

# Join us for either a 4 or 7 Day spectacular Canada Heli-Hiking Adventure!

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Epic Summer Adventure Heli-Hiking Canada with Canadian Mountain Holidays. Rejuvenate with a 3 day up to a 6 day adventure! With over 20 years of personally leading heli-hiking adventures, we are specialists in booking just the right trip for you. We know the staff, guides and managers at both the Bobbie Burns and Bugaboo Lodges, so let us help you create the perfect adventure for you, your family and friends.

The heli-hiking season runs from July 12 through September 4, 2015 and pricing begins at just \$2900 (CAD) a person based upon double occupancy, so please call or email us for more information on this adventure of a lifetime with Canadian Mountain Holidays.

Experience heli-hiking! This is an independent adventure where you can travel at your own convenience to the Bobbie Burns and Bugaboo Lodges. Just let us know when it fits in your schedule! We match the booking prices of CMH. So why book with The Walking Connection? **There is a difference!**



- Green Valleys
- Glacial Landscapes
- Picnic Lunch
- Endless Mountain Peaks
- Wildlife Encounters
- Suana or Whirlpool
- Breathtaking Views
- Luxury Accommodations
- Pre Adventure Extension Option
- Travel by Helicopter, Van & On Foot

The helicopter has just landed; you and your small group get off and huddle on the ground next to it, holding onto your hat as the wind swirls around you. The helicopter lifts off and the wind is suddenly gone. You slowly stand up. On a mountain top at 8,000 feet of elevation, the twisting stream in the green valley below is nearly a mile down. Across the valley, a glacier made of ice thousands or years old clings to the top of a jagged mountain. Beyond it, layer upon layers of mountain peaks touching the heavens fade to the horizon.

"If you can only go on one more vacation for the rest of your life, this should be IT!" ~Gene & Jo Ann Taylor, 1994-2011.

Let Heli-hiking and Banff area experts Gene and Jo Ann Taylor help you get off the beaten path, exploring the mountains as they really are: majestic, unspoiled and totally breathtaking. With a helicopter, you will have access to everything the mountains have to offer, from the peaks to glaciers and beautiful flowered meadows. You will walk above the tree line, across spectacular high mountain ridges where the peaks seem to go on forever. Amble through alpine meadows overflowing with vibrant wildflowers. Open your heart to a magical mountain wilderness.

**Travel when you choose.** We are CMH adventure experts and we'll coordinate the details for your stress free vacation. You can walk and hike at your own level from a casual stroll to an endurance climb. Relax and let us handle every last detail — even down to the hiking equipment you will need from head to toe. There is no other feeling like being placed on a mountain top with only 10 other guests and a 360-degree view that will leave an impression on your mind, body and spirit — for the rest of your life!

## **DAY 1 – Arrive Calgary & transfer to Banff at your leisure.**

It is necessary to arrive in Banff a day earlier than your heli-hike adventure begins in order to be transferred to the helicopter pick up point. Check in at a conveniently located hotel in central Banff. We'll help you find one that meets your needs. (hotel and arrival airport transfer are not included.)

## **Day 2 – Banff – Bugaboo Lodge or Bobbie Burns Lodge**

Meet at the central terminal in downtown Banff where we meet our fellow heli-hikers and board our luxury motorcoach. We head westward along the shores of the Bow River past the incredible mountain citadels of Banff National Park and into equally impressive Kootenay National Park. Wildlife sightings along the way are normal and inspiring. We cross the Rocky Mountain Trench, arriving at the Bugaboos Helipad. Snacks and beverages will be provided on board.

After a helicopter safety talk, we climb in and soar up for an afternoon of getting acquainted with the High Country. In the late afternoon, our chopper picks us up and it's back to the lodge where delicious hors d'oeuvres are served in the lounge. Our casual gourmet dinner, served family style, will be at 7:00 (save room for the pastry chef's latest inspiration). Then some camaraderie by the fire, maybe a sauna or whirlpool, and a great night's sleep.

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## **Days 3 & 4 – Heli-Hiking**

You might want to join the optional morning stretch, or sleep a little later. A hardy buffet breakfast is served before our full day of heli-hiking begins! The first helicopter leaves with a flight into the Bugaboos that takes us to a range of personality-rich glaciers, emerald lakes, airy mountain ridges and soft fields of wildflowers. We'll have a picnic lunch at a particularly winsome spot or on special days enjoy a barbecue lunch surrounded by spectacular utterly unspoiled high country landscapes.

Now, we hope this web page makes it clear not only that the landscapes in which we spend our days are knock-down, world-class gorgeous and varied, but that there is probably no other place on earth where you can experience such wildness and solitude without lugging a 40-pound backpack.

