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# WE'LL TAKE YOU ON YOUR NEXT SKIING ADVENTURE

We were raised on the ski slopes of Iceland and after we finished our careers in alpine racing which took us both to the World Cup and The Winter Olympics we turned our passion to ski guiding and backcountry skiing. We were lucky enough to have literally in our backyard a vast and amazing terrain with thousands of slopes waiting for a first decent. So we put together a powerful team of ski guides and made our base in the beautiful Siglufjörður in the North of Iceland.



Tröllaskagi (the Troll peninsula) our main skiing area has countless peaks and the rare possibility to ski from a summit directly down to the ocean. We can take you to slopes that fit every type of skiing, from the steep and gnarly to the wide and gentle.

We're truly proud to welcome you to explore our beautiful country and go on a unique skiing adventure with the Vikings.

*Björgvin Björgvinsson*

Björgvin Björgvinsson  
Owner and Lead Guide

*Jóhann H. Hafstein*

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Owner and Operation Manager





# SIGLO LUXURY HOTEL

We are proud to offer our guests to stay in the beautiful Luxury Siglo Hotel, which is one of Iceland's very best hotel. At Siglo Hotel we strive to offer our guests a relaxing environment with a classic and romantic design. All our rooms have views over the beautiful surrounding mountains and marina and from the cozy window seat you can watch life go by in this quiet little haven in north Iceland. The rooms are spacious and decorated with pictures from Siglufjordur Photo Museum spanning its history and culture. All our guests have access to our outdoor hot geothermal pool and sauna.

You will savor gourmet meals made with fresh and local food such as goose, lamb and arctic char. You might catch a glimpse of one of our enthusiastic chefs browsing for the freshest fish in north Iceland to be offered later in the day.

After an active day in the mountains loosen your muscles, have a glass of wine and enjoy the relaxation of the geothermal water in our hot tub. You may also enjoy sitting down at the bar and unwind with a pint of Icelandic beer.

At the hotel we have all the latest skis and snowboards provided to us by K2, as well as the top quality backcountry and avalanche safety equipment from BCA. We can mount, tune, and wax anything. We provide, and you ride!





# CLUBHOUSE

Our Helicopter Base is at our brand new Viking clubhouse. It is located within 2 minute drive from the Hotel. This is where we gear up and the fun begins. At the clubhouse we have BCA airbags, transceivers, boot dryer and a ski storage room. After skiing we return to the clubhouse for après ski and a barbeque at the deck.



# SKI BARN

Our guide office and Ski barn is located across the street 20meters from the Hotel. This is where you will meet the guides and get fitted with skis for the trip. Our brand new fleet of K2 skis has a wide selection of skis for all types of skiers and snow conditions.





Thank you for incredible hospitality, delicious food, exceptional accommodation and some of the best skiing and boarding of our lives. We literally had one of the best days of our lives here. Viking Heliskiing you Rule! We will be back - we love you guys.

*- Johnny and Meare, Viking Heliskiing guests*

# GET YOUR BOOTS ON AND GET READY FOR THE THRILL OF YOUR LIFE

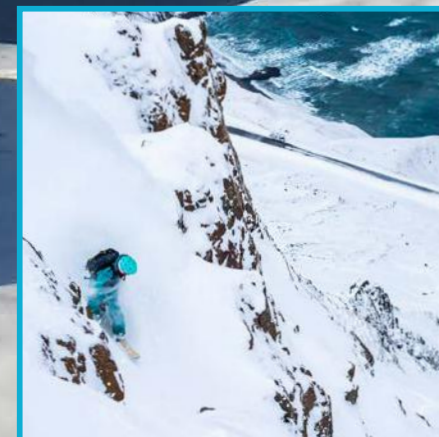
## THE TROLL PENINSULA A SKIERS PARADISE

In terms of heliskiing, there are few places in the world with as many possibilities as the Troll peninsula. The area is vast and largely unexplored. Fantastic slopes in a unique scenery.

