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CHILCOTIN - 5 STAR WILDERNESS EXPERIENCES

The licensed Outfitter conducts guided wilderness adventures throughout our 6,000 square km operating area. This guide area has been operational since 1880, making it the oldest in British Columbia. It encompasses the South Chilcotin Mountains and the surrounding ranges of south western British Columbia, the South Chilcotin Mountains Park and Big Creek Park. While the Ranch is easily reached by vehicle, access to the pristine wilderness of our guide territory is by foot, horse or float plane only. Its remoteness helps preserve the outstanding quality of wilderness. Unlike the granite Coast Ranges to the south, the Chilcotin Mountains have rounded tops and broad U-shaped valleys. The glaciated shale terrain makes summiting challenging yet obtainable, no matter what your method of travel. Located on the lee side of the Coast Mountains, the South Chilcotins lie within a transition zone between the Coast Mountains and the Chilcotin Plateau. This favoured position produces a Rain shadow. This means sunny skies and a dry climate. The environment is "almost bug-free". The area is renowned for its bio-diversity, with vegetation ranging from Douglas fir to alpine tundra. Plants, representing both temperate vegetation to the south and boreal vegetation to the north, occur together. Massive ancient firs give way to the trembling aspen and meadows brocaded with an abundance of wild flowers that bloom May through to September at their preferred elevations. An outstanding variety of wildlife inhabits the guide area. California Bighorn sheep, Moose, Mule deer, Mountain goat, Grizzly, Black bear and wolf are plentiful and frequently sighted.



#1 Wilderness Guest Ranch Experience

This is western hospitality with all the activities of a true western lifestyle. Reliable Cayuse horses matched to your abilities! Choose between a leisurely trip, action packed or something in between. Whether it's the "River Ride" or "Eldorado Pass", you'll find each ride cleverly crafted to gradually take you to new heights. When you're not riding, enjoy our library, swim at a nearby lake, or play a board game before enjoying the camaraderie of the evening campfire. Ranch Stays include two hour rides, half day and all day rides, riding lessons, bareback lessons, gold panning and target practice. You'll find our activity options are unique: Grizzly viewing, "hands-on" demonstration horse logging or shoeing/packing, gymkhana horse sports and guided fishing.

4 Day Midweek	Four Seasons, Mo-Thur.	\$1252
4 Day Weekend	Four Seasons except July & August	\$1252
24 Hour Stay	"City Slicker"	From \$ 180

#2 Wilderness Horse Pack Trips (mid May - October inclusive)

This is the ultimate adventure! Ride into the back country like an explorer with pack horses in tow. Travel the mountains in nomadic style, seeing new scenery each day. Follow game trails, cross rivers, and enjoy open-air lunches with the world's best views. There are sweeping vistas, turquoise green glaciers, snow caves, and abundant wildlife including mountain goats, bighorn sheep, mule deer, moose, wolf, grizzlies and black bear. We view them at every opportunity through spotting scopes. Travel mountain top passes, experience wide U shaped valley with their mosaic of wildflowers, wild hay meadows and big-game mineral licks. If your main interest is fishing, let us know and we'll select your camp according to lake or stream interests. Routes and camps dependant on trip levels and seasons.

» 4 Day Horse Pack I, II, III: Thursday noon to Sunday 1pm	\$1350
» 7 Day Horse Pack I, II, III: Sunday noon to Saturday 1pm	\$2141
» 10 Day Horse Pack Level II, III Thursday noon to next Saturday 1pm (July 17-26)	\$2932
» 13 Day Horse Pack Level II, III: Monday noon to next Saturday 1pm (July 28-August 9)	\$3712

#3 Wilderness Wildlife Viewing, four seasons

Understand the life cycles, habits and habitats of our wildlife while contributing to data collection that will help in the long-term management of the species. Collect Grizzly bear samples for DNA research, count age and sex of Rocky Mountain goat, Canadian moose, or the last of the original population of California Bighorn sheep that spread from California to Central British Columbia.

Grizzlies are the symbol of the wilderness. View these awesome animals in their natural habitat as they progress through the seasons. Spring concentration is in the low meadows during breeding season. Then, follow them into the sub alpine, examine their territory marker trees, explore their dens and collect data for our Grizzly Study.

» 4 Day Grizzly Viewing Ranch based, April 28 - June22, transport by 4x4 and foot	\$2006
» 7 Day Grizzly Viewing Camp based, by horse or foot (Level II and III, June 8-July 12)	\$3059

Predator Viewing:

View the most elusive predators in North America. "Bush Savvy Guides" lead you on these predator quests for Cougar (Puma/Mountain Lion) and Timber wolf.

