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VISITORS GUIDE**



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PLAN YOUR PANORAMA VACATION

Ever felt the desire to experience a uniquely authentic vacation? To connect with a place and feel like more than just a passing tourist?

This is Panorama Mountain Resort. Located in the Purcell Range of British Columbia with views to the Canadian Rocky Mountains, Panorama boasts nearly 3000 massive acres of terrain across 4000 vertical feet of purely Canadian adventure, and that is just the wintertime. Outdoor pursuits here are epic; the area is one of Canada's top destinations for skiing, mountain biking and golf. However, there are also plenty of options for those that simply wish to relax and escape.

Highlights

- Morning yoga from the top of the Mile 1 Express chairlift. The awe inspiring peaks and the total Zen achieved from stretching equates to the perfect start to the day.
- Overlooking the canyon just before you are about to tee off on hole #6 cliffhanger at Greywolf. One of

the most iconic holes in the world.

- A day outing to the summit starting with a helpful boost partway up the mountain from the Mile1 Express chairlift is a real treat the adventurous trekkers. The best time to do this is late in the summer when the many tamarack trees are in all their orange glory.
- Lazing in the sun on the deck of the Panorama Springs Pools as you take a break from child's play on the waterslides to enjoy a chapter from your most current read.
- Travelling into the high alpine in convoy upon your ATV. Then getting a tour of the land that once belonged to silver mine now abandoned with only a few historical remnants remaining.
- Watching the mountains rise up out of the flat prairies as you wind your way from Calgary through Banff and Kootenay National Parks and up into the Purcell Mountains.
- A leisurely stroll around the paved Valley Trail while watching for wildlife and whitewater rafters from the various bridges over the Toby Creek.

– YOUR PANORAMA VACATION –

Getting Here

The nearest major city is Calgary, Alberta a 3-½ hour drive away through the spectacular Kootenay and Banff National Parks.

Air Access

Calgary International Airport (YYC) is the most common access point to Panorama. During the winter daily shuttles connect YYC to Panorama and can also stop in Banff. Booking 2 weeks in advance is recommended, as availability could be limited.

The Canadian Rockies International Airport (YXC) near Cranbrook, British Columbia, is 161 Kilometers from Panorama. Car hire is available or private shuttles can be arranged upon advanced request.

Road Access

From Calgary, access to Panorama is west via highway 1. Turn south on Highway 93 through Radium Hot Springs and onwards to Invermere, British Columbia. From Invermere, a gentle 20 minute drive rises towards Panorama Mountain Resort.

Free parking is provided to over night and day guests.

Getting Around

Panorama's village was creatively designed with pedestrians in mind. A free 3 minute gondola ride connects the upper and lower villages and all amenities are within short walking distance from your accommodation.

In the winter, a free shuttle runs throughout the day between Panorama and the popular artisan town on Invermere, 20 minutes away. Galleries, boutiques, cafes, amenities and sights are plentiful in this town.

Time

Panorama operates on Mountain Standard Time, UTC-7 the same as Calgary and one hour ahead of Vancouver. In

the summer Daylight Saving Time is in effect.

Climate

Sheltered by the Purcell and Rocky Mountains Panorama experiences hot summers that regularly reach beyond 25 degrees Celsius and mild winters with average temperatures around -5 degrees Celsius.

The Mountain

Panorama Mountain stands nearly 8000 vertical feet above sea level, making it one of the highest alpine resorts in Canada. Pine forest covers the mountain, along with grasses and wild flowers in the summer.

During the winter there are 120 named runs and plenty of space to explore between the trees. Ten lifts provide access to nearly 3000 acres of terrain, with runs for every ability and taste, including two backcountry style zones that are carefully avalanche patrolled. 55% of terrain is perfect for intermediate riders and there is a dedicated discovery zone ideal for novices.

In the summer, the lower portion of the mountain is open for downhill mountain biking and hiking. Trails can be quickly accessed by a high speed chairlift.

The Resort

The village is situated about 3800 feet above sea level making it a comfortable elevation for activity and relaxation. Eateries, retail stores, repair outlets, spas, artisan boutiques and supermarkets can all be found at the base of the mountain and in the town of Invermere. Most activities can be found right on the resort premises and are in easy walking distance from lodging.





THINGS TO DO

Events

Throughout the year Panorama hosts an exciting calendar of special events from huge alpine sporting competitions to mountain festival weekends, national mountain biking races and family focused occasions. Panorama also creates a full schedule of daily and weekly activities during the winter and summer. For more details visit PanoramaResort.com

Dining

Panorama's food scene offers a variety of culinary choices both on and off the mountain. From fine dining to classic pub fare or fondue on top of a mountain, you will find something to fit every taste and budget. The artisan town of Invermere boasts unique coffeehouses and the local favourite Arrowhead Brewery. In the summer many menus take advantage of the variety of agriculture in



the area and focus on using ingredients that are raised, grown or foraged in the Columbia Valley and Kootenay region.