During winter you can ski until it is dark and watch the majestic northern lights dance in the sky. In the springtime, there is nothing like skiing down slopes in between the towering peaks, ending the ride where the shoreline meets the North Atlantic.

Viking Heliskiing crew made our stay at the Troll peninsula unforgettable through their warm welcome, the great food, the amazing skiing & snowboarding and the great atmosphere among the whole crew at Viking heliskiing.

*- Flo Orley, Viking Heliskiing guest*







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One of the best Life Experiences even increased by the good vibes of the Viking Heliskiing Crew. The Environment is just Outstanding, no better place on Earth to live an incredible experience.

*- Ruben Aldonza, Viking Heliskiing guest*

**HELISKIING IS THE  
NAME OF THE GAME**





# PACKAGES AND PRICES FOR 2020 HELISKIING SEASON

Viking Heliskiing offers 3, 4, 5 and 6 days Private Heliskiing, Viking Classic and Custom Made heliskiing packages that include accommodation at the Luxury Siglo Hotel, gourmet meals, safety training and use of safety gear, all skiing equipment you will need and much more.

Tour	Season	Private <small>(Group price)</small>		Viking Classic <small>(per person)</small>	
		Price:	Vertical feet	Prices from:	Vertical feet
3 days	5th March – 31st May	€ 39.000	ft - unlimited	€ 4.900	ft - 45.000
4 days	5th March – 31st May	€ 49.000	ft - unlimited	€ 6.200	ft - 60.000
5 days	5th March – 31st May	€ 63.500	ft - unlimited	€ 7.400	ft - 75.000
6 days	5th March – 31st May	€ 76.500	ft - unlimited	€ 8.600	ft - 90.000

Viking Heliskiing is the only operator in Iceland to use Vertical feet system, which is easy to understand and more skier friendly than helicopter flight hours. When the conditions are good, we will make the most of the day and ski more feet. We are flexible with our guests and there is always a possibility to add more vertical feet to the package.

For booking tours with Viking Heliskiing please refer to our website:  
[www.vikingheliskiing.com](http://www.vikingheliskiing.com)

or send us an email on: [info@vikingheliskiing.com](mailto:info@vikingheliskiing.com) or give us a call:  
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WOW. What an amazing time!  
I can't say enough about how special this experience was. You truly have something wonderful with Viking and your giant playground of limitless terrain.  
- Brooks Pierce, Viking Heliskiing guest







# A TYPICAL TOUR WITH VIKING HELISKIING

## THE DAY OF ARRIVAL

Guests will be picked up at Akureyri airport and driven to our Luxury hotel in Siglufjörður. Guests can also be picked up in Akureyri by our helicopter upon request. When check-in at our Lodge is completed our guests will have a short meeting with other skiers and the Viking Heliskiing guides. After the meeting and a little chat dinner is served in the hotel. In the evening guests can relax and enjoy a drink and some snacks while looking at the program for the coming tour.

## THE DAYS TO COME

Ready for the thrill of your life? You better be – you are staying with the Vikings and you are about to experience an adventure of a lifetime. On the schedule is heliskiing - adventure – exploring – and unique scenery, spectacular view and some unforgettable moments.

After breakfast there will be a short briefing regarding avalanche safety and beacon training, helicopter safety, and ski-/snowboard equipment adjustment, just so everyone will be ready.

Then the fun part starts; heliskiing/helismountaineering and exploring new lines and enjoying the breathtaking view while skiing down to the Arctic Ocean. Terrain selection is determined by the guides and is based on avalanche assessment, weather and the skiing ability of the group. Your safety is our number one priority.

After detaching the skis each day you can enjoy some of the adventure packages we have to offer, e.g. whale watching, sea angling or horseback riding on the great Icelandic horse. It is also possible to bathe in Iceland's nicest swimming pool in an unforgettable environment. The other option is just to sit down at the Bar to relax and unwind with a glass of wine or a pint of Icelandic beer.

Later in the evening the group will have dinner together at the Viking Heliskiing Lodge and discuss the great runs and adventures of the day.

