



Ecotours - BC

Grizzly Bears, Wildlife, and Wilderness

BC's Premier Outdoor Adventure Specialists!

Mountain High Adventure

Alpine Hiking and Wildlife Viewing in the Cariboo Mountains

Connect with the wild side of nature in the wilderness back country of the Cariboo Mountains. This exciting back country adventure takes you into the high country. Feel the freedom and exhilaration as you breathe in the fresh pure mountain air. Your adventure will take you into the high alpine, the 'land beyond the tree', where you will see wildlife and experience life of the wild mountain dwellers. You will be guided by local knowledgeable, caring guides who will ensure your safety and a memorable experience in the truly Canadian tradition. Here are some of the exciting things you can experience.

- **Alpine hiking – with our trail systems a short hike puts you on the peaks and in high mountain valleys in an hour or less**
- **Wildlife viewing (grizzly, black bear, mountain goat, moose, Mountain Caribou, wolf, mule deer, lynx, wolverine)**
- **Always in bear country, summer sightings are very common**
- **Grizzly bear habitat and bear dens**
- **Bears and wildlife on the Cariboo River by jetboat**
- **Ancient forests and wetlands (1000 year old western red cedars in this rare and unique interior rainforest)**
- **Wildlife calling**
- **Wildlife tracking**
- **Birding (eagles, osprey, herons, mountain dwellers, migratory birds)**
- **Wild flowers, rare plants and unique ecosystems**
- **The wilderness traveler's paradise and a photographer's dream**
- **Over 30 years serving the wilderness traveler**

Travel the backcountry and mountain valleys and peaks with Gary Zorn and team of professional guides. Gary's passion for the 'big bears' has led him into the backcountry for many years where he has observed the bears, their habits and habitats. Gary has a lifetime of grizzly bear and wildlife experience and knowledge. This has provided him with a wealth of knowledge and much entertainment. You will learn much about the bears that few people have had the chance to experience.

Trek into the land beyond the tree and a world of spectacular mountain peaks, pure fresh air, exhilarating freedom and the wild side of nature. Accessing the summer alpine habitat of the wildlife allows you to quietly walk the game trails that the bears, moose, caribou and mountain goats, wolves and wolverines and other mountain dwellers have travelled for eons. Learn to recognize the tracks of the different animals and meet these mountain dwellers in their natural habitat. Learn about wildlife and the high alpine plants and birds that make up this unique part of the natural world. Throughout the summer the wild flowers blanket the alpine meadows – from glacial lilies to the tiny mountain heather.

Pass quietly through lush boreal forests on your way to the alpine heights. Listen to the wilderness, the mountains and the forests – hear them speak to your soul as your alpine adventure unfolds. Hear the creeks and streams tumbling down the mountainsides voicing the pure ancient wisdom of mother nature. Hear the multitudes of birds singing and chirping, the scurrying of small creatures, the voice of the wind sighing through the trees or just listen to the golden silence in alpine meadows surrounded by nature's palette of colorful flowers and plant life. Feel the winds as they swirl around the mountain peaks. Travel among the wildlife observing grizzlies, mountain goats, mountain caribou, wolves, black bear and moose in their natural wild habitat. This trekking experience is a unique learning experience with insights into the very soul of Canada's most unique features. It is adventure in the backcountry far from the beaten tourist tracks. Learn from your guide as you wend your way to new heights. Challenge your outdoor skills and your sense of adventure.

Hiking the mountain trails is an age old non-intrusive and environmentally sustainable way to explore, discover and experience nature and harken back to experience a slower pace. You walk the peaks and ridges fully enjoying the connection with nature, the wildlife, peace and tranquility, and beauty of the alpine landscape amid the mountain peaks. Sit at the edge of a cool crystal clear high mountain tarn reflecting the icy blue sky and the amazing mountain terrain or under a millennia old glacier. Reflect on Mother Nature's finest moments.

In the late afternoon return to the comfort of the lodge for the wonderful country style Canadian cuisine the lodge is known for. Enjoy the evening around an outdoor campfire or beside the lodge fireplace and review the day's adventure, tell stories, or just contemplate the pure beauty of your day.

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This is an ideal adventure trip and photographic safari for those who love to get away from it all in pure undisturbed wilderness and nature. We have many hiking areas that are suitable for people of reasonable fitness levels and endurance. Terrain ranges from very easy to more rugged on the ridges we travel between the peaks. None of the hikes are exceptionally strenuous, but require some good steady walking. Fully guided by experienced mountain guides makes this an exhilarating carefree adventure.

We recommend you allow a minimum of 2 days (3 or more is better) for this wildlife adventure tour. If we have a day of poor weather it can limit wildlife sightings and viewing opportunities. A longer stay is better as it gives you an opportunity to experience more of the area, more photo opportunities and get a real feel for the country.

Family and group rates available. Customize your own adventure package – Request a quote.

Season – May thru September 30. Minimum 2 guests per trip.

Packages Include: Accommodations, meals, guides, necessary motorized equipment (boats, motors, vehicles), orientation and interpretive information. Depending on the trip chosen guests need to bring waterproof rain gear – pants and jacket, waterproof footwear, day pack sack, hat, clothing that can be layered – fleece is best, personal toiletries, cameras (preferably with a telephoto lens), memory cards/film, a good pair of binoculars.

Not Included: International airfares, staff appreciation gratuities, liquor, applicable Canadian taxes (HST 12%), Wilderness Stewardship Fund (1%), ground transport from/to Williams Lake airport is available. (Recommended gratuities for guides – 10% of package cost.)

Payment & Cancellation Policy: Bookings are confirmed with a 50% deposit with the balance due 60 days prior to arrival. In the event of cancellation 60 days prior to your scheduled arrival, and your reserved space can be rebooked, the deposit can be applied for an alternative date in the same season or the following season. All payments are final and nonrefundable. Payments may be made by bank draft, bank transfer, moneyorder or cheque. Prices are subject to change without notice. Bookings confirmed with a deposit are guaranteed.

Notes: Ecotours – BC reserves the right to cancel or modify services as weather and local conditions warrant without notification in the interest of safety of all concerned. We view wild animals in their natural habitat. The animals are totally wild and unhabituated. This is natural wildlife viewing of animals in their natural habitat. There are no viewing platforms and the animals are not enclosed in any wildlife preserve. With natural wildlife viewing there are a numerous variables that are out of our control including weather conditions, natural instincts and movements of the wildlife, and human capabilities. We do not guarantee bear/wildlife sightings, but do our best to give guests the best opportunities for viewing wildlife and we have a very high success rate (well over 90%). Guests are required to sign a waiver of liability prior to participation in activities.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING PREPARATIONS FOR TOURS.

It is of vital importance that when you book an outdoor adventure excursion you are properly equipped for the tours in order to get the most enjoyment from it. You must be prepared for all types of weather as it can change within minutes in the mountains of British Columbia. Guests must come equipped with warm weatherproof raingear – jacket, pants and hat, waterproof footwear – hiking boots or shoes, gloves, and clothes you can layer – one piece of which must be a good fleece or wool sweater/jumper. These items are vital to your comfort on the tours. Please see our Equipment List for full details of recommendations of what to bring for tours.

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