



TRIP ITINERARY

BC CANADA: BACKSTAGE PASS

TYPE: DH

EXPERIENCE THE CRANKWORX FESTIVAL LIKE A VIP, RIDE THE WHISTLER BIKE PARK, THE NORTH SHORE, PEMBERTON AND SQUAMISH WITH LOCAL GUIDES – 9 DAYS, 8 NIGHTS.

TRIP DETAILS

On Backstage Pass you'll watch mountain biking's grandest spectacle, Crankworkx' Slopestyle event, with a beer in hand on the VIP deck. You'll cut lift lines at the Bike Park all week and meet big name pros. What's more, we'll escape the hype and shuttle trails in Pemberton, Squamish and hit Vancouver's famed North Shore. Oh, and hop in a helicopter for a drop on a local mountain. During this trip we'll base at a hotel located in the heart of Whistler Village and steps from the Whistler Bike Park.

2010 DATES

Saturday, August 7 to Sunday, August 15

2010 LAND COST

\$2725 USD + Goods and Services Tax

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

\$530 USD

JOINING IN

Vancouver, Canada

ITINERARY

The following is a general outline for Backstage Pass trip.

Big Mountain reserves the right to make alterations and substitutions to the itinerary as weather or terrain conditions dictate or as necessary to improve the trip quality or to accommodate the comfort, convenience, and well-being of our guests.

DAY 1 – ARRIVE IN VANCOUVER, TRANSFER TO WHISTLER

Arrive in Vancouver Canada where you'll be greeted by your Big Mountain guides and meet the rest of your group. From Vancouver, we'll drive 2.5 hours north on the spectacular Sea to Sky highway to the Whistler Resort. Once in Whistler, we will settle into our luxury chalet and then be free to explore the pedestrian-only Whistler Village. Tonight we stay at our Whistler hotel.

DAY 2 – RIDE WHISTLER BIKE PARK

Spin out the door to the Bike Park for our first day of laps. Featuring 250+km of lift-serviced descending, you'll quickly see why this place is so hot for big bikes. Hit a lake in the afternoon for a swim. Tonight we stay at our Whistler hotel.

DAY 3 – RIDE WHISTLER BIKE PARK

Another day of downhill bliss at the Bike Park. Feel your skills improve and become comfortable in the air. Tonight we stay at our Whistler hotel.

DAY 4 – SHUTTLE PEMBERTON, EVENING LAPS OF WHISTLER BIKE PARK

After breakfast, we'll drive 25 minutes north of Whistler to the rustic town of Pemberton where we'll ride a local trails. Pemberton, which is located at the beginning of the transition from Coastal Mountain rain forest to semi arid Chilcotin Range, is much dryer and more open than Whistler. Tonight we stay at our Whistler hotel.

DAY 5 – SHUTTLE SQUAMISH, EVENING LAPS OF WHISTLER BIKE PARK

Squamish, dubbed the Outdoor Recreation Capital of Canada, is a riding paradise that's achieved cult status among mountain bikers. Ride unreal man-made trails in a rain forest. Tonight we stay at our Whistler hotel.

DAY 6 – RIDE WHISTLER BIKE PARK AND RAINBOW HELICOPTER DROP

Out of the wrapper and on the lift for most DH fun this morning. This afternoon we head down the road from Whistler to the heli port and a quick flight to the top of Rainbow Mountain. After a the heli leaves we'll enjoy the peaceful setting then roll down to the Whistler Valley on this epic descent. Tonight we stay at our Whistler hotel.

DAY 7 – SHUTTLE VANCOUVER'S NORTH SHORE

More action at the Bike Park. Tonight we stay at our Whistler hotel.

DAY 8 – RIDE WHISTLER BIKE PARK

Our last day at the Park and the big event at Crankworx, the Slopestyle. Feel the energy build and the anticipation mount. After a great day of riding we'll head home for a quick clean up and come back into town and enjoy the main event from a VIP deck. Tonight we celebrate our trip! Tonight we stay at our Whistler hotel.

DAY 9 – FLY HOME

This morning we'll drive you to Vancouver International Airport for your flight home. Good bye!

DETAILS

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- Expert Leadership
- Airport transfers
- Whistler Village hotel accommodation
- All breakfasts and five dinners
- Heli drop on Rainbow Mountain
- VIP viewing to Crankworx Slopestyle
- All transportation including: shuttles and Whistler Bike Park passes
- Big Mountain t-shirt and detailed pre-departure information

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED?

International airfare; personal travel and medical insurance; optional tipping to leaders and local staff; airport taxes and excess baggage charges (if any); your bike and related equipment needed to ride; personal items like drinks and snacks. We recommend \$20-30 USD per day for lunches and extras.

ACTIVITY LEVEL

The **technical ability** required for the Backstage Pass trip is rated as 'advanced.' In other words, this trip is for those who are comfortable and confident on steeper and technical terrain. The riding in the Whistler area is generally technical. There will be man-made obstacles and stunts to consider; some you will ride and others you will walk around. The beauty of the trip is that you will get to ride with a born and bred locals. With Big Mountain you'll truly unlock the door to this unique riding paradise.

For **fitness level**, even though we will be using lifts, vehicles and a helicopter – the accumulation of multiple, long days of riding will add up. You must be in good shape to enjoy this trip.

BIKE AND EQUIPMENT

The perfect bike for the Backstage Pass is a DH bike. All participants are required to have their **bikes in excellent working order** before the trip begins.

Also required: full-face helmet, full armour, hydration pack, and clothing for all types of weather. All participants are required to bring extra brake pads, tubes, a patch kit, any other parts specific to your bike. We will send you a detailed list of required equipment and clothing before departure.

LODGING AND FOOD

During the Backstage Pass we stay at a hotel in the heart of the Whistler Village and steps to the Whistler Bike Park. Meals will be at local restaurants. Please notify Big Mountain if you have any special dietary needs.

CLIMATE

We will be visiting several distinctly different climactic zones: from rainforest to semi-arid. In big mountains, weather can change quickly and drastically - it could be 30 degrees celcius one day and then nearly freezing on a mountain top the next day. This region can also receive lots of rain – be prepared. Generally though, the weather during the summer is hot and sunny.

YOUR SAFETY

Our trips take place in remote to very remote regions with limited evacuation options available and there are always risks and hazards on the trails that we ride. If you choose to participate in our trips, it is up to you to ride well within your limits, to ride conservatively and to be safe as mountain biking is a dangerous sport. Participants must keep their bikes in good working condition, they must be hydrated and rested and alcohol and drugs are not permitted while riding. Our guides have basic first aid training and if a serious injury is suspected they will call helicopter search and rescue at the cost of the participant. Personal medical travel insurance is mandatory.

THE NEXT STEP

Call us toll free at 1-866-894-0220, or email at info@ridebig.com to confirm that there is space on this trip. Then, fill out our secure online registration form on our website. Make sure that you have read and understand our Terms and Conditions and Waiver. Upon booking, we will send you detailed pre-departure information to make sure that you are well prepared for the adventure ahead.

WHY BIG MOUNTAIN IS YOUR CHOICE

Big Mountain Bike Adventures is the pioneer for performance XC, all-mountain, DH and freeride mountain biking adventures. We know that to find the very best trails, you have to ride with locals. We aim to provide safe, quality trips and the best customer service to our participants.

REFERENCES

We'll be happy to provide you with references of satisfied past travellers.

QUESTIONS?

Feel free to call us at 1-866-894-0220 or email info@ridebig.com if you have any questions or need any additional information. We are here to help!

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