



COMPARISON OF HELI SKIING OPERATORS IN THE UNITED STATES INCLUDING ALASKA: LOCATION, HELISKI PACKAGES, HELISKIING TERRAIN SIZE, COST, VERTICAL

USA	State	Location	Package type	Ability level	Hectares (000s)	Annual snowfall (m)	Cost per day (\$)	Cost per day with accom	Runs per day	Approx vertical per run (feet)	Daily vertical (feet)	Cost per additional run (\$)	Guests per guide	Board/ski hire included?	Season
					*	*	*	*	6 to 7	2,100	14,000	100	4	no	mid Dec to mid April
Wasatch Powderbird Guides	Utah	Snowbird ski resort (near Alta)	single days	strong intermediate & above	*	13	1,050	*	6 to 7	2,100	14,000	100	4	no	mid Dec to mid April
Diamond Peaks	Utah	Powder Mountain ski resort	single runs for \$175 or 6 runs	intermediate and above	6	*	795	*	6	3,000	18,000	*	3	limited skis	*
Telluride Helitrax	Colorado	Telluride	single days	adventurous intermediates & above	65	*	999	*	6	1,000 - 2,500	10,500	149	*	yes	*
Silverton Heli-Skiing	Colorado	Silverton Mountain	single runs or 6 runs	advanced and above	*	*	999	*	6	*	*	159	4	no	from mid Dec
High Mountain Heli-skiing	Wyoming	Jackson near Jackson Hole ski resort	single days	advanced & experts	123	*	950	*	6		12,000 - 15,000	90	5	no	late Dec to early April
North Cascade Heli-Skiing	Washington	Mazama (4hrs NW of Spokane)	single days on Thursdays or a 3 day program	advanced intermediate & above	121	*	850	*	7	1,500 - 4,000	12,000+	75	4	yes	late Dec to mid March
Ruby Mountain Heli Experience	Nevada	east of Elko	3 day package with accom and single days on Thurs; snowcats as a backup	advanced & above	81	*	1,367	1,367	6	2,000	13,000	100	5	skis	mid Jan to late March
Sun Valley Heli Ski Guides	Idaho	near Sun Valley ski resort	single days & combo packages with Sun Valley ski resort	*	*	5.1	1,100	1,550	up to 7	2,000	12,000	*	*	*	late Dec to late March
Points North	Alaska	Cordova, Chugach Range	6 day / 7 night trips	intermediate and above	389	*	800-1,100	975-1,275	8 to 10	*	20,000-35,000	#	*	no	mid Feb to mid April
Alaska Powder Descents	Alaska	Juneau; Coast and Chilkat Ranges; near Eaglecrest Ski Resort	1/2 day, full day, or 3 or 6 days (including resort skiing)	intermediate with powder experience & above	405	*	875	*	8	2,500	20,000	100	4	skis for multi-day	early Feb to late April
Alaska Backcountry Adventures	Alaska	near Valdez; Chugach Range	single run, 1/2 day, full day or multi-days	high intermediate & above	26	20.3	675	*	6	4,000	20,000	135	*	no	March to April
Alaska Rendevous Heli Guides	Alaska	Valdez, Chugach Range	week long with accom, single days, or 2 runs	*	907	9-24	870	859	6	3,333-5,000	20,000-30,000	120	4	no	late Feb to late April

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H2O Heli Guides	Alaska	Valdez, Chugach Range	3 or 5 days with accom	*	1,052	*	*	1300	6	3,333	20,000	*	*	skis	early Mar to late Apr
Valdez Heli Guides	Alaska	Valdez, Chugach Range	single days & 3,4,5 & 7 days with accom	advanced & experts	647	25.4	925	1091	6	3000-5000	24,000	100	4	no	early Mar to late Apr
Valdez Heli Camps	Alaska	Valdez, Chugach Range	single day, 3, 4, 6 day; cat skiing as backup; heli/cat combos	advanced intermediate & above	388	*	999	1217	6-9	*	18,000-20,000	#	4	no	early Feb to early May
Chugach Powder Guides	Alaska	Aleyska ski resort, Girdwood	5-7 days with accom; single days; snowcat for backup	*	283	15.2	1,075	1190	6-7	3,000-4,000	16,000-20,000	#	*	no	early Feb to mid April
Southeast Alaska Backcountry Adventures	Alaska	Haines; Chilkat & Tahkinsha Mountains	single days; 6 day/7 night package with accom	*	*	*	800	1083	*	*	25,000	*	*	no	mid Feb to mid April
Alaska Heliskiing	Alaska	Haines (fly to Juneau then ferry)	single days and 5 day/7 night packages; snowcat skiing as backup	*	311	*	#	920	6	*	*	*	*	no	Feb to May

### COMPARISON BETWEEN HELI SKIING OPERATIONS IN US - NOTES

\* reliable information not available or not applicable

# charge by additional vertical or additional fly time

\*\* based on guaranteed vertical

The size of the terrain may equate to the size of their tenure and not necessarily the actual area that they ski.

Prices are in US dollars and do not include tax.

The prices listed above are for the 2009-10 season and serve as a guide to compare heli skiing costs. Check each website for up to date costs.

Rates are for standard packages, unless they only offer semi-privates or other.

Where cost includes accommodation, the cost is based on twin share.

The inclusions in each heli ski package differs between the operations. Particularly in Alaska there are major variations in what the package will include. Meals, transport, & ski/board equipmet may incur additional changes. A fuel surcharge may also be added. Some operations will charge extra for a guaranteed snowcat backup seat.

The cost per day is for the high season.

The cost per day with accom has been calculated according to the number of heli days. Some operations have packages where the no. of nights of accom is more than the days of heli-skiing.