## DEPARTURE DAY

This is the last day of the tour. After breakfast we will head out to the mountains to enjoy our last day. On the schedule today is exploring more new lines and the breathtaking view. When we are finished skiing, it's time to pack and jump in the hot tub before enjoying the final drink and saying goodbye to your guides and your new friends.

Guests will be driven back to Akureyri where they can either go straight to the airport or spend some time in Akureyri. Upon request we can also use our helicopter to fly you back to Akureyri.

Many things in life is worth experiencing and remembering, but once in a while you get that special one. The one that stays with you forever. Viking Heliskiing was just that.

- Anders von Holck, Viking Heliskiing guest





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Viking Heliskiing is a first class operation. They offer a high level of skiing with extreme attention to every detail. I highly recommend this company to anyone considering skiing in Iceland. These guys are top notch!

- Todd Renz, Viking Heliskiing guest



# #VIKINGHELISKIING



**VIKING GUIDES**





# HELICOPTERS AND PILOTS

The fleet is made up of the most modern and meticulously maintained helicopters on the market and consist of Ecureuil Astar AS350B2 & AS-350B3 (A-Star's). The pilots are trained to the highest standards, experienced, multi-lingual and friendly with a vast knowledge of Iceland's spectacular nature. The pilots are specialized in flying in the arctic environment, especially in the Troll Peninsula area. The safety and comfort of our customers is always their main priority as well as providing them with an enjoyable experience they will never forget.

*Gorgeous surrounding, excellent accommodation, fantastic people and really good skiing: a really unique experience.*

*- Jerome Mariéthoz, Viking Heliskiing guest*





# MORE ADVENTURES

Viking Heliskiing offers special adventure tours to some of Iceland's most fascinating destinations or other exciting activities. Our guests have the opportunity to explore Iceland in a different way. We offer you to take part in all of our adventure packages that consist for example of whale watching, sea angling, horseback riding, jet ski, kayak, snowmobile tours or even a trip to the great nature baths in Mývatn or the famous Grettislaug natural pool.





# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## How many people are in each group?

*In a Private Tour we operate groups of 1-4 people with exclusive use of the helicopter. IN Viking Classsic Tours, 2-3 groups of 4 people share the helicopter.*

## How many runs can I do in one day?

*That all depends on how much vertical feet the group wants to spend in the day. When the conditions are good we normally do 10-11 runs per group each day. But of course the sky is the limit and we can ski all day long.*

## How are the snow conditions?

*Prepare for a variety of snow conditions. You could at any time be skiing fresh powder, the famous Icelandic spring corn snow or fresh and light backcountry snow.*

## What kind of helicopter do you use?

*Our fleet is made up of the most modern and meticulously maintained helicopters on the market. They consist of both the Ecureuil Astar AS350B2 and the AS-350B3 (A-Star's).*

## What about the avalanche danger?

*There is always some avalanche danger in the mountains. In backcountry skiing, the most important rule is to respect nature and adapt its conditions. This is why we use only expert professional guides who constantly analyze the snowpack to make decisions that ensure the safety of our guests. We have never been in an avalanche accident with our guests and we are proud of that!*

## Do you provide avalanche safety gear?

*Yes we do. We provide each guest with a high quality transceiver, shovel, probe and an avalanche airbag. Your safety and comfort is our primary concern.*

## How good do I have to be to go Heliskiing?

*It's often a great misconception that skiers have to be experts to go heliskiing. Truth be told, we have all kinds of terrain that will fit most types of skiers from relatively flat and easy for the moderate level skiers, all the way to a more challenging terrain for the advanced skiers.*

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## How old do you have to be to go Heliskiing?

