

SORCERER LODGE

Sorcerer is a remote backcountry lodge located in the Selkirk Mountain Range of British Columbia. Our office is in Golden, and access to Sorcerer itself is by helicopter.



We have offered backcountry adventures, both summer and winter for over 25 years now and have had well over 2600 people visit since incorporation.

Sorcerer Lodge sits high on a rocky perch, at 6700 feet, between two heavily glaciated valleys. In either season, the terrain is very rugged and the area remote. Although not for beginners, this is a perfect place for experienced travellers to have a backcountry escape or adventure. The skiing involves glacier travel and we try to incorporate some alpine ascents if the customers are interested. Otherwise, the lodge has easy access to excellent tree skiing and long traverses over several valleys.



Our snowpack is that of the famous Selkirk Mountains – more stable than the Rockies and consistently deep. We monitor weather and snowpack conditions daily and keep detailed records of avalanche events and changes in conditions. All this information is archived and kept so that we can monitor both climactic and snowpack trends over the years. We also share data with surrounding areas and with Avalanche Canada through the InfoEx (an industry information sharing site) for use on their public bulletin.



Sorcerer is a member of the Canadian Avalanche association and is a subscriber to the INFO-Ex exchange. Sorcerer Lodge has completed our avalanche safety plan as required by WSBC and we share this plan with all visiting groups managed by guides.

We offer mountaineering trips and courses with highly qualified guides and instructors. All guides are certified ACMG (Association of Canadian Mountain Guides) or UIAGM (The European equivalent). Groups consist of 8-14 customers, two guides, a cook and frequently a practicum student guide as well. Sorcerer takes referrals from both the ACMG and other operations for practicum positions. These placements help the students gain valuable experience and mentorship from our professionals. We have supported the practicum program for many, many years.

Sorcerer accepts unguided groups as well as offering guided packages. These groups must show appropriate avalanche and glacier travel training and experience. Résumés are kept on file. Groups who do not have appropriate experience are referred to other areas with less challenging terrain.

All customers read and sign a waiver of acceptance of risk. Like all backcountry operators using Crown Lands, we are required by both our insurance companies and the provincial government to have these. Our safety record was near perfect. Although we have had several skiing mishaps over the 25 years of operation, this is our first fatality and our second serious accident.



In a world that is moving faster, technology is keeping us busy, and where we seem crowded together, Sorcerer is a refuge. We help people find a sense of peace in a beautiful wilderness setting where they have a chance to think about a different set of priorities for a time. The excitement of skiing down an untracked field of powder is balanced by the thoughtful introspection of the walk back up. We care for our customers and one by one, we have tried to give them a holiday that will be remembered and treasured.

Quotes:

I have now done this type of trip 3 times and your hut is the best yet. I realize as a business owner what a lot of work it must be for you to make this all work each week for each person. You do a great job. I want you to know that these trips are really a special time for me each year. It is truly the one and only time that I can be away from the phone and email that seem to run my life. I can just Zen out while I walk up the beautiful terrain.
-Bill Darah

I am still buzzing from our trip, returning in my imagination to some of the finest moments. Some of my favorite memories were on climbs: the late-afternoon traverse across the top of Perfect Glacier before booting to the top. It was cold, clear, almost dusk, and so quiet and peaceful. Above all else, I really appreciate and admire the way you run your show. It's inspiring to see the closeness and love between you and your staff. You are generous and kind to all, and they're lucky you're around.

-Michael Maisonpierre

I would also like to offer my thanks to everyone for a truly wonderful week. The lodge, the terrain, the conditions - all were amazing. But it was the group that really made it special. It was a pleasure to share the experience with you all and I hope our paths will cross again.

-Mark Chin

I want to thank you all for such an amazing time. That was definitely one of the best weeks of my life and you all helped make it very special.

