

## South America's Premier Helicopter Skiing Operation





**Welcome to  
Powder South Heli-Ski Guides**



Powder South Heli-Ski Guides is South America's premier helicopter ski operation, **located in the heart of the Chilean Central Andes.** Since 2002, we have been offering excellence in heli-skiing, deep in the enchanting and rugged Andes Mountain Range of Southern South America.

At Powder South, we present an entirely new dimension of remote **heli-skiing with world-class standards**, and vast terrain for skiers and snowboarders from around the world. We offer **week long and three-day packages** of absolutely the best heli-skiing in the most alluring and pristine terrain the Andes has to offer with thousands of vertical feet of untouched champagne powder. Our Heli-ski packages are culturally unique and reflect the generous hospitality of the traditional Chilean mountain lodges.

Our location in the Southern Hemisphere enables us to offer alternate season heli-skiing during the Northern Hemisphere summers, from June to October.



## **Founders of Powder South**

Powder South Heli-Ski Guides was founded by ski and mountaineering entrepreneurs and guides, Rodrigo Mujica (IFMGA/UIAGM Guide) and Joaquín Oyarzún (former Olympic Skier). Both have dedicated their lives to the mountains and to excellence in mountain guiding and adventure travel. This synergy of talents brings Powder South to the highest level of Heli-ski guiding in South America. We proudly invite you to join us in exploring fresh powder, true adventure and vertical challenge within the unsurpassed beauty of the Chilean Andes.



### Rodrigo Mujica / Director

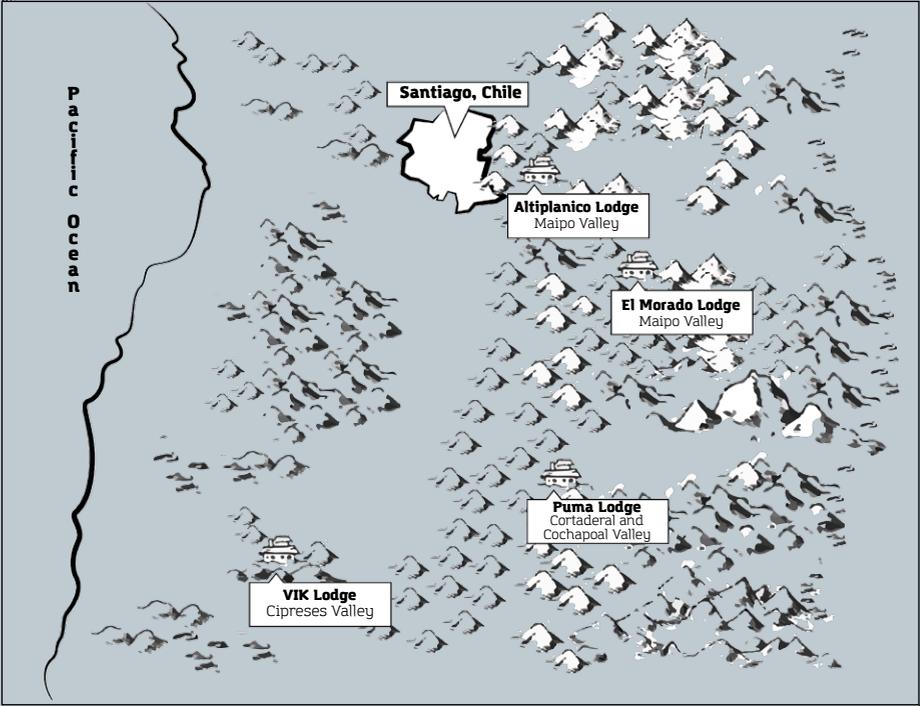
An Internationally Certified UIAGM / IFMGA Mountain Guide, Director and Co-Founder of Powder South. Has been a guide for 30+ years. He has led 24 expeditions to Denali and 32 expeditions to Aconcagua. He has been to several Expeditions to the Himalayas, Antarctica, Patagonia, Alaska, Bolivian and Peruvian Andes and the world over. Several Patagonian Ice Cap explorations including the first east-west traverse of the Northern Ice Cap. First ascents in Antarctica, the Andes and Alaska; speed ascents of Denali, Aconcagua, and Juncal. Has extensive climbing and guiding experience in Yosemite and the Alps. He's a former Technical Committee member for the American Mountain Guides Association and a former Senior Guide at Exum Mountain Guides in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. Rodrigo owns as well AVENTURAS PATAGONICAS and MOUNTAIN SAFETY. Speaks fluent English, French and Spanish.