*All participants under 18 years must have written documents from parents or a legal guardian that allow them to attend a booked tour and that their participation is in accordance with VH terms and conditions.*

## Do I bring my own ski/snowboard gear?

*Guests can of course bring their own gear but we have a wide range of K2 skis and K2 snowboards and poles that we have available for our guests to use. Guests have to bring their own boots and we recommend that the boots have been used before arrival to avoid foot pain.*

## What about snowboarders?

*Of course we welcome snowboarders like we welcome skiers.*

## What do we do if the weather is bad?

*If it is unsafe to fly the helicopter, we have a variety of exciting activities that we can arrange depending on what you are looking for. From whale watching, to sea angling, to riding an iconic Icelandic horse to swimming in Iceland natural hot springs. No matter what, you will be surrounded by Iceland's natural wonders and will never be short on things to do or see.*

## Do you have a selections of good wines?

*Yes we do!*



# LOCATION AND HOW TO GET HERE



Our headquarters are located in Siglufjörður in the northern part of Iceland.

Average flight times are between 3-4 hours from most Western European cities and 5-7 hours from North America. All international flights to Iceland go through Keflavik International Airport located just outside of Reykjavik. The main airline that flies direct to Iceland is Icelandair.

You can book your domestic flight from Reykjavik Airport to Akureyri Airport with Air Iceland Connect. There are approximately five flights daily between Reykjavik and Akureyri and you will find all information about flight times on [www.airicelandconnect.is](http://www.airicelandconnect.is) We recommend that you book the latest flight when traveling back from Akureyri to Reykjavik. The latest flight from Akureyri is 8:10pm. Air Iceland Connect offers direct domestic flights between Keflavik International Airport (KEF) and Akureyri (AEY) North Iceland in connection to international flights via Keflavik. However these flights are only available several days a week.

To get from Keflavik International Airport to Reykjavik Domestic Airport, you can simply take a taxi for the quick 40 minute ride.

Our staff will pick you up in Akureyri Domestic Airport and drive you to our hotel. This drive will take approximately one hour. If requested in advance, you also have the option to be picked up by helicopter, and that ride will take approximately 20 minutes. The cost for the helicopter pick up is 2.900 EUR (divided by number of passengers in the helicopter).

If you choose to drive from Keflavik International Airport to the Hotel Siglo, the drive will take approximately 5 hours. Driving to Hotel Siglo is via Highway 1 in direction to Akureyri and then left turn onto road 82, direction Dalvik, Olafsfjörður.

For further information about travelling to Iceland, Akureyri and the Siglufjörður Hotel, please contact us via email [info@vikingheliskiing.com](mailto:info@vikingheliskiing.com)





# EQUIPMENT LIST

We recommend that you bring with you the following gear:

- *Pair of well-fitted ski boots (not brand new)*
- *Waterproof or water resistant outerwear (something that you can layer underneath)*
- *Synthetic long underwear (tops and bottoms)*
- *Light fleece or primaloft jacket (ideal for layering)*
- *Compact down jacket (ideal for lunchtime)*
- *Ski gloves*
- *2 hats (1 for colder days and 1 for warmer days)*
- *2-3 pairs of ski socks*
- *Swim suit (for our hot geothermal pool)*
- *Helmet and ski goggles*
- *Sunscreen and Lip Protection*
- *Camera/film.*

At the hotel there is a ski-shop where you can buy things like jackets, socks, and beanies provided by our partner Salewa.

Viking Heliskiing is a proud partner with K2 Skis and BCA avalanche gear. If you prefer to use our K2 skis or boards and ski poles and BCA avalanche gear (Airbag, shovel, probe and transceiver) then you are more than welcome and all the gear is included in the package. We do have all the newest models of K2 skis and boards and BCA gear, both for man and women. Guests can of course also use their own gear. It is mandatory to ski with Avalanche airbag, transceiver, shovel and probe while skiing with Viking Heliskiing.