In general breakfast at a café will start around \$10. A burger will set you back around \$15 and dinner starts between \$15 - \$20.

ACTIVITIES

Golf

Greywolf Golf Course is the perfect combination of challenging and stunningly beautiful. There are also several renowned golf courses in the valley, making for the perfect golf weekend or road trip.

Biking

Famous for technical downhill single track, Panorama's bike park is now also incorporating more intermediate and machine built smooth, flowy terrain. The bike park is a favourite destination for national and regional downhill race competitions. There is also a well maintained network of cross-country trails that are easily accessible from the resort.

— THINGS TO DO —

Hiking

The Purcell Mountains are home to epic hiking. High alpine lakes, abandoned mines, stunning glaciers and endless views. Panorama has a variety of short strolls, intermediate walks and challenging day hikes, with chairlift access to part of the lower mountain. The resort is also the ideal base for anyone wishing to explore further into the northern Purcells and western slopes of the Canadian Rockies.

Rafting

River rafting in the Kootenay region ranges from smooth leisurely floats to heart thumping, class IV whitewater adventures. Depending on the season, trips run from late May to September and leave right from the resort.

Horseback Riding

Trail riding into the alpine is something that will stick in your memory forever. The stunning views, sway of your horse and serenity of the pine forest. In the summer guided tours leave the resort and wander into the mountain trails nearby.

ATV Tours

Explore the high alpine landscape of Paradise Bowl on four wheels with a guided ATV tour. Half, full and multi day options are available and journey to some spectacular settings like an abandoned mine, waterfall and mountain cabin.



Hot Pools and Natural Springs

Hot pools and natural springs are abundant throughout British Columbia. Panorama's giant slope side pools are the ideal way to relax. There are also many naturally sourced pools in the area including Fairmont, Radium and Lussier hot springs.

Other things to do

There are too many activities to list! Mountain yoga, canoeing & kayaking, miniature golf, tennis and our highly popular PanoKids Camps for children are just a few of the many other activities the resort offers. For a complete directory see our website at PanoramaResort.com.



Snow Sports

Part of the Powder Highway it is no wonder that Panorama is a popular destination for skiing, snowboarding, alpine winter paragliding, heli-skiing and snowmobiling. Panorama Mountain boasts one of the largest verticals in Canada and with 120 named runs, 5000 square kilometers of heli skiing terrain and a bowl named Paradise just for snowmobiling, there is something to keep everyone entertained.

Over it's 50 years in operation, Panorama has also developed a renowned snow sports program and employs some of the best ski and snowboard instructors in the world, along with a dedicated novice discovery zone.

Ice-Skating

Officially recognized as the longest ice skating trail in the world, the Windermere Whiteway offers 34 kilometers of skating. A free shuttle provides access from Panorama to the Whiteway, just 20 minutes away.



ACCOMMODATION

Basic budget hotel rooms to luxury three bedroom townhomes are available right at the base of the mountain. Accommodation is directly mountainside or within a two minute gondola ride or short stroll from your building.

All units in lodges and townhomes have fully equipped kitchens, making self catering an easy option.

Panorama features four broad types of accommodation. There are choices in the Upper Village, Lower Village, Townhomes or the Pine Inn.

Upper Village Condos

These condos feature an exceptional location, next to the chairlift in the Upper Village area. These are some of the resort's most exclusive lodging. Choose from a variety of mountainside room configurations and proximity to the Panorama Springs Hot Pools.

Lower Village Condos

Located in the Lower Village near Toby Creek, these condos feature access to the mountain via the Village

Gondola. Older in style than the Upper Village Condos these units are a great smart value choice and you still just a few minutes from all the action!

Townhomes

Townhomes are a great option for families and groups and are more spacious than the condos. Located throughout both the Upper and Lower Villages each townhomes includes private laundry facilities.

Pine Inn

Basic, budget friendly accommodation with direct access to the main chairlift. The Pine Inn is the resort's most economical choice and is perfect for travelers just looking for a comfy bed.





SUMMER ITINERARIES

OVERNIGHT & DAY VISITS

If your here for just the night or passing through for the day you can get a quick snapshot of the resort. Enjoy a Mile 1 Express chairlift ride to a scenic lookout, stroll around the paved valley trail and stop for lunch at Cliffhanger Restaurant at Greywolf partway along the route. Do the 'Let it Ride' package and enjoy a day in the Bike Park with a rental bike, protective gear and a 3-hour group lesson included.

3 DAYS

Three days really isn't enough time to fully explore Panorama but if you only have a whirlwind weekend to spare then make sure you don't miss out on some key experiences. Soak in the giant hot pools, take in a half day ATV tour and enjoy a day in the bike park. Option: Visit the team at Pure Massage for a truly blissful afternoon.