### Joaquín Oyarzún / Director

Executive Director and Co-Founder of Powder South. Joaquín is an ex Olympic skier, racing for 8 years at the World Cup speed skiing circuit culminating his career at the Winter Olympic Games in Albertville, France. He became a Professional Ski Instructor at the ENSA in Chamonix, 1985. His mountain experience includes 5 successful Aconcagua ascents, many Central Andes peaks and several expeditions to the Himalayas; Shishapangma (Central Summit), Cho Oyu (Camp 2), Manaslu (Camp 3). Joaquín owns and operates KL ADVENTURE and MOUNTAIN SAFETY. He speaks Spanish, German, French and English.

# Endless terrain of Andean powder from June to October



## Location / Terrain

POWDER SOUTH operates in the **Chilean Central Andes**, primarily between latitudes 32 degrees and 35 degrees south. We are based outside of Santiago, Chile, where **we have access to thousands of hectares of unlimited terrain.** Such terrain includes the Aconcagua, Juncal, and Rio Colorado Valleys to the North; the Olivares, Parraguirre, and Tupungato Valleys located centrally, and the Aparejo, Marmolejo, Pangal, Rengo to Tinguiririca Valleys to the South. This is an amazingly vast mountain region offering a **wide variety of perfect heli-skiing and snowboarding terrain,** from glaciated Andean peaks to steep ridges and gullies, with elevations ranging from 2,500 meters (8,250 feet) to 4,500 meters (14,850 feet). You almost must see it for yourself to believe it. Every run is surrounded by a breathtaking backdrop of 6,700-meter (22,000-foot) peaks.

Not an expert skier or snowboarder? No problem. **Our highly skilled, experienced, and professional guides find terrain to match every skier and snowboarder's ability and standards.** With endless terrain and vertical available to POWDER SOUTH, our guides have no problem finding safe runs for those who want to challenge themselves and improve their skills, as well as terrain suitable for those who want a mellow, fun, and exclusive powder day in the backcountry. We have the benefit of a maritime snowpack, which is light and dry due to the high altitude; **champagne powder at its finest!** Snow accumulation comes from the Pacific Ocean, a mere 100 miles (160 km) west of the Andes. **Flying conditions are best during winter** due to an almost zero thermal reduction, which keeps the cumulus clouds away and leads to an abundance of bluebird days.



## Powder South Heli-Ski Packages

Powder South offers a wide variety of packages for you to choose the option that suit you best. You can choose between :

- **3 day or weekly packages.**
- **Different Weekly packages :**
  - **Semi Private with one helicopter** (12 hours flight time/8 people),
  - **Semi Private with two helicopters** (14 hours flight time/8 people),
  - Or a **Private Group** (10 hours flight time/4 people).
- **Different Accommodations:**
  - **Cozy and stylish lodges** surrounded by stunning and majestic Andean Landscape,
  - or a **5 star-hotel in the cosmopolitan city of Santiago.**
- Moreover now, we offer you our new weekly **COMBINATIONS PACKAGES** that offers the best variety of skiing and accommodations. Available on semi private week with 2 helicopters and private week packages.

**Two helicopters option to fit to any  
ski level and desire of the group**





### **1. Three-Day Andes Heli-Package**

For skiers & snowboarders who want a taste of the best in Chilean Heliskiing or do not have time to commit to a full Heli week. Package for 8 skiers/snowboarders in 2 groups of 4 each with 2 guides, based out of our different Andean lodges or the cosmopolitan city of Santiago.

### **2. Semi-Private Heli-Package Week-1 Helicopter**

The most requested package for 8 skiers/snowboarders in 2 groups of 4 each with 2 guides, based out of our different Andean lodges or the cosmopolitan city of Santiago.

### **3. Semi-Private Heli-Package Week-2 Helicopters**

A new option for 8 skiers/snowboarders in 2 groups of 4 each with 2 guides with TWO HELICOPTERS that permit to split the group regarding the ski level and desires of each client with no wait. A tailor-made package that will make you feel like a private. It can be based out of our different Andean lodges or the cosmopolitan city of Santiago.



### **4. Private Exclusive Heli-Package Week**

Our exclusive high-end package for 4 skiers/snowboarders with one guide has been in high demand by our yearly returning clientele. It can be based out of our different Andean lodges or the cosmopolitan city of Santiago.

### **5. Combination Heli-Ski & Heli-Board Package**

This new program offers the best variety of skiing and accommodations in one week. Based out of El Morado Lodge, Puma Lodge and Santiago 5-Star Hotels, you can combine it as follow:

- El Morado Lodge (3 nights), Puma Lodge (3 nights), Santiago (1 night)
- El Morado Lodge (3 nights), Santiago (4 nights)
- Puma Lodge (3 nights), Santiago (4 nights)

This package is available for Private Week (only 4 people) and Semi-Private Week (8 people) with two helicopters.