## K2 Men's Skis:

*K2 Mindbender 99, 108 – Sizes: 177, 179, 184, 186*  
*K2 Marksman 106 – Sizes: 170, 177, 184*  
*K2 Pinnacle 95 – Sizes: 170, 177, 184*  
*K2 Pinnacle 105 – Sizes: 170, 177, 184, 191*  
*K2 Pinnacle 118 – Sizes: 184, 191*  
*K2 Wayback – Sizes: 177, 184*

## K2 Women's Skis:

*K2 Fulluvit 95 – Sizes: 163, 170*  
*K2 Fulluvit 98 – Sizes: 163, 170*  
*K2 LuvBoat 105 – Sizes: 163, 170*  
*K2 LuvBoat 108 – Sizes: 163, 170*  
*K2 Potion 90 – Sizes: 163*  
*K2 Potion 98 – Sizes: 170*

# PERSONAL INSURANCE

Viking Heliskiing does not carry health, life or injury insurance for our guests. We recommend that you purchase insurance to cover personal injury, cancellation and property losses prior to your Viking Heliskiing vacation. It is important that you are insured in case of injury and hospital cost, air ambulance expenses and personal belongings against loss.

We do recommend World Nomads [www.worldnomads.com](http://www.worldnomads.com) and also Global Rescue for US residents [www.globalrescue.com](http://www.globalrescue.com)





# REFUND POLICY AND CANCELLATION

## Refund:

If less than the guaranteed amount of vertical feet have been reached we will refund you at EUR 30 for each 1.000 vertical feet. Refunds are given only if a person gets less than the guaranteed amount of skiing due to inclement weather, avalanche hazard or breakdown of equipment. We do not refund guests who do not reach their guaranteed amount of vertical feet due to poor skiing ability, fitness or injury. If you decide to come in early or not ski at all, no refund will be issued should the guaranteed vertical feet not be reached.

## Cancellation:

In the event of a cancellation, the cancellation must be confirmed in writing through email – [info@vikingheliskiing.com](mailto:info@vikingheliskiing.com) If a cancellation request is received less than ten (10) weeks before the trip commencement, and if you or Viking Heliskiing can find a replacement for the trip booked, all funds will be transferred to the replacement. If a cancellation is received by Viking Heliskiing less than ten (10) weeks before the trip commencement and you cannot find a replacement for the trip booked, the total of all deposits will be retained by Viking Heliskiing and are non-refundable. If cancellation is received by Viking Heliskiing more than ten (10) weeks before trip commencement, Viking Heliskiing will only retain the amount of the non-refundable deposit.

For further information about Refund and Cancellation, please see our Terms and Conditions.



# WEATHER IN ICELAND

From November to February we normally get heavy snow storms in Iceland. We start our season in March because then the weather tends to be quite stable in terms of wind and precipitation. The Icelandic winter is relatively mild for its latitude. The average temperature in our heliskiing area is normally from 0 to -10 degrees Celcius up in the mountains.

In Iceland the weather can change quite fast. For example if the weather is bad in the morning then it is quite likely that we can start skiing in the afternoon and easily get a full heliskiing day. Because of our location we have the advantage of continuous daylight since the sun is not setting until around midnight.

# SNOW AND SAFETY

Each morning and evening our guides meet to evaluate and discuss the weather, snow stability and terrain based on field observations and data supplied by remote weather stations and the Icelandic Avalanche forecasters. Our guides are constantly practicing snow and avalanche management as they analyze the changes in the conditions and make guiding decisions accordingly.



# WILDERNESS SKIING WAIVER

Upon Arrival all guests have to sign our Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, Assumption of Risks and Indemnity Agreement before being allowed to ski/ride with Viking Heliskiing.

## VIKING HELISKIING WILDERNESS SKIING WAIVER

### RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, ASSUMPTION OF RISKS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

(hereinafter the "Release Agreement")

**BY SIGNING THIS RELEASE AGREEMENT, YOU WILL WAIVE OR GIVE UP CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS,  
INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO SUE OR CLAIM COMPENSATION FOLLOWING AN ACCIDENT**

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

Name		Last	First	Middle	Initial
Address					
City	State	Zip			
Country	Registration Code	Age			
			Residence	Day	Nat

**TO: Viking Heliskiing ehf. and Vesturlufing ehf. (BlueWest Helicopters)** (hereinafter collectively referred to as the **Releaseses**)

**DEFINITIONS**  
In this Release Agreement, the term "wilderness activities" shall include all activities, accommodation, transportation, events and services provided, arranged, organized, conducted, or authorized by the Releasees and shall include but is not limited to: skiing, heliskiing, ski-touring, snowboarding, hiking, and other form of backcountry travel, rental or use of skis, snowboards or other equipment, demonstrations, orientational and instructional courses, loading, unloading and travel by or movement on or around helicopters, snowcats, snowmobiles and motor vehicles; and other activities, events and services in any way connected with or related to wilderness activities.

