



Heliski unwritten rules and considerations



Heliski is a fun activity that also allows those who are not experienced in ski-touring to reach places that otherwise would not be accessible, but we cannot guarantee that Heliskiing is always possible because this is a complex activity that requires the combination of many positive factors:

- **The weather must be perfect**, without the slightest wind, which in the high mountains, with good weather is only rarely possible.
- **Snow conditions must be optimal and the avalanche risk or other objective hazards (see crevices on the glaciers) must be minimal**, especially if the itinerary is unplanned, the conditions have not been checked and the consistency and stability of the snow cover is unknown.
- **The physical conditions of the participants must be very good** because you will fly to altitude in a very short time and this can cause problems but above all excessive fatigue. We always try to offer our guests at least one day off-piste skiing as preparation and testing before the actual heliski day. During this time we inform our guests about everything you need to know about off-piste and safety in the winter environment.
- **The skiing technique of the participants** must also be very good with good ski control without any mistakes, especially if you move on glacial terrain where crevices often require the need to follow a single track.
- **The snow must be beautiful and fun on the descent that "is worth it"**: we think it's not worth spending a lot of money, getting up early, creating pollution and noise and then making a descent that you could still reach with the lifts, maybe just with a short climb or skiing on the crust snow on which you cannot even make a turn!

We tend not to encourage our clients to practice this activity if one of the above conditions is missing.

We also want to point out that Heliski, even if done by observing the rules and a code of ethics that although not written has some very important considerations, **it is a high impact environmental activity and therefore must be done without abusing it.**