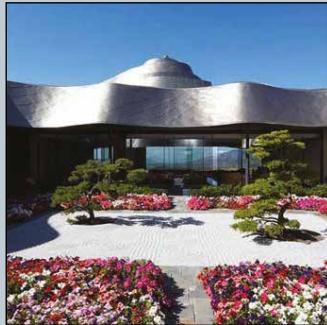
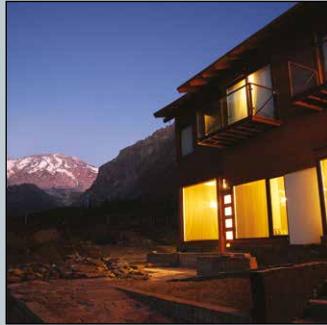
### **6. Andes Heli Assisted Ski Tour Package**

Based out of Altiplanico Lodge, El Morado Lodge and/or Puma Lodge. The BEST of BOTH worlds! Discover the magnificent Andes at a slower pace where you earn your turns, using helicopter power for the approach each day and then your own power to ski tour in the most amazing wilderness the Andes has to offer.

**Enjoy both our remote Andes lodges  
and the cosmopolitan city of Santiago in one week**

## Lodging

We use the existing and comfortable infrastructure of Chile's traditional mountain lodges, such as



- **The contemporary 5 stars Puma Lodge**, located in the Rio Los Cipreses National Reserve, one valley due south of our former base in the Maipo Valley. It is surrounded by the magnificence of the Andes.
- **The newer El Morado Lodge** with a deluxe SPA. Located at the end of the MAIPO VALLEY, this new lodge has the closest and best access to ski terrain.
- **The charmingly rustic Altiplancio Lodge**, locally owned, is a jewel of Andean hospitality located in the Maipo Valley. Situated on an exclusive forested parkland along the banks of the scenic Maipo River, you will enjoy a lovely walking garden with paths, outdoor swimming pool, hot tub.
- **The stylish VIK Lodge** is an avant-garde retreat and wine-spa. Viña Vik showcases art and design in a cutting-edge architecture masterpiece of Alexander Vik and his wife Carrie, along with renowned Architect Marcelo Daglio.

**Treat yourself with a deluxe après-ski  
in the heart of the majestic Andes**





For the urban Lovers that want more action and night life in the cosmopolitan city of Santiago we use as well:

- **5-Star Hotels in Santiago, as Riz Carlton, W Hotel or Grand Hyatt.**

Santiago is a happening city, with sophistication, the highest standards in cuisine, and great nightlife. It is so unique it cannot be done out of any other city on the planet. Imagine skiing deep powder all day long in the heart of the pristine Chilean Andes, and at the end of the day, land on the rooftop of one of the most luxurious hotels the city has to offer.

**NEW**

**We offer weekly COMBINATION PACKAGES that offer the best possible variety of skiing and accommodations.**

You have the choice between:

- **El Morado Lodge** (3 nights), Puma Lodge (3 nights), Santiago (1 night)
- **El Morado Lodge** (3 nights), Santiago (4 nights)
- **Puma Lodge** (3 nights), Santiago (4 nights)

## Remote powder skiing only 15 minutes away from the city



## Safety

**Our safety record is impeccable.** We strive for excellence and safety in every aspect of our operation. Powder South Heli-ski Guides has **top Professional UIAGM Guides** with decades of experience heli-ski guiding internationally, **the best team of helicopter pilots** available, **a full-time helicopter mechanic on site** (performing twice daily maintenance / mechanical checks of the helicopters), communications (radios and satellite phones), detailed snow forecast, guides meetings, ABS (Avalanche Airbag System) provided to all our clients, and safety equipment (including beacons, probes, shovels, and a mobile rescue cache). Our meticulous approach to safety speaks for itself. **We are a reliable and valuable resource in the Heli-ski industry.**

## Our Pilots

Powder South Heli-Ski Guides works with **the best helicopter-ski pilots in the industry.** We partner with the most reputable **Local Helicopter Companies** in Chile as Ecopter and Suma Air and as well, **Air Zermatt** in Europe, whose reputation for high altitude flying and mountain rescue is unsurpassed. The partnership between those companies and Powder South Heli-Ski Guides provides an **unparalleled level of safety and quality heli-ski experience.**

Our team of pilots are highly trained and experienced professionals. They know the Andes Mountain Range exceedingly well and manage landing zones at high altitude with superior expertise.