**ASSUMPTION OF RISKS - AVALANCHES, ALPINE TERRAIN, WILDERNESS TRAVEL, WEATHER ETC.** I am aware that wilderness activities involves risks, dangers and hazards. Avalanches occur frequently in the terrain used for wilderness activities and may be caused by natural forces, helicopters or by skiers. I acknowledge and accept that the Releasees may fall for wilderness activities and may be injured or involved in wilderness activities or whether an avalanche may occur. The terrain used for wilderness activities is uncontrolled, unmarked, not inspected and involves many risks, dangers and hazards in addition to that of avalanche. These may include, but are not limited to: cornices, crevasses, cliffs, trees, tree wells and tree stumps, creeks, rocks, boulders, forest deadfall, holes and depressions on or below the snow/ice surface; cliffs, variable and difficult snow conditions; forested roads and road banks, fences, and other man-made structures; impact or collision with other persons or objects; becoming lost or separated from one's party or guide; negligence of other persons; and negligence on the part of the Releasees or their guides, pilots, and employees, including the failure of the Releasees or their guides, pilots, and employees on the part of the Releasees or their guides, pilots, and employees to safeguard or protect me from the risks, dangers and hazards of wilderness skiing. Skiers may become lost or separated from their skiing party or guide. Communication in the alpine terrain is difficult and in the event of an accident, rescue and medical treatment may not be available. Alpine weather conditions may be extreme and can change rapidly and without warning, making travel by helicopter, snowcat or snowmobile hazardous.

**I AM AWARE OF THE RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS ASSOCIATED WITH WILDERNESS ACTIVITIES AND I FREELY ACCEPT AND FULLY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS AND THE POSSIBILITY OF PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR LOSS RESULTING THEREFROM.**

**NOTICE TO SNOWBOARDERS AND TELEMAR SKIERS - INCREASED RISK**  
Unlike alpine ski bootbinding systems, snowboard and some telemark bootbinding systems are not designed or intended to release and will not release under normal circumstances. The use of a safety strap or retention device by snowboarders or telemark skiers without ski brakes will increase the risk of not surviving an avalanche.

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**  
In consideration of the Releasees allowing me to participate in wilderness activities, I hereby agree as follows:

- TO WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS, DAMAGES, LOSSES, AND INDEMNITY** that I have or may in the future have against the Releasees and to release the Releasees, their guides, officers, agents and other directors from any and all liability for any loss, damage, expense or injury including death that I may suffer or that my next of kin may suffer as a result of my participation in wilderness activities, due to any cause whatsoever, including negligence, breach of contract, or breach of any statutory or other duty of care, including any duty of care owed under the Occupiers' Liability Act, R.S.B.C. 1996, c. 337, on the part of the Releasees. I understand and that negligence includes failure on the part of the Releasees to take reasonable steps to safeguard or protect me from the risks, dangers and hazards of wilderness activities referred to above.
- TO HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY** the Releasees from any and all liability for any property damage or personal injury to any third party resulting from my participation in wilderness activities.
- This Release Agreement shall be effective and binding upon my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators, assigns and representatives, in the event of my death or incapacity.
- This Release Agreement and any rights, duties and obligations as between the parties to this Release Agreement shall be governed by and interpreted solely in accordance with the laws of the Republic of Iceland and no other jurisdiction, and
- Any litigation involving the parties to this Release Agreement shall be brought solely within the Republic of Iceland and shall be within the exclusive jurisdiction of the Courts of the Republic of Iceland.

