

SANTIAGO ADVENTURES

HELISKIING PROGRAMS 2010



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Since 2005, Santiago Adventures has offered snowcat and heliskiing programs in Chile. This year, for the first time, we are combining our expertise into one great package. We optimize your heliski days with the best Plan B at South America's only snowcat resort, Ski Arpa, exclusively operated by Santiago Adventures. Next to Ski Arpa is the newest heliskiing zone where you will have fantastic views of the Aconcagua - the highest peak outside the Himalayas at nearly 24.000 feet.

This exclusive one week program combines two days of cat skiing at Ski Arpa with three days of heliskiing in the Los Andes heliski zone for an amazing experience in Chile's most exciting heliski destination with Chile's #1 ski tour operator.

Daily Schedule

- * Meeting at the helipad at 7H45 am
- * Daily program and safety briefing
- * Take-off at 8:00am
- * Picnic lunch in the mountains
- * Return to the base

Programs Include

- * Heliski flight time
- * Expert guiding services
- * Safety equipment (backpacks with avalanche transceiver devices, shovel and probe)
- * Safety briefing
- * Lunch during the heliskiing days

The day's rhythm could change according to snow conditions and the levels of the riders.

Heliski zones



...SANTIAGO ADVENTURES OPERATES IN THE FOLLOWING HELISKI ZONES...

Santiago Adventures is proud to be the pioneer in *Los Andes / Aconcagua Valley heliski zone*. This is all new terrain opened up as an alternative to the more saturated zones surrounding Tres Valles and Cajon del Maipo.

From Santiago or Farellones we fly in four different zones:

- * *El Cepo* : Located next to the Tres Valles resort, this zone offers the opportunity to discover runs of 1000 to 1500 vertical meters.
- * *Altar-Paloma-Leonera* : High mountain environment in the Plomo Zone (5480m)
- * Olivares: Huge mountains with endless runs possibilities at all rider levels.
- * Parraguirre Valley: Next to the Tupungato Volcano, near the Argentinean border.

Cajon del Maipo / Lo Valdes: This zone offers heliskiing next to San José Volcano. There are many possibilities at all rider levels. The day usually ends at Colina hot springs in the heart of the Andes.

...SANTIAGO ADVENTURES WORKS WITH THE FOLLOWING HELICOPTERS...

EUROCOPTER AS 350 B3



BELL 407



Santiago Adventures reserves the right to contract other types of helicopters.

All our pilots are trained by the Chilean Air Force, are experienced in high mountain flying conditions and have thousands of flight hours.

Guides & Safety



SANTIAGO ADVENTURES LEAD GUIDE...

Our lead guide, Philippe Bouteille, has earned our trust due to his extensive experience in the snow business. Starting his 22nd ski season in 15 years, he is a certified and qualified snow professional, trained by the E.N.S.A (French National Ski and Alpinism School in Chamonix, France), the A.N.E.N.A (French Snow and Avalanches Studies Association) and the National Outdoor Leadership School (N.O.L.S.).

From Europe to Central Asia, from North to South America, Philippe has proven his snow skills as a heliski guide, professional ski patrol and ski instructor. Philippe works as a snow safety consultant for many ski resorts, catskiing, heliskiing and mining companies in Chile. In addition to his technical qualifications, he has strong interpersonal and communication skills and a genuine passion for the sport of skiing and telemarking. Philippe lives in Chile year round and speaks fluent French, English, Spanish and Portuguese.



SNOW SAFETY...

1. A backpack with an M2 Ortovox beacon, shovel and probe are provided to each rider.
2. Every participant will participate in a security briefing on:
 - The use of snow safety equipment and procedure
 - The proper behavior to adopt in case of avalanche
 - Safety procedure around the helicopter
3. Each guide is in permanent communication by VHF or UHF with the base and the pilot and is equipped with an Iridium satellite phone. Guides also carry first aid kit, altimeter and GPS.
4. For security reason, the heliski day will end around 3:30 pm.
5. A snow report on current conditions is always available from the guide.

