

Programme:

Day 1 – Saturday

After landing in Santiago, Chile, a POWDER SOUTH representative will meet you at the airport and direct you to your hotel in Santiago. You will meet with your Heli-ski guide for gear check, briefing, and group selection. Rest or visit the cosmopolitan city of Santiago (free programme).

Day 2 – Sunday

Immediately after breakfast we drive up a spectacular mountain road with views down to Santiago and up into the high Andes, a trip of approximately an hour. Following a full day of skiing and boarding on El Colorado and La Parva Ski Resort (Max Altitude.: 11,909 feet (3,630m) – Min Alt: 9,022 feet (2,750m) – Vertical Drop: 2,887 feet (880m)), approximately 30 miles (50 km) from Santiago. We drive back to your hotel in Santiago where you can discover the city's wide range of culinary and cultural options and its exciting night life.

Day 3 – Monday

After breakfast we drive up to Valle Nevado Ski Resort (Max Altitude.: 12,040 feet (3,670m) – Min Alt: 9,383 feet (2,860m) – Vertical Drop: 2,647 (810m)). Situated in the same general area as La Parva and El Colorado but accessed by a spectacular high mountain road, Valle Nevado was built by a Franco-Chilean consortium in 1988 with the aim of developing the Southern Hemisphere's finest ski resort. Feast your eyes on El Plomo, at 17,815 feet (5,430m) it's the highest peak visible from Santiago.

Day 4 – Tuesday

After breakfast transfer you to Portillo Ski Resort (Max Altitude.: 10,898 feet (3,322m) – Min Alt: 8,234 feet (2,510m) – Vertical Drop: 2,664 feet (812m)). The trip is a stunning two-plus hour drive along the Aconcagua Valley and up the international road that links Chile and Argentina. Following a full day of free-ride you will be transferred back to your hotel in Santiago. Following a full day of free-ride you will be transferred (about 3-hour driving) to the Lodge in the Maipo Valley.

Day 5 – Wednesday

Immediately after breakfast we walk to the heliport only yards from your room. Soon we will carve our first turns in the pristine Andes, an unforgettable alpine setting of Himalayan proportions. Each group will have a minimum of 1 Heli-ski guide, a 4:1 & 5:1 ratio depending on the number of guests and helicopters we use. Today we take it slowly. It will be your first day exposed to the thin air at nearly 15,000 feet elevation in the magnificent surroundings of the dramatic and rugged Central Andes Mountains. Back to Base for the night to a well-deserved gourmet dinner at the Lodge.

Day 6 – Thursday

After breakfast we gain altitude as we become more comfortable and familiar with the terrain, as well as better acclimatized to the altitude. There is always the possibility of discovering a new landing zone, or virgin terrain never skied or snowboarded before. It is highly likely that you will have the chance to pioneer a few runs with us, since the terrain is vast and much remains unexplored. Return to Base and dinner at the Lodge.

Day 7 – Friday

Another exciting day with more runs, powder, and fun! We continue discovering the Andes and tracking fresh snow. Picnic at mid-day, then continue heli-skiing and/or heli-boarding. By this time the group will be well acclimatized and feeling stronger. We may go a bit higher or perhaps move to a different valley, depending on conditions, group strength, and abilities. We drive back to your hotel in Santiago.

Day 8 – Saturday

Breakfast and relaxing morning at your hotel. You may choose to continue traveling in Chile and South America or return home.