» 4 Day Cougar Predator Viewing Ranch based, by snowmobile, 4x4 and foot (November 24-December 18), other dates by special request, includes snowmobile)	\$3121
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» 4 Day Wolf Predator Viewing Ranch based, by 4x4 and foot (February 4- February 28, other dates by special request) \$2006

Multi Species Safari Viewing

Combine the best mountain riding in North America with a multi-specie game safari. Prime time at prime locations for Grizzly, Mountain goat, Bighorn sheep, Canadian moose, Mule deer, Black bear, Timber wolf, Bald and Golden eagle.

» 7 Day Multi Species Safari, Camp based, horse or foot (Level II and III, May-October inclusive) \$3059

Single Species Safari Viewing

Sheep, Mountain Goat, Canadian moose or Black bear Study. Study a single big game species of your choice. Understand life cycles, habits and habitat, while contributing to data collection that will help insure long-term management of the species. Collect Grizzly bear hair samples for DNA research, count age and sex of Rocky Mountain goat, Canadian moose, or the last of the original population of California Bighorn sheep that spread from California to Central British Columbia.

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» 7 Day Single Species Safari, Camp based, horse or foot (Level II and III, May-October inclusive)

#4 Wilderness Alpine Hiking, Mid-May to October inclusive

Note: guests stay in Ranch or Alpine Hut(s) during the above

Like true explorers you and your guide(s) will access the alpine by foot, carrying only a daypack. The packhorse carries your personal gear and supplies. Alpine camps are permanent and are stocked with supplies for your adventure. Ranch based hikers choose daily options that include a mix of trails or hikes into the alpine. Camp based hikers can choose between Levels I, II or III. More seasoned hikers can choose adventures that involve steeper terrain and takes them through a series of alpine camps. You'll experience places you could not see on your own.

Glacier Hikes:

Hike into a mountain hut at 2,000m with dramatic views of 3,000m mountain peaks and 2,000m canyon drops and cliff faces. Hike through sub alpine meadows with a chance to see Grizzly bears and Mountain goats on the mountain peaks. You can sit at the head of a thousand year old glacier while you sip your Canadian beer brewed from glacier water.

Pristine Mountain Lake Walks:

Walk to a mountain hut at 1,600m located on the shore of a pristine mountain lake. Jumping trout dimple the water surface, the call of the resident loons echo between the mountain ridges, and the canoe on the beach beckons you to take the paddle. Mule deer stroll past. A grazing Grizzly bear in the sub alpine meadow above sniffs the thermal up drafts. Nature knows you have arrived at this sacred spot. You begin to rejuvenate and the silence drains away your stress. The slow pace of nature is addicting, and you begin to rise and sleep by nature's clock.

Hut-to-Hut Hikes:

Hike to your first mountain hut at an elevation of 2,000m located just at tree line in the sub alpine meadows. Glass for Grizzly bear, Bighorn sheep, Mountain goat and Mule deer. Walk the meadows for the day. Hiking and scrambling is involved. Walk mountain divides and skirt the edge of a glacier. Then, into the alpine meadows where Hut #2 awaits. Spend the next day walking the surrounding alpine meadows and move to Hut #3. Travel through more spectacular sub alpine terrain. Here you will have the chance to enjoy trout fishing, more wildlife viewing and the scenery.

Training A Mountain Leader:

Living one-on-one with nature, dealing with the elements that come your way, reading the land, learning your limits and those of your clients can only be had by doing! The limits that are achieved or pushed are what make mountain leaders have meaning for themselves and those that depend on them. The wilderness is our classroom - nature is our teacher.

Guest Ranch Walks:

Every day is a new experience. Peace and quiet, clean air and clean water. Walk through alpine meadows, complete with hundreds of species of wild flowers, or to the foot of a glacier thousands of years old. Walk the river edge glassing for Grizzly bears feeding on cow parsnip (wild celery). At the end of the day, return to the Ranch lodge for a tasty western meal and all the comforts of home. Suited to any level of walker or hiker. Activity options: Grizzly viewing and fishing.

» 4 Day Ranch based Walks and Hikes	\$1223
» 4 Day Hut based Hike Level I, II, III	\$1223
» 7 Day Hut based Hike Level I, II, III	\$1776
» 10 Day + 13 Day Hut based Hike Level II, III	inquire

#5 Wilderness Fly Fishing, April to October

Experience quality wilderness dry fly-fishing with Licensed Angling Guides. Fish for wild rainbow trout, brook trout, dolly varden and kokanee in over 25 remote mountain lakes, rivers, ponds and streams within our 5,000 square km angling territory. Our alpine Spruce Lake camp is a fly-fishing paradise for those wanting the thrill of dry fly-fishing. The clear water provides lots of opportunity for sight casting. Fly-in Camp based fishing is for those wanting to overnight in an alpine camp (includes flight). Ranch based fishing is for those that wish to overnight in our Guest Ranch and choose daily from a variety of lakes, rivers and streams (includes daily transportation by vehicle).