-Tanya Warneck

Tannis, thanks a ton for everything - you are a wonderful host and provided us with the experience of a lifetime. My eyes are open wide to the possibilities up there now so thank you so much for expanding my horizons! Randy was an exceptional guide and Stephanie outdid herself with each meal ... not to mention the fact that they were both wonderful people to hang out with. The only fear of my doing another trip like this is that it now has so much to live up to! Your friend in San Francisco,

- Scott Daily

Just dropping a note to let you know how great our week was at Sorcerer. The staff was fantastic, the crowds invisible and of course you did ok with the weather! We all made it home safe and sound. Hope to see you again...

- Sue McEvoy

Hey Tannis. I just wanted to let you know that you were involved in stamping an impression in my life that I will remember forever. I had such a wonderful time skiing at Sorcerer. I want also to tell you how wonderful Randy, Deb, and Russ were. Thank you so much and I hope to see you again in the near future!!!

-Amy Denicke

Hi Tannis, Just a note to thank you and your great staff for a wonderful experience! Thanks to everyone involved @ Sorcerer, Mark and Marko for their incredible professionalism, Jamie for all her magic in the kitchen, and thank you for selecting such a great group to put Jeff and I together with. I am trying to put together a group for next season, we shall see...

-Ray Price

Thank you again for the fabulous week! LOVED your staff and everything else about our week. You now have 12 other believers. Stay tuned for reservations next year...

-Charlotte Fox

I'm not sure how often you hear what wonderful experiences people have had at Sorcerer Lodge, but I will add to your list by telling you that my experience was outstanding! That week skiing there has now grown to epic proportions in my mind, and even though I fear a repeat visit could not match my exaggerated memories - I am willing to someday take the risk, that maybe I am wrong, and it could be better! ;-) It has placed high on my list of top ten lifetime experiences.

-Erika Stork

Regardless of the weather difficulties at the end of the week, this vacation was easily placed at the top of my list of great adventures. Back home now for just over a month, we are already getting ready to send in our deposits to reserve Sorcerer Lodge for next year's trip!

-Spunqi

Thanks for a fantastic week at Sorcerer - it was truly magical. I'd particularly like to pass on my appreciation to you and the guides (Lee and Terry), for the way you handled our group concerns in light of the recent accidents at SME and Rogers Pass. You were spot-on about Lee; he reads the terrain extremely well and takes a much appreciated easy-going approach with guests. Nelson and I also enjoyed the opportunity to learn as much as possible from Lee, Terry and Doug

-Peter Nicholson

Tannis,

Awesome Week. What a great way to start the 2nd half of my century. We greatly appreciated the help from Steve and Nicolas during the week. Nicolas WILL BE the best skiing ski guide that we have had the opportunity to shred with.

Most of all thanks go to you for creating and managing the opportunity for us to have TOO MUCH FUN.

Best Regards, Kirk

Hello Tannis and Steve,
Thanks for having us at your lodge for another great week of skiing. It was a much needed break for me from the constant computer and paper work, stress of management, and the like. Felt very good to be in the backcountry exercising my athletic side with my good ski buddies. I hope you got enough ski report/wisegoat info from Steve and Nicolas; I thought Nicolas was reporting for his guide practice, and of course Steve is the master anyway. We certainly love your piece of paradise and Ullr was very kind to us really. The company was excellent, we appreciate your hospitality, and I'm sure will be back in years to come.

All the best, Laura

Hello, Tannis:

On my way home I was reflecting on the common elements which I have seen in backcountry lodges, and trips in general. It's quite a challenge pulling together a group who can do the ski mountaineering basics, and then making sure that they are both safe and they have a good time. Some pretty

strong personalities tend to show up! I realized that you win the prize for making it all happen during a week.

At Sorcerer, you establish the primacy of fun and cooperation and downplay some of the posturing and competition with always crops up. I especially appreciate that your guides are unthreatened by the expertise which your guests bring, and you are able to fold their abilities into the flow of the week.

So, thanks for some great time, both for me and for my friends and family. I look forward to doing it again.

Cheers, Henry