



Ecotours – BC

Grizzly Bears, Wildlife, and Wilderness
BC's Premier Wildlife and Wilderness Adventures!



Kayak the World's Deepest Fjord Lake!!

Amazing Paddling, Wildlife and Nature in the Heart of the Cariboo Mountains!

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. A tri-armed glacial made lake, it is rich with wildlife, birds, rare ecosystems including rare ancient cedar hemlock rainforest and spectacular mountain scenery. You will feel the freedom and exhilaration just like historical explorers, Jules Quesnel and Simon Fraser's early 1800's party, as you breathe in the fresh pure mountain air and paddle the deepest fjord lake on the planet.

A most exhilarating incredible and amazing paddling adventure. With the magnificent Cariboo Mountains as your backdrop explore along the 360 miles of 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 one of the largest sockeye salmon runs in the province. It's a magical nature lover's dream adventure!

- **An amazing Kayaking adventure with plenty of opportunity for shoreline adventures and hikes into the rare ancient interior rainforest.**
- **Explore unique ecosystemsAncient forests and wetlands (1000 year old western red cedars in this rare and unique interior rainforest) 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 Bathing (known as Shinrin-Yoku) - connecting with nature with all your senses bringing a sense of balance and well being, re-energizing and reinvigorating your body, soul creating mindful peace. Seeing with the eyes of the forest.**
- **Always in bear country, summer sightings are very common.**
- **Wildlife calling and tracking.**
- **Birding (eagles, osprey, herons, mountain dwellers, migratory birds, jays, kingfishers, mountain songbirds).**
- **Spectacular rugged mountain scenery with snowcapped peaks and glaciers.**
- **The wilderness traveler's paradise and a photographer's dream.**

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. We provide the kayaking and equipment for your tour whether it is a one day or multi-day adventure. On multi-day tours you will camp out on one of the lake's beautiful beaches where you will be treated to our own unique hearty campfire cuisine – all home made from locally sourced ingredients.

Your day begins with an early hearty breakfast at our lodge. Your guides will provide an orientation and teaching session to ensure you are familiar with your kayak and paddling techniques to ensure your paddling confidence, comfort and safety. And so the adventure begins!

Multi-day adventures can be as short as an overnight paddling trip or as long as 7 to 10 days as you explore Quesnel Lake and its natural history. 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. This is an ideal family or couples adventure where you have plenty of peace, solitude and endless nature.

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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.

Package Information:

Family and group rates available. Customize your adventure itinerary – Request a quote. Minimum 2 guests.

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 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 packed in a drybag if you have one.

Not Included: International airfares, staff appreciation gratuities (recommended – 10% of package cost), liquor, applicable Canadian taxes, Wilderness Stewardship Fund, 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.

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. As of March 2016 international travelers 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: You need to purchase trip cancellation insurance as well as extended medical insurance to cover life and health care risks while in Canada that includes wilderness activities and evacuation and personal property insurance to insure your personal belongings against loss/damage. Please provide proof of insurance prior to trip commencement.

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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