I confirm that I have read and understood this Release Agreement prior to signing it, and I am aware that it, and I am waiving certain legal rights which I or my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators, assigns and representatives may have against the Releasees.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

Signature of Witness

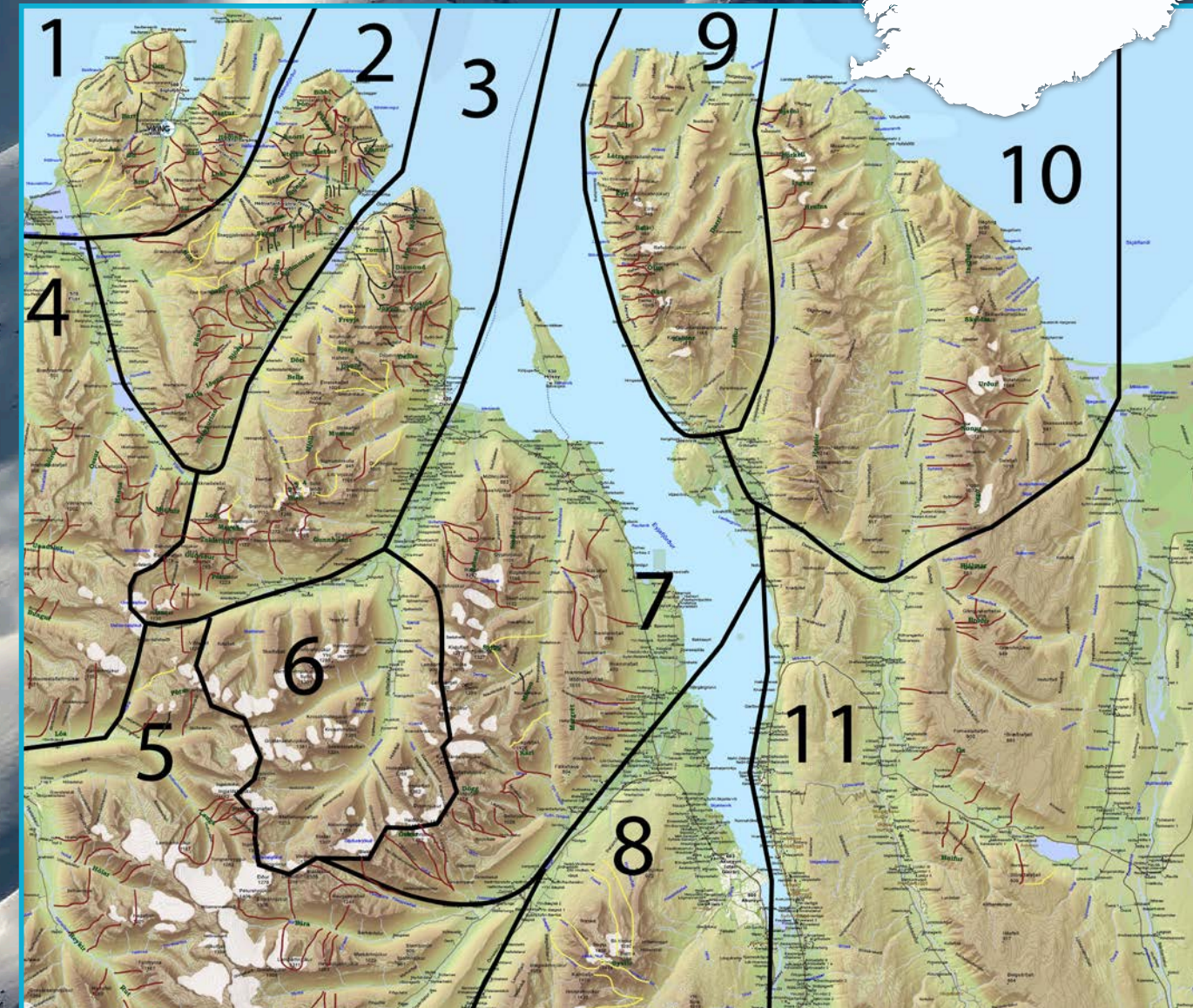
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Signature of participant

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Signature of Parent or Guardian if participant is Under Age 19

# VIKING HELISKIING RUN MAP





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or give us a call

