



Ecotours – BC

Grizzly Bears, Wildlife, and Wilderness

BC's Premier Wildlife and Wilderness Adventures!



Ultimate Glamping & Kayaking Adventure on the World's Deepest Fjord Lake!!

Amazing Paddling, Wildlife and Nature in the Heart of the Cariboo Mountains from the luxury of the floating Grizzly Bay Glamping Lodge!

The Only Adventure of its kind that combines the luxury of an authentic wilderness floating glamping lodge with amazing kayaking, wildlife, birds and nature, hiking and ancient forest wellness surrounded by the geographical wonder of the Cariboo Mountains and its rare interior temperate rainforest. Experience a truly Canadian Wilderness Adventure!! Follow Your Wild!!!

There is only one deepest fjord lake on earth and it's here in the Cariboo Mountains! Over 2300 feet deep at its deepest point with over 360 miles of shoreline and overall length of over 80 miles, this natural wilderness lake is the heart of the Cariboo Mountains. Quesnel Lake, a tri-armed glacial made lake, it is rich with wildlife, birds, diverse ecosystems including rare ancient cedar hemlock rainforest and spectacular mountain scenery. You will feel the freedom and exhilaration of discovery reminiscent of historical explorers, Jules Quesnel and Simon Fraser's early 1800's exploration party, as you breathe in the fresh pure mountain air and paddle the clear waters of the deepest fjord lake on the planet.

Grizzly Bay Lodge, a fully floating glamping lodge, located at the end of the north arm of Quesnel Lake, with fully outfitted safari style tents, gives you the luxury of comfort in a totally off-the-grid wilderness oasis. No mobile phones, no internet, no television to distract from the bliss of pure nature. So, disconnect and enjoy a true holiday that whisks you away from everyday life and cares to a world of peace and contentment. A place where you can experience unforgettable and life changing moments in nature. And that's exactly what you will find as you listen to the silence of the mountains and forests disturbed only by the songs and calls of birds and animals as they go about their daily routines. At night enjoy the unpolluted brilliance of the galaxy of stars and northern lights, often accompanied by the spine-tingling howling of wolves. This is the raw rugged nature of the Cariboo Mountains.

A most exhilarating incredible and amazing **kayaking adventure**. With the magnificent Cariboo Mountains as your backdrop explore the shoreline ranging from the rare ancient interior rainforest to the high craggy walls of the lake's east arm where mountain goats balance precariously above the clear deep waters. Watch for grizzlies and black bears ambling along the shores in search of fish, delectable berries, juicy plant treats and other bear delicacies. Watch for moose, mountain caribou, deer, wolf, otters and a huge variety of birds including eagles, osprey, loons and other waterfowl, kingfishers and songbirds. Explore the rare ancient interior rainforest with trees over 1000 years old. The lake also hosts a unique strain of large rainbow trout providing worldclass fishing and hosting one of the largest sockeye salmon runs in the province. It's a magical nature lover's dream adventure! It's a magical nature lover's kayaking adventure with plenty of opportunity for shoreline adventures and hikes into the boreal forest and rare ancient rainforest.

- Explore unique ecosystems, ancient forests and wetlands including the rare ancient interior rainforest and old growth cedar-hemlock forests with trees over 1000 years old.
- Shoreline wildlife viewing - keep a keen eye out for grizzly, black bear, mountain goat, moose, Mountain Caribou, wolf, mule deer, lynx, and other animals and birds as you paddle.
- Forest wellness (known as Shinrin-Yoku) - connecting with nature with all your senses bringing a sense of balance and well being, re-energizing and reinvigorating your soul creating mindful peace. This is our "seeing with the eyes of the forest" program.
- Always in bear country, summer sightings are very common.
- Wildlife calling and tracking; exploring the limestone bluffs and caves above Quesnel Lake.
- Birding - eagles, osprey, herons, mountain dwellers, migratory birds, jays, kingfishers, mountain songbirds – over 250 species in the Cariboo Mountains.
- Professionally guided wilderness and wildlife kayaking and hiking adventures.
- Spectacular rugged mountain scenery with snowcapped peaks and glaciers.
- The wilderness traveler's paradise and a photographer's delight.

