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“Grizzly Bears, Wildlife and Nature Adventures”

Winter Adventure Package

‘Call Of The Wild’

Wilderness, Moose, Wolves, Lynx & Nature

The ultimate winter wilderness adventure!

The soul tingling howl of a timber wolf guides your snowshoes through the ancient forest where you experience nature’s most intimate touch. The solitude, peace and beauty of winter in this mountain wilderness fills your senses as you interact with nature and wildlife. Learn about wildlife behavior, habitat and their amazing adaptability to the often harsh conditions of the Canadian winter. As the snow deepens in the high country the animals move to wintering grounds in lower elevations and valley bottoms. Our study area is an amazing wild wintering ground for Canada Moose. Come to understand the relationship between wolves and moose in Canada’s north country. Animals you can see in this winter wonderland include timber wolves, moose, mountain caribou, deer, lynx, cougar, mule deer as well as members of the weasel family – marten, fisher, mink, otter, ermine and perhaps a glimpse of the shy and reclusive wolverine. In the quiet of the winter evenings listen to the howl of the wolves as the aurora borealis dance overhead. This is also a wonderful opportunity for winter birding and photography. Winter birds include eagles, swans, Barrows Goldeneye and ducks on the rivers, owls, hawks and other raptors to tiny mountain songbirds like chickadees, juncos, varied thrushes, grosbeaks, pine siskins and many more that winter in the Cariboo Mountains. And don’t forget the Northern Lights which are often seen during the winter months complete this winter wonderland.

Discovery is part of human nature and winter is a great time to enjoy a very unique side of nature in Canada. The winter wilderness, snow and brisk clean air invigorates your spirit. At Ecotours-BC we focus on the discovery of nature combined with the delivery of quality in diverse recreation experiences and genuine Canadian hospitality. This makes Ecotours-BC’s Pyna-tee-ah Lodge in the heart of the Cariboo Mountains the place where your dreams come true. It is a place of renewal that creates desire to become part of the natural world. You can count on Ecotours-BC to build your connection to nature through our diverse wildlife and nature experiences. Come for this truly Canadian winter learning experience!

Our extensive viewing area and our unique methods that include natural hand calls and electronic calls along with the fun of wilderness snowshoeing ensures a special experience every time you enter nature’s domain. We can also customize your tour to include ice fishing for trout on one of our many small lakes. So be sure to allow lots of time for your winter adventure.

Snowshoeing

Get a taste of the prime means of winter transportation used by the early pioneers, fur traders, and miners. Snowshoeing is fun and easy. If you can walk, you can snowshoe. Try our vintage wooden snowshoes and enjoy an authentic outdoor adventure on snowshoes – the quiet swish of the snow under your feet as you observe wildlife in their natural winter habitat. This is a great family adventure.

Why Ecotours-BC?

We are often asked what is unique about our tours. The pure intrinsic value of tours with Ecotours-BC lies in your total immersion and connection with nature. A tour with Ecotours-BC connects you with wild creatures in their natural habitat in ways you have never known. We put you on the inside of the forest - seeing with the eyes of the forest – and you become one with nature and the wild creatures. It is a pure natural nature connection. It’s pure joy. And when you look back at the pictures you have taken its not just a picture of a bear or a moose or a bird or a mountain peak, its an experience that brings back the complete lifetime memory of the adventure and maybe even a life changing moment.

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Packages

Recommended 5, 6 and 7 day adventures. Tours of longer duration and customized tours available. Minimum 2 people. Season – Mid-January – Mid-March. Family and group rates available.

Packages include - Lodge Accommodations at Ecotours-BC's Pyna-tee-ah Lodge, meals (wine or beer included with dinner), fully guided tours, orientation and interpretive information. Guests need to be prepared for winter weather to about -25 Celsius. The need to bring warm waterproof winter footwear (snowpack boots), backpack, hat (touque or stocking cap), waterproof insulated winter jacket and pants, clothing that can be layered – fleece is best, good quality DSLR camera equipment (including a telephoto lens), a good pair of binoculars, personal toiletries and any required medications (allergens, antacids, etc).

Not Included: International airfares, applicable Canadian taxes, Wilderness Stewardship Fund 1%, ground transport from/to Williams Lake, staff appreciation gratuities (recommended 10%), liquor. Ground transport can be provided at an additional cost of \$250.00 Cdn per vehicle (max 4 pax per vehicle).

Custom Packages – Ecotours-BC is pleased to offer packages of longer or shorter duration. The tours can be a day trip or 7 days or more which could include a wider variety of activities. Tell us what you want and we will make it happen. Please inquire for pricing for custom packages.

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, we do not bait wildlife, and the animals are not enclosed in any wildlife preserve. With natural wildlife viewing there are 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 put guests in the best places for 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 Trip Planning Notes – Being prepared is an important part of maximizing your wilderness adventure experience and making it unforgettable. At the time of booking we will provide you with a recommended equipment list to assist you with packing for your tour with us. Please note we do not accept liability for any circumstances which may result in the failure/cancellation of your holiday arrangements which may be due to unusual or unforeseeable circumstances or events beyond our control or that we, our agents, suppliers and associates could have anticipated or avoided. We do not carry health, life, or personal property insurance for guest benefit. As of March 2016 international travelers to Canada require an **Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)**. Please visit the Government Of Canada Immigration Website for more information - <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/eta.asp>.

Insurance: We strongly recommend guests purchase trip cancellation insurance as well as extended medical insurance to cover life and health care risks while in Canada, emergency evacuation insurance (please ensure it includes wilderness activities) in case such need should arise, and personal property insurance to insure your personal belongings against loss.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CLIENTS REGARDING PREPARATIONS FOR TOURS.

It is of vital importance that people booking winter outdoor adventure excursions 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 insulated outerwear – jacket, pants and hat, waterproof footwear – snowpack boots rated for up to -25C and clothes you can layer – fleece or wool sweater/jumper and good base layer underwear and socks. 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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