So, message delivered! Great hiking, picnicking, a little learning about glacial landscapes and their hardy life-forms, and lots of fun accomplished, we fly back at day's end to the lodge for (depending on our mood) maybe a massage, a browse in the lodge shop, a game of chess, a go at the lodge climbing wall, a cocktail on the deck as alpen-glow bathes the peaks we've been communing with, dinner, storytelling in the living room, and another great night's sleep.

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## **Day 5 – Banff or Calgary Airport**

After breakfast we fly out of the lodge, board a deluxe motor coach and retrace the journey through Kootenay and Banff National Parks en route to Banff and Calgary. You will have the choice of being dropped off in Banff or the Calgary Airport

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### **Departures:**

The adventure season is from July 12 – September 4.  
All trips begin and end in Banff, Alberta Canada.

### **Your Walking Connection Experience Includes:**

#### **In Banff:**

- Transfers from Banff to Bugaboo Lodge or Bobbie Burns Lodge then back to Lake Louise, Banff or Calgary Airport from Bugaboo Lodge.

**Bobbie Burns & Bugaboo Lodges Include:**

- All meals and snacks
- 3-nights Luxury Mountain Lodge accommodations (w/private baths) at Bugaboo Lodge.
- Use of equipment and helicopter rides
- Lodge Guest Amenities
- Professional Mountain guides

**While at the lodge you will be provided with the following:**

- Sturdy, leather hiking boots (unusual and small children sizes are not always available, please call to discuss)
- Insulated, hooded hiking jacket (wind and rain resistant)
- Wind pants and a rain poncho
- Gaiters (which fit over your boots to protect from snow)
- Day pack, water bottle and walking stick (If you have your own collapsable hiking stick you might prefer that so that you can put it in your day pack when not needed)
- Each lodge has whirlpool, sauna, massage, full service bar, washer, dryer, hair dryers, retail shop.

**Not Included:**

- GST
- Airfare
- Hotel and airport transfers
- Gratuities for the guides, lodge staff or airport transfers
- Optional tours
- All items of a personal nature including beverages, laundry, shopping and phone calls
- All passport and visa application fees, vaccination and medical consulting fees
- No discounts or refunds on any unused portion of the tour
- Travel Insurance is not included, we recommend [CSA Travel Pro](#).

**Tour Prices per person:**

**Guest Pricing For the 4 Day Heli-hiking Adventure:** from \$2900 CAD per person (based upon double occupancy). Single option available on limited bases.

Please contact us for firm pricing for the 2015 season for all heli-hiking, Canadian Mountain Holidays Summer Adventure Series.

Current exchange rate to US dollars will be calculated when final payment is made. \*Prices are exclusive of GST, Provincial Tax, Municipal tax and airfare. Reservations Subject to Cancellation Policy.

**Deposits:** A deposit of 20% of your trip is required to reserve your space. No space will be held without a complete deposit. Deposits may be made by check or credit card. The selling price of this adventure are quoted in Canadian Dollars. Prices are subject to change due to currency fluctuation and will be reflected in your final invoice.

**Payments:** All payments must be made according to the schedule & are subject to the cancellation & penalty policy. Final payment is due on or before 90 days prior to your adventure. Final payments can be made by check or credit card.

**\*Not Included:** The price of this tour does not include GST, Airfare, airport transfers, and gratuities for the guides or lodge staff, optional tours or items of a personal nature such as drinks, photographs & phone calls. No discounts or refunds on any unused portion of the tour.

**Cancellation, Penalty & Refund Policies:** Should you have to cancel your tour the following terms will apply:

Your deposit payment is refundable up to thirty days from booking date. After that all deposits are non-refundable but are transferable to a new booking within the same hiking season, the following hiking season, to a Heli-Ski booking within the same calendar year, or to a replacement guest found by you. All monies become non-refundable 8 weeks before the trip date. If you have not filed an insurance claim and wish to use these funds, a booking must be made with our Reservations Team by Dec 31st 2015. After this time the funds become non-transferable and will be taken as cancellation fees. In all cases of cancellation or changes to your booking, an administration fee of \$75.00 CDN + taxes will be charged.

No refunds will be made for any unused portion of the tour.

All cancellations must be made in writing and delivered to The Walking Connection via e-mail and/or United States Post Office. Your cancellation date is the date your notice is received and confirmed by The Walking Connection, not the postmark date.

**Travel Roommates and Single Supplements:** If you have registered for double occupancy but do not have a travel roommate, the Walking Connection will attempt to locate one for you. In the event that a roommate cannot be found, you may be charged for a Single Supplement for any portion of the tour where you will be rooming as a single. Travel roommates are assigned in the order in which we receive deposited and confirmed reservations. Final roommate assignments will be made and you will be notified of any Single Supplement charges due 30 days prior to your final payment due date.