Our professional certified guides ensure your safety on the water, which can go from docile pond water to the excitement of witnessing an exquisite brilliant rainbow after a passing storm. Our guides will see you safely through with expertise, caring concern and good humor. You will enjoy their stories and extensive knowledge of the history, ecology and flora and fauna of the region. This kayaking tour is about thrilling adventure, peaceful serenity on the water, memorable moments in nature and lifetime memories. Come and experience a wilderness adventure like no other.

Your tour begins with an hour long trip up the north arm of Quesnel Lake in our lake boat from our base lodge in Likely to the Grizzly Bay Glamping Lodge that will be your home over the duration of your kayaking adventure. Your guides will provide an orientation and teaching session to familiarize you with your kayak and paddling techniques ensuring your paddling confidence, comfort and safety. And, so the adventure begins!

This is an ideal adventure trip and photographic safari for those who love to get away from it all and into pure undisturbed wilderness and nature. Disconnect from the digital world and delve into the beauty and serenity of nature. It's a great adventure for families or couples looking for an unforgettable one of a kind adventure where there is solitude and endless nature in a very special part of the world.

Package Information: 5 Days / 4 Nights

Season: June 20th – August 27th. Min 2/Max 4 guests per tour (2 tents/double occupancy). Minimum age:14 years. Please request availability schedule for departure dates.

Here is an example of an itinerary. The itinerary may change as the season changes to ensure guests have the best opportunities to see the wildlife and exceptional features of the area.

Day 1 – arrival day – arrive at Pyna-tee-ah Lodge in Likely. Proceed to Grizzly Bay Floating Lodge by boat – evening bear/wildlife viewing opportunities. Or go for a swim and relax on the deck.

Day 2 – Kayaking and exploring Grizzly Bay and kayak to the rare ancient forest. Discover how to see with the eyes of the forest – a true connection with nature.

Day 3 – Paddle down Quesnel Lake to Martin Creek. Hike up the Martin Creek Trail into the alpine country - observe wildlife and nature at its finest and enjoy magnificent views of Quesnel Lake and surrounding area.

Day 4 – Paddle to Roaring River. Explore Roaring River and the unique river ecosystems. Watch for wildlife including bears, moose, Mountain Caribou, wolf and birdlife.

Day 5 – Departure day - enjoy a leisurely breakfast at the floating lodge. Prepare to depart and plan your next adventure to Grizzly Bay Glamping Lodge.

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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.

Packages Include: Accommodations, meals, guides, necessary equipment (kayaks, paddles, spray skirts, camp gear), orientation and interpretive information. Guests ***need to bring*** waterproof rain gear – pants and jacket, waterproof hiking boots and hiking socks (merino wool is an excellent choice), lightweight water shoes or sandals for getting in/out of kayaks and at the lodge and on the beaches, day pack, waterproof hat and/or sun hat, clothing that can be layered – fleece is best, personal toiletries, cameras (preferably with a telephoto capability), memory cards, a good pair of binoculars packed in a drybag or pelican case if you have one. Pelican cases are excellent protection for cameras, binoculars, etc as they are waterproof and will float. All other gear should be packed in a dry bag or duffle bag. Maximum weight 50 lbs.

Not Included: International/domestic airfares, staff appreciation gratuities (recommended – 10% of package cost), liquor, applicable Canadian taxes, Wilderness Stewardship Levy, ground transport from/to Williams Lake airport is available - \$250.00 Cdn per vehicle (max. 4 pax per vehicle).

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 transfer or cheque. Prices are subject to change without notice. Bookings confirmed with a deposit are guaranteed.

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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 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 take guests to optimal locations for the best opportunities for seeing wildlife. Guests are required to sign a waiver of liability prior to participation in activities.

Trip Planning – Being prepared is an important part of maximizing your wilderness adventure experience and making it an unforgettable experience. 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 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.

Insurance: Please note you are going into a remote wilderness area and you need to have travel/medical insurance that includes wilderness activities and wilderness evacuation along with personal property insurance to insure your personal belongings against loss/damage.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CLIENTS 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 be warm, dry and comfortable so you get the most enjoyment from it. You must be prepared for all types of weather as we are in a unique interior rainforest with its own microclimate and weather can change within minutes and/or several times a day in the mountains of British Columbia. Guests must come equipped with warm waterproof raingear – jacket, pants and hat, waterproof footwear – hiking boots, gloves, and clothing 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. Once you are here there is no opportunity to obtain missing items so please pack carefully to ensure your comfort. Maximum baggage allowance is 50 pounds.

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