Fish the wild and remote alpine lakes of the Chilcotin Mountains. Getting there is a highlight as you travel by horse or float plane to our wild and remote alpine lakes. Sight cast along the shoreline shallows for the cruising wild native rainbow, or it may require the sinking line for old boys in the dark and the deep. Whichever tactic you use to hook that wild rainbow trout, you will be surprised and delighted by the fight these wild trout give because they live in cold mountain alpine lakes. Telling fish stories around the campfire and sleeping in a wilderness cabin top off the ultimate wilderness fishing experience.

Fish the Wild Mountain Rivers of the Chilcotin Mountains. Swing your fly over a bolder strewn river and place it into a calm back eddy in front of a wild Rainbow trout or big Dolly Varden. One pool leads to the next, each with a new challenge. Miles of river to fish, many rivers to choose from. Access remote river portions by bush plane, horseback and foot. Wilderness cabins are the accommodation in the backcountry. The Ranch lodge is used for fishing the 4x4 accessible areas.

Fly fishing school for novice and beginner anglers. Learn the art of fly-fishing from our Licensed guides who will teach you lake and stream fishing techniques, casting, dry and wet fly-fishing, fly tying, entomology, fish habitat, specie identification, regulations and safety. We have our favorite fishing spots that will make every novice angler feel like an expert. We also teach avid fishermen how to be fish guides. The ultimate dream job (see our Angler Guide Training Program).

» 4 Day Ranch based wild lakes, rivers, streams	\$2006
» 4 Day Camp based remote mountain lakes	\$2006
» 4 Day Camp based remote mountain rivers	\$2006
» 4 Day Ranch based fly-fishing school	\$2006

#6 Wilderness Guide Training, May to September

Training by a Licensed Guide Outfitter ... it's what makes difference in the quality of the guide in Adventure Tourism. We have been training wilderness guides since 1990. People from all over the world, from all walks of life, have graduated from our programs and have gone on to fill the employment needs of the adventure tourism industry throughout the world. These programs are about "guiding in the wilderness" and provide participants with a solid base of combined working knowledge and practical skills. Please inquire for the schedule for June until Sept.

- » One Week Wilderness Guide Training, June - September \$1956
- » Two Week Wilderness Guide Training, April - June \$3186

Description: These Programs are horse based for Levels C & D guides. You'll learn western mountain riding, horse handling, horse shoeing, how to pack just about everything onto a packhorse, wilderness skills, camp preparation and operational procedures. The programs prepare participants for entry level positions within the guide outfitting industry, adventure tourism, guest ranches, fishing lodges and riding stables. They are also designed for individuals intent on starting their own adventure tourism or guide outfitting business.

- » 1 Week Guide Outfitter Training \$1956

Description: This Program is horse based for Level B guides. It is the second level of training intended for those interested in guiding as a Licensed Assistant Guide for a Licensed Guide Outfitter. Training includes wildlife identification and regulations associated with guide outfitting. Prerequisites: 1 or 2 week Wilderness Guide Training or the equivalent in horse, wilderness and assistant guide experience.

- » 1 Week Advanced Wilderness Guide Training \$1956

Description: This Program is horse based for Level B guides. It is the second level of training intended for those interested in guiding high level adventure trips, such as Grizzly Bear Viewing. There is strong emphasis on wildlife identification, habits and seasonal patterns, staff and trip management, regulations, firearms safety, as well as bear and cougar awareness and safety. Prerequisites: 1 or 2 Week Wilderness Guide Training or the equivalent in both horse and wilderness experience.

- » 1 Week Tourism Management Training, \$1956
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Description: This Program is horse based for Level A guides. It is the third level of training intended for those interested in managing and/or owning their own guide outfitting area, angling area or adventure tourism business. Prerequisites: 1 or 2 Week Wilderness Guide Training, 1 Week Advanced Wilderness Guide Training or the 1 Week Guide Outfitter Training, combined with at least 2 years or work experience in the industry. Extensive work experience at higher levels in the industry is considered equivalent.

- » 1 Week Angling Guide Training, \$1956

Description: This training program is intended for those wishing to specialize in guided fishing on interior lakes and rivers. The course covers all aspect of fishing including fish habitat identification, fly fishing, tying flies, equipment, fishing regulations, angling guide territory acquisition and management.

» 1 Week Hike Guide Training, \$1956

Description: This training is intended to teach a person how to guide hikers on “horse supported” adventures where gear is transported by pack horse. Course content includes terrain variations, flora and fauna education, camp preparation, packing a horse, hobbling, staking and operational procedures.

