



Ecotours – BC

Grizzly Bears, Wildlife, and Wilderness



British Columbia's Premier Outdoor Adventure Specialists!

Summer/Fall Packages *The Ultimate Glamping Adventure* **Glamping With Grizzlies** **Grizzly Bay Wilderness Lodge**

This exciting new adventure from Ecotours-BC takes you into the heart of grizzly country in the Cariboo Mountains. The floating glamping lodge equipped with luxury wall tents gives you an especially unique connection with nature. From the lodge deck you have 360 degree mountain views where you can watch bears and other wildlife from dawn to dark. And don't forget a view like this ensures the brilliance of the nighttime skies where the stars that brighten the heavens are only dimmed when the Northern Lights/Aurora Borealis dance across the skies. Feel the freedom and exhilaration as you breathe the fresh pure mountain air and the everyday stresses of life quickly ebb away in the peaceful silence of this mountain paradise.

Connect with the wild side of nature in the wilderness back country of the Cariboo Mountains. Quesnel Lake is the deepest fjord lake on earth and sits at the heart of a rare ancient interior rainforest. Its clear waters are fed by the many surrounding mountain rivers and streams that originate high in mountain peaks in the ancient icefields. On bear viewing excursions you will marvel at this ancient forest with gigantic western red cedar trees over 1000 years old as much as you will marvel at the iconic wild mountain grizzlies as you make your way to bear viewing sites on the river. The lush vegetation is reminiscent of an ancient age. Listen to the wilderness, the mountains and the forests – hear them speak to your soul as your 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. Feel the cool winds as they swirl from the mountain peaks to softly stir the ancient forest.

From our unique floating glamping lodge here are some of the special experiences -

- **Grizzly bears and salmon on wild rivers by jetboat and ancient forest walking safaris.**
- **Kayaking the world's deepest fjord lake, exploring the shores and ancient old growth forest and limestone caves.**
- **Birding (eagles, osprey, herