

## Sky Camp Tours – Frequently Asked Questions

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**1 What should I bring?** Due to flight weight restrictions, the bag you bring to camp should weigh less than **20 lbs** once packed. Other optional items guests often wish they had are: disposable waterproof camera, dry-bag and hiking poles if you are accustomed to them. Any type of synthetic material such as fleece or polypropylene works better than cotton because it has much better heat retaining properties.

#### **Clothing**

- 2 pairs of shorts
- 2 pairs of pants
- 1 warm jacket
- 3 pairs of socks
- Shirts
- Fleece
- Dry quick/water resistant clothes
- Underwear
- Rain jacket
- Toque or winter hat, gloves
- Warm underwear
- Sun hat & bathing suit
- Indoor (tent) shoes or slippers

#### **Gear**

- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Sunglasses
- Day Pack
- Duffel bag for packing
- Camera, film, batteries
- Watch
- Hiking Boots
- Fishing Gear (if desired)

#### **Personal**

- Personal toiletry items
- Sunscreen
- Lip Balm
- Wet-wipes
- Book or reading material
- ID or Passport
- Cash for souvenirs
- Cash for tipping your guides
- Towel
- Bug Spray

**2 What types of clothing are recommended?** Lightweight, quick-drying fabrics such as nylon, fleece and other synthetic materials are preferred. Cotton, especially denim, is not recommended as it retains heat and moisture. During the early morning and evening the temperature cools down significantly, so make sure you have a warm jacket, warm hat, socks and if preferred, gloves.

**3 Do I need to bring a daypack in addition to my main luggage?** It's a great idea to bring a daypack for our afternoon hikes so that you can carry your camera, water and any other gear that you might want with you. You can pack your small pack inside your main luggage to keep everything together and minimize luggage on the flight.

**4 Do I need to bring a first aid kit?** Our guides are trained and prepared for first aid situations. Packing and carrying your own first aid kit on rides is optional. If you require specific medical attention, you are required to notify Tyax Air upon booking to ensure our guides are prepared. Please bring sufficient prescribed medication(s) with you.

**5 Do I really need hiking boots?** In certain areas we will be hiking, the trail is quite rocky and high top hiking boots help prevent sprained ankles. Because hiking boots help prevent this, we strongly recommend them, but they are not mandatory.

**6 Do I need to bring my own water bottle?** No, we provide ample bottled water for all guests. Please keep the bottles we provide you for refill at our base camp.

**7 Should I bring my own snacks?** Plenty of food and snacks will be available during the trip, however, you are welcome to bring your preferred snacks. Should you bring your own, remember to never leave them in your tent or backpack unattended. Bears and other animals are a concern and will chew through anything to get to your food.

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- 8 My question is specific to women...** Ladies should bring feminine hygiene products in plastic zip-lock bags. Please bring extra zip-locks for disposal after use. Please remember, your guides, female or male, have spent many days with groups in the backcountry. They have heard your question before and will always be mindful of your privacy.
- 9 Are there bathrooms or shower facilities at the camp?** Yes, there are composting toilets that are housed in a separate structure on the edge of camp. Hot, private showers are also available. We prefer that you use biodegradable soap, shampoo and conditioner, which can be purchased at any outdoor-oriented store such as REI or MEC. Leave-in conditioners are also recommended.
- 10 Are my valuables secure at Sky Camp?** The great part about staying in such a remote area is that our group will be the only ones even remotely close to the camp. The only way to get to the camp is by floatplane. You can keep your valuables in your tent or if you want, they can be secured in the main lodge. Tyax Air, Tyax Resort and other partners are not responsible for the loss of valuables while on their tours or premises.
- 11 Is there any specific fitness or training requirements?** While you do not need to be exceptionally fit, you should feel confident in your ability to walk for periods up to four hours. Walking utilizes specific muscles that are used differently when running or cycling. The best training you can do is to take long, swift walks wearing the boots or shoes that you will wear on the trails around the camp. We recommend doing some training before you join us, as your trip will be far more enjoyable if you do not have sore muscles or blisters.
- 12 Do I cook my own food and what do we eat?** Your host will prepare all of your meals, including delicious and healthy breakfasts, lunches and dinners. If you have any special dietary needs, please notify Tyax Air when you book your trip (i.e. before you arrive at Sky Camp) so that we can make the necessary allowances.
- 13 Is alcohol allowed?** Yes. You are required to arrange your own beverages prior to arrival at Tyax Resort (options include Vancouver, Whistler and Pemberton).
- 14 What is the weather like in the South Chilcotin Mountains?** Our camp is located on the border between the Chilcotin Mountains and the Coast Mountains. This area is unique because it falls in a rain shadow so it receives very little precipitation throughout the summer. The temperature is substantially cooler in the early morning and evening, so make sure you bring a warm layer that you can put on once the camp loses the sun. The middle of the day is a great time to go for a swim right in front of the camp.
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| Average temperatures are: | JUN: 77F / 25C high<br>41F / 5C low | JUL: 82F / 28C high<br>46F / 8C low | AUG: 86F / 30C high<br>50F / 10C low |
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- 15 Are there bears and/or bugs?** With proper precautions, it is unlikely bears will bother us on our tours. Certain times of the year there are mosquitoes, black flies, horse flies and other bugs, other times there are none. We recommend you bring bug spray or light long sleeve shirts if you have a tendency to attract them.
- 16 What are the tipping guidelines?** Guests often ask us for guidelines on tipping the guides. The guides appreciate gratuities and divide them equally. Tyax Air prides itself on our outstanding crew. They are there to meet all your expectations. If you feel the service provided has been outstanding, the standard gratuity is 15% of the trip price. Tipping is at your discretion and this information is provided only as a suggestion.
- 17 What is there to do at Sky Camp?** In addition to relaxing, there are numerous hikes and activities to keep you busy. Sky Camp offers everything from biking, hiking, kayaking, canoeing and fishing, to floatplane sightseeing tours, a lake fit for swimming (with rope swing included), lake-side sauna, fire-pit, and games for the whole family.
- 18 Where can I stay in Vancouver and/or Whistler?** There are many accommodation options in Vancouver and Whistler. Visit [www.whistler.com](http://www.whistler.com) and [www.tourismvancouver.com](http://www.tourismvancouver.com) for more information.
- 19 Where is Whistler?** Whistler is nestled amongst the spectacular Coast Mountains of British Columbia, Canada, only 120 kilometres / 75 miles north of Vancouver. Whistler is home of Whistler and Blackcomb Mountains.
- 20 How do I get to Whistler?** Several transportation options are available from Vancouver to Whistler. They include Tyax Air floatplane transfers from Vancouver airport (YVR), ground transportation (Perimeter Bus Transportation – [www.perimeterbus.com](http://www.perimeterbus.com); Budget Rental Car – [www.bc.budget.com](http://www.bc.budget.com)), and the new Rocky Mountaineer rail service ([www.rockymountaineer.com](http://www.rockymountaineer.com)).
- 21 What if I have additional questions?** Please visit [www.tyaxair.com](http://www.tyaxair.com) or call us at 1-888-892-9288 and we would be happy to answer your questions.