» 1 Week Horse Logging, \$1956

Description: This Program is intended to provide the skills and knowledge required by a horse logger. The course covers employment in the industry, harness and equipment, matching a team, driving and commands for single and team, training horses in harness, regulations, woodlot management and industry structure. This program is designed for those who are interested in logging and managing their own woodlots and private land, or in purchasing horses to log on a contract basis.

» 1 Week Wilderness Log Cabin Building \$1956

Description: Log cabin building teaches the fundamental with minimal equipment and materials. By using materials at hand, you’ll learn how to construct a durable 4 seasons cabin, build a solid foundation, incorporate bear proof walls and build a roof that can handle the snow load.

#7 Wilderness Mountain Biking, June to October

Like true explorers, you and your guide(s) will access the alpine by bike, carrying only a daypack. The packhorse carries your personal gear and supplies. Alpine camps are permanent and stocked with supplies for your adventure. These multi day single-track wilderness bike tours are guided, and they are done in prime biking areas where there is no conflict with horses and hikers. We do not do unguided extreme biking. Our guides are trained in wilderness safety, knowledge of the wildlife and mountain trails. They make every trip a quality wilderness experience. Activity options: Grizzly viewing, fishing.

» 4 Day Ranch based	\$1223
» 4 Day Camp based	\$1223
» 7 Day Camp based	\$1776

#8 Wilderness Snowmobile Adventure, December to April

Riding a snowmobile is unique to Canada. Riding the Mountain-Tops is unique to the Chilcotin Mountains. Glaciated terrain allows you to sled into places where others only dream of going. When you are based out of our private Lodge, you can ride the packed wilderness trail by day and kick back at the fire place by night. There are 300 km of wilderness trails that range from easy to challenging. Or, base yourself out of our remote alpine mountain hut where the open alpine beckons. Ride miles of deep powder then drop into your rustic mountain top hut for lunch (includes snowmobile).

» 4 Day Lodge based	inquire
» 4 Day wilderness Hut based	inquire

#9 Wilderness Skiing and/or Snow Shoeing, December to April

Ranch based skiing is ideal for small groups that wish to explore a variety of different packed or powder wilderness trails. Ski in and out of our Lodge on novice to advanced trails. When you’re not skiing, enjoy our sleigh rides, horseback rides on woolly Cayuse horses, biathlon shooting and ice fishing. Wilderness backcountry hut skiing combines the best sub-alpine terrain with facilities on site. Ski from your own exclusive alpine

hut in different directions to a new powder bowl, a new ridge or through sub-alpine valleys. Activity Options: Horse riding, snowmobile rides.

- » 4 Day Ranch based
- » 4 Day wilderness Hut based

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#10 Wilderness Appetizer, four seasons

This is a one-day tour of the western frontier. Our 11 passenger van takes you back in time to the days of the packhorse and pioneer towns. You'll travel a historic highway, view wildlife and a nesting osprey, and see salmon spawning and First Nations fishing. Pick up and drop off is at the Sheraton Hotel in Surrey.

The full day is \$250/person, and includes lunch at our Ranch. Trips depart 7 am Sunday/Monday/Thursday/Saturday, and arrive at the Sheraton between 7-8 pm.

RECOMMENDED ADD-ON EXPERIENCES WITHIN A DAYS DRIVE OF CHILCOTIN WILDERNESS RIVERS

White Water Rafting Adventures on the deep and powerful Thompson and Fraser Rivers. Experience the boiling and churning white water of famous Hells Gate or Devil's Gorge. Whitewater raft the jade green Thompson River named after David Thompson who explored the river in the 1880's.

- » 1 to 7 Days on the Thompson/Fraser Rivers, May to September ~\$250-\$350/day

River Jet Boating Adventures on the mighty Fraser River as it reshapes the land. The river was named after explorer Captain Simon Fraser in 1880s as he explored the River in a native canoe. Paddlewheels eventually claimed the river as their water highway. Experience what the pioneers did 100 years ago. Gold panning, wildlife viewing, salmon fishing.

- » ½ Day Trips on the Fraser River, May to September, ~ \$150/day

Wilderness Horse Riding Preparation. Wilderness Horse Riding prepares you for your wilderness horse pack trip adventure with Chilcotin Holidays. Spend a day or two in Lillooet and get in some mountain riding lessons. When you arrive with us, you will be primed for riding the tops of our Chilcotin Mountains.

- » 1 Day ride, Four Seasons, ~\$200/day

Wilderness Sturgeon and Salmon Fishing. Salmon and Sturgeon Fishing on the mighty Fraser River, or ocean fishing from a coastal lodge make excellent add-ons to your fishing experience with Chilcotin Holidays. By the time you're done, you'll be an expert on what British Columbia has to offer.

- » 1 Day Fishing ~\$350-\$450/day

All prices are per person and subject to taxes.
Please inquire with specific dates to receive confirmed prices.

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