturday followed by a 2 hour drive to Atlin – safety orientation afterwards. Then skiing...
- Or shuttle to Atlin immediately after arriving in Whitehorse – arrival in Atlin at 8:30 PM at dinner time. After a good night sleep, breakfast will be served at 8:00 AM on Saturday, followed by the safety orientation and skiing. This option is only possible if rooms are available at the hotel in Atlin. Klondike Heliskiing will gladly provide you with this information. This option is only viable if you arrive in Whitehorse on Friday before 5:00 PM.

4.) DEAPARTURE ON SATURDAY

Shuttle from Atlin to Whitehorse on Saturday morning and flight to **Vancouver** with Air North or Air Canada/JAZZ.

- Air North departs Whitehorse at 8:00 AM, arrival in Vancouver at 10:15 AM
- Air Canada/JAZZ usually departs at 6:40 AM and arrives in Vancouver at 9:02 AM
- Air Canada/JAZZ also offers an afternoon flight, however, the connecting flight to Europe at this time of day is only available with British Airways.

For the flight from Whitehorse to Vancouver you should select a seat on the right hand side of the aircraft. On the regular flight route and with good weather conditions you will see a large frozen lake approx. 160 km south of Whitehorse. This is Atlin Lake, surrounded by the mountains you have been skiing.

Attention! The Guests who arrived via Calgary have to book an open flight, which means arrival via Calgary and departure via Vancouver. The domestic flights to Whitehorse will be booked accordingly. Open flights are the same price as regular flights.

The reason for the return flight via Vancouver is that Air North does not fly to Calgary/Edmonton on Saturdays. It is possible to fly to Calgary Sunday afternoon, however, connecting flights to other North American destinations are limited on Sundays, and flights to Europe will arrive on Monday.

6.) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

We urge you to book your flights with Air North. Air Canada/Jazz is using a smaller aircraft than Air North (Boeing 737). As a result your luggage may be “left behind” in Vancouver if the plane is booked to capacity. Always pack the ski boots in your carry-on! Even if the luggage arrives with a later flight it is hard to get it to Atlin at that point in time. Air Canada/Jazz is generally unwilling to deliver the lost luggage before Monday afternoon, even if it already arrived on Saturday morning. In addition, the Air North flights are cheaper if booked through Klondike Heliskiing, their aircrafts are roomier and the service is better as well.

The free transfer from Whitehorse to Atlin and return is only available if you adhere to the KHS pre-arranged arrival times in Whitehorse. These depend on where you stay overnight upon arrival in Whitehorse - Whitehorse or Atlin - as well as whether rooms are available at the hotel in Atlin.

Should you arrive at different times, please contact us in Atlin and we will organise a pick up for you. We have several options for your transfer to Atlin.

You can of course make your own flight arrangements. Maybe you would like to extend your stay in Atlin, or arrive earlier – we can arrange that. A pre heliski stay in Whistler, which is located 2 hours north of Vancouver, is another excellent option. As are the ski areas west of Calgary.

Our representatives in Whistler will arrange everything for you, from a hotel to a lift ticket. Please let us know your wishes and we will customise the perfect package for you.

We will gladly assist you with your travel plans!

Flight connections are available for approx. 900-1200 Euro, depending on time of travel, class and airline.

Please be aware that there may be changes to the flight plans and therefore the above mentioned options are to be used only as a guide. In case of such a change we are very flexible and the welfare of our guests will be foremost on our minds.

Best regards,

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