



FREQUENT FLYER CHRIS ANTHONY

This professional skier rarely has his feet on the ground.

Q Do you travel a lot?

A A ton. My fridge at home (Colorado) has been off for over a year. I turned it off when I realised that all I had in it was ice.

Q Describe your recent travels.

A This year I ran ski camps in Beaver Creek, Colorado, and another in Cortina, Italy. I spent time just outside Beijing teaching instructors and consulting on area design. Then I had my helicopter skiing camps in Cordova, Alaska.

Q You must fly into some high mountain airports. Which is the most spectacular?

A Flying in a small plane from Anchorage, Alaska, into any one of the smaller outlying towns is amazing. Alaska is an entirely different planet, with very tough weather.

Q Which airport is the scariest?

A I have had some very scary landings and attempted landings into Valdez in Alaska. One year we made five attempts over three days before we landed in a whiteout.

Q You must get slugged with a lot of excess-baggage charges because skis/boots/snow clothing weigh a lot?

A I can't wait for an airline to come along and embrace that people want to travel and not feel guilty about taking their toys with them. I think the only thing to help with this is to stay loyal to one airline so they hopefully treat you better.

Q What do you carry as hand luggage?

A I bring my computer, my ski boots and the basics, just in case the airlines lose my luggage.

Q What do you do when you land in a new city?

A Deliberately get lost so that I can discover what the city is all about. In Sydney I have gone for two four-hour runs/walks just to explore.

Q Do you tire of travel?

A I tire of doing it on my own. It is more amazing when you can share.

Q Where would you like to be right now?

A If not home, then where my friends are. Being with the right people is really what makes a place special.

Interview by Robert Upe

Chris Anthony has appeared in 19 Warren Miller ski films and is touring Australia for screenings of the latest, *Playground*. He is introducing screenings in Sydney this weekend.

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