Each helicopter is equipped with a GPS, satellite phone, VHF, first aid, oxygen, avalanche rescue and survival equipment. We use state-of-the-art AS 350-B3 and Bell 407 Helicopters, the highest possible standard for heli-skiing in the high Andes.





**YOUR safety is OUR main concern!**

**Our certified Expert Mountain Guides  
provide you a safe and tailor-made adventure**



## Our Heli-Ski Guides

We are a team of highly skilled professionals. Powder South's heli-ski guides are all, **UIAGM/IFMGA International Certified Mountain Guides** and without question, some of the finest heli-ski guides in the world, with **vast experience heli-ski guiding** around the planet, from Alaska to Greenland, Turkey, India, Canada, Russia, Europe, Sweden, Japan and South America. Some of our guides own and operate heli-ski operations in other parts of the world, and **they bring their expertise, knowledge, and professionalism to Powder South.** They are leaders in their profession and possess the expertise and talent to guide your heli-ski/snowboard adventure, to find the best possible snow conditions and terrain for your enjoyment, with **the safety only a professional can provide.**

# Anjan Truffer

Heli Ski Guide



Internationally Certified Guide. He was born and raised in Zermatt, Switzerland. He has been guiding in Canada for CMH, for the last 8 years, and now with Powder South. He has also Heli-ski guided widely in Europe, as well in Greenland and Alaska. Anjan has guided in the Chilean Central Andes extensively on Tupungato, Aconcagua, Lullailaco, Pissis, Bonete, Mercedario, Marmolejo, San Jose and el Plomo. He has also guided on Alaska's Mount McKinley (Denali), Cho-Oyu, Ama Dablam, Elbrus and many peaks in Peru. Anjan speaks English, French, German, Italian and Spanish.



# Stefan Palm

Heli Ski Guide



Internationally Certified Guide. Stefan is from Sweden and has been guiding all over the world for the last 23 years in search of perfect snow, good climbing and challenging summits. After several seasons in Chamonix, he traveled to many different places in the world. Stefan owns Heliskiguide Sweden. He lives in the French Southern Alps. His specialty has always been adventure travel, specializing in climbing and skiing. We feel honored to have Stefan as one of Powder South premier Heli-ski Guides.

# Didier Eynard

Heli Ski Guide



Internationally Certified Guide. Didier has been Ski Guiding for over 20 years, Didier has done a large amount of Heli-Skiing in Switzerland, Italy, Greenland and Chile. Back country ski trips in the Alps, Morocco and the Norwegian Fjords. When not pursuing skiing in the wildest places Didier also works as a Mountain Guide in the Vanoise Massif and throughout the Alps. He has climbed all over the world, as well as in the Himalayas (Cho-Oyu). He speaks French and English.





# Philippe de Gelis

Heli Ski Guide



Internationally Certified Guide and Professional Ski Instructor. He has been guiding since 1984: Heli-ski, backcountry and off-piste ski trips in the French, Swiss, Italian and Austrian Alps, the Pyrenees, Spain, Morocco, South America, Greenland. When not chasing powder Philippe also likes climbing, canyoning and trekking Morocco, Peru, Bolivia, Argentina, Chile, Nepal... But what he enjoys most is sharing his ever-ending enthusiasm for the mountains. He speaks French, English and Spanish.

# Yves Poensin

Heli Ski Guide



Internationally Certified Guide since 1987. He has heli-ski guided in the Italian Alps, Greenland, Himalayas and Chile. Yves also has plenty of experience off-piste in the French Alps, 3 Valleys, Chamonix and the Dolomites. He's manager of travel agency Monté Médio in Annecy Base camp and starting point for all the activities mountain, canyoning via ferrata and skiing. He speaks French and English.



# Angela Hawse

Heli Ski Guide



Internationally Certified Guide. Angela was the 6th woman in the U.S. to become an internationally licensed IFMGA guide. She has over 25 high altitude expeditions under her belt all over the world. She guides ski mountaineering trips to Antarctica, ski traversed across Lapland, reached the South Summit of Everest and led an all-women's ascent of Ama Dablam and Mt. Elbrus to name a few. Angela is an Instructor Team Lead for the AMGA, Owner of Chicks Climbing and Skiing and works for Telluride Helitrax as a Lead Guide and Avalanche Forecaster. She has a Master's Degree in International Mountain Conservation and in 2011 was awarded the "AMGA Guide of the Year".

# Lionel May

Heli Ski Guide



Internationally Certified Guide. Lionel is a Swiss guide, working as a Ski Guide in winters at Verbier and in summers in the Southern Hemisphere. He was born and raised in the Swiss Alps doing what he does best... climbing and skiing. Lionel's passion for the mountains has taken him everywhere in the Alps, where he is also a Rock and Ice Climbing Guide. Speaks English and French.