1 WEEK

Seven days will give you a good taste of what Panorama has to offer. Spend 5 days in the mountains and on the resort. There's likely a reason you want to come to

Panorama in the first place albeit, golf, mountain biking or adventure sports. Be sure to schedule enough time to really enjoy what you are passionate about, but don't forget the relaxation that is rewarded to those play and the Panorama Springs Pools or making beads at Saffire Bead and Flameworks is a great way to unwind.

Take a full day ATV tour or spend a day on the white water with Kootenay River Runners. Invite the children, but if they are too young rest assured that they will be well catered for at a variety of PanoKids activities.

Be sure to spend at least an afternoon or two in the Columbia Valley at the Saturday morning Farmer's Market, swimming in the lake or taking part in one of the many activities the valley has to offer like canoeing. For a break, browse the many art galleries of Invermere, dine on local cuisine and enjoy the daily, weekly & featured events on offer.

Option: Take a day trip into nearby Kootenay National Park.





WHAT TO EXPECT IF YOU ARE A MOUNTAIN BIKER

PAVED LOOP

If you have a family and are just looking for a leisurely pedal with the kids then look no further than the Valley Trail. This paved multipurpose loop is a must for relaxed biking. The trail, which runs for 6 km, starts at the Adventure Centre and wraps around Greywolf while much of the time running beside the Toby Creek.

CROSS COUNTRY DOUBLE TRACK

Experience fun down and up-hill sections on this double-track trail while taking in the beautiful views of the Purcell mountain range on the Delphine Trail. Take the trail out to the Hale Hut for a scenic picnic lunch. Trail in its entirety is 10 km.

CROSS COUNTRY SINGLE TRACK

Another great cross-country trail in the local area of the Toby Bench's. The Johnson Trail (11 km) and the Kloosifier (8.2 km) are about 12 and 16 km from the resort respectively and offer outstanding single track riding. Take a dip in Lake Lillian on your way back up to

the resort. This fun and challenging intermediate trail has some great flowy sections, good climbs and technical descents.

DOWNHILL

Beat the crowds and discover authentic downhill mountain biking at Panorama. The Panorama Bike Park has a number of trails to challenge riders of all levels. With high-speed chairlift access, choose from easier trails for those new to the sport, varied intermediate trails to boost confidence on steeps, features, and technical terrain, or expert downhill trails with man-made features. The Bike Park has played host to the Canadian National Mountain Bike Championships and the Canada Cup on multiple occasions.



INSIDER ADVICE

The best cappuccino can be found at Mile 1 Hut, best sandwiches at the PicNic Cafe, best burger and pint at the T-Bar.

Don't miss the view from Toby Creek Suspension Bridge for a picture perfect snapshot. For the quintessential family photo there is no place better than the top of The Mile 1 Express chairlift with Mt. Nelson dominating the background. The best area for wildlife spotting is along the paved Valley Trail. Here you'll likely encounter squirrels, chipmunks, deer, river species and a variety of other animals.

Money

Canadian dollars are the norm at Panorama. US dollars can be easily exchanged on the resort and there are several banks in Invermere to exchange foreign currency.

ATMs can be found around the resort and also in Invermere. Debit cards and major credit cards are accepted and there is no minimum spend on transactions so you don't need to worry about carrying lots of cash.



It is a good idea to inform your credit card company before you travel, especially if you're travelling from abroad and don't travel internationally very often. To protect you, credit card companies may place a hold on your card owing to unusual activity – not a good thing part way through your trip.

Costs

Prices at Panorama are more reasonable than other Canadian resorts. A burger and fries will cost you around \$15 and a pint starts at about \$5.

However, there are always creative ways to keep your costs down. All Panorama condos have full kitchens where you can chef up your own meals. An on-resort grocery store and a free shuttle bus to the supermarkets in Invermere will help keep your refrigerator well stocked.

Kids under 8 years old ski free and all restaurants offer children's menus or provide half-portion options for kids.

Tipping

Tips and service charges are usually not automatically added to a bill. If service is satisfactory, customers generally give waitstaff 10% to 20% of the total bill. Hairdressers, estheticians and other service specialists such as Snow School coaches receive around 20 percent.

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Bellhops, doormen and porters are generally tipped \$1 to \$2 for each item of luggage.

Waitstaff and baristas generally rely on tips to supplement their wages.

Taxes

British Columbia applies a five percent goods and services tax along with an seven percent provincial sale tax. A two percent tourism tax is also charged on lodging and some goods.

Communications

High speed wireless Internet is available throughout the resort for purchase.

Renting Gear

A variety of bikes, skis and snowboards can all be rented on the resort within season. Outerwear for a day on the mountain can be purchased through retail stores at Panorama or in Invermere. With airline luggage fees increasing renting gear is a more economical choice and also enables you to use the latest gear.

When to visit

Summer operations run from late June to early September, with August being the busiest month.



The snow season lasts from mid December to mid April. The busiest time during the winter months is Christmas and New Year, Alberta Family Day Weekend in February and March. The best deals can often be found in January and early April.

If you are looking to escape and relax, great deals can be found in Spring and Fall when the weather is still warm but limited activities are happening around the resort.



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