Please follow guide instructions at all times. Access to the slopes is controlled by the guide and you may only ski/ride where they indicate it is safe. All descents are led by our guide.

For your safety our guide reserves the right to dismiss any skier or rider for failure to follow their instructions or if our guide determines the rider is unfit for the conditions.



Each rider MUST read and sign our liability release waiver before participating in any heliskiing activity with Santiago Adventures.



Information



PRIVATE CHARTER SYSTEM...

Santiago Adventures operates with private charters which means you will have at your disposition the helicopter for the time contracted. In order to provide this service, we must reserve the helicopter in advance.

The helicopter is chartered on an hourly basis. Due to the nature of heliskiing in the Andes, terrain access and flying time varies, and can affect our flight time each day.

A typical day includes 3 hours of flight time. During this time we usually ski/ride approximately 5.000 vertical meters or 16.500 vertical feet. Depending on weather, snow conditions, group ability, safety considerations and terrain access we may ski more or less vertical per day. Therefore, we do not guarantee the amount of vertical feet in our packages.

TRAVEL & EMERGENCY EVACUATION INSURANCE...

Due to the high risk nature of ski and snowboarding adventures, and the cost of evacuations, we require all of our guests to have a valid travel insurance policy for the dates of their program

In case of an accident during heliskiing, our guests assume all costs of rescue, evacuation and medical treatment.

Before departure, **YOU ARE REQUIRED AND MUST SHOW PROOF** of travel insurance covering the dates of your trip. The insurance must include medical and emergency evacuation coverage in the case of accidents.

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN YOUR PACKAGE...

Included

- All ground transportation
- Accommodations
- Expert guiding services
- Helicopter flight time
- Safety equipment & briefing
- Backcountry coaching

Back Up Plans

In case of bad weather, Santiago Adventures will suggest different daily activities at additional cost including:

- Bike wine tour
- Wave House artificial wave
- Rock and ice climbing
- Valparaiso harbor tour
- City and gastronomic tour of Santiago

Not Included

- Air travel
- Reciprocity arrival fee upon landing at Santiago International Airport (United States \$131, Canada \$123, Australia \$61)
- Alcoholic beverages
- Gratuities
- Travel Insurance: All participants must provide proof of insurance for extreme sports covering medical evacuation and treatment. **Failure to have adequate insurance can be extremely expensive.** You will be charged all incurred costs for your rescue, evacuation and medical treatment.
- Cancellation insurance, which is highly recommended
- Extra meals
- Additional riding will be charged at US\$2400/hour (or fraction of hour used)

PAYMENT

Deposit: A 50 % deposit must be paid at the time of reservation.

Balance: The balance must be paid 60 days before your arrival date.

Last Minute Reservations: Reservations requested less than 60 days prior to your arrival date must be paid in full.

Confirmation of your Deposit and Final Payment will be acknowledged by email.

CANCELLATIONS

For any cancellation **90 or more days** before your arrival, we refund the deposit less a US\$500 cancelation fee.

From 60 to 89 days, 50% of the deposit will be forfeited.

From 45 to 59 days, 50% of total trip costs will be forfeited.

From 30 to 44 days, 75% of total trip costs will be forfeited.

Less than 30 days, the entire trip cost is forfeited.

All cancellations must be requested in writing via fax or e-mail to Santiago Adventures.



REFUNDS...

For poor weather or mechanical interruption each person will receive a refund for unused hours at US\$1500 per hour divided by the number of persons in the group. Refunded hours are calculated on a package basis, NOT a daily basis. The maximum hours refunded is limited to 50% of the hours in your package.

NO REFUNDS will be provided in the following circumstances:

- If a person is injured while skiing and is unable to continue with their trip
- If a person chooses not to ski for part, or all, of the week
- If a person comes unprepared to safely and comfortably partake in a heliskiing experience as determined by the guide, pilot, or Santiago Adventures
- If any payment has not been received by the required date, your reservation will be cancelled and subject to our cancellation policy



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