# Jonatan Hulten

Heli Ski Guide



International Certified Guide. Originally from Sweden but based in the Alps for many years. Background as a ski racer and free skier. Heli-ski Guide for many years in Northern Scandinavia, around Chamonix and La Grave. Loves to travel around the world with skis to meet people, new cultures and ski beautiful mountains. Jonatan is a full time Mountain and Ski Guide.

# Kent McBride

Heli Ski Guide



Internationally Certified Guide. Kent is one of the few UIAGM / IFMGA certified Americans guide. Over the past 20 years Kent has skied, climbed and guided in Europe, Chile, Canada, Mexico, Himalaya (China, Nepal, Tibet), Japan and the major hot spots around the United States. He has also worked 14 winters as a Heli-ski Guide, in the mountains of Alaska (Girdwood, Haines, Tordrillos, and Valdez), Greenland, and in Chile with Powder South. In 2005 he climbed to the Central Summit of Shishapagma (8000 meters) in Tibet without oxygen and then completed the first ski descent down the Untsch Couloir.

# Jean Pavillard

Heli Ski Guide



Internationally Certified Guide. Jean is a Swiss guide. Guiding for 30 years, he has been the technical director for the American Mountain Guides Association and worked as an examiner during the national testing for the American and British Mountain Guides Associations. He is certified by the Swiss and American guiding associations and is a member of the International Association of Mountain Guides. He has guided all over the world teaching courses on all aspects of mountaineering. He is defined as a leader in the industry dedicated to the development of education for safe mountain travel.



# Tom Bennett

Heli Ski Guide



Tom has climbed and skied extensively in Western U.S.A., Alaska, Canadian Rockies, New England, and the Alps. He has been on expeditions to Nepal and South America.

Twenty years' experience as a ski guide/instructor at Jackson Hole Mountain Resort. Ski descents of many Teton peaks including Grand Teton. Heliski Guide for Powder South in Chile and Lead guide for Alaska Rendezvous Heli-ski Guides outside Valdez, Alaska.

# Kevin O'Rourke

Heli Ski Guide



Kevin is from the USA and is the Chief Operating Officer and Lead Guide for Wasatch Powderbird Guides and Powderbird International. Powderbird is based in Utah and specializes in private and small group ski trips to deep powder caches around the world. Kevin gained further experience in snow safety and emergency first aid as a member of the Alta Ski Patrol. He has over twenty years' experience in all facets of the Heli-ski industry, mountain search and rescue, and avalanche control. He has also guided in Alaska, Canada, Japan, New Zealand, Turkey, Nepal, Chile and Greenland.

# Jerry Hance

Heli Ski Guide



Jerry pioneered more than 300 first ski descents in the Chugach Range of Alaska. With 36 years of experience, he has Heli-ski guided in Alaska longer than probably anyone we know, with an excellent safety record, and innovation, accomplishing hundreds of first descents and exploring Alaskan heliskiing to a new level in the early 90's. He also Heli-ski guide in Chile.



# Grigory Mintsev

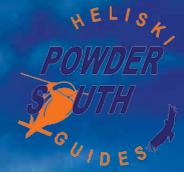
Heli Ski Guide



Born and grew up in Kamchatka peninsula, Grigory started skiing and hiking from childhood. He has been guiding since 1999 and became the first ACMG Certified Ski Guide in Russia (Association of Canadian Mountain Guides), he is also a member of the Russian Mountain Guide Association. He has spent a lot of time in Kamchatka for heliskiing, ski touring and hiking, as well as in many other regions of Russia (Kurile islands, Caucasus, Siberia), Japan, India, Argentina, Chile, Canada, Antarctica and other amazing destinations.



**Come ski Chile with us**





**Antarctic Peninsula Adventure Ski Cruise**

A unique opportunity to **trek, ski and snowboard several of the White Continent's untamed peaks.** Journey into the rugged landscape of one of earth's last frontiers while enjoying the convenience, safety and comfort of the 132-passenger Sea Adventurer Expedition ship. **Voyage from Ushuaia, Argentina, past Cape Horn, across the Drake Passage and along the Antarctic Peninsula** and join an exclusive group of travelers inspired by the legacy of Antarctic discovery.

This 13-day/12-night expedition includes daily shore landings, lectures and **zodiac excursions that will cover the history, biology, geology and politics of the Southernmost continent.** Pair all that with the human-powered experience of ski touring in and around a truly unique and beautiful landscape and this is nothing short of the trip of a lifetime! Offered in partnership with the California-based Ice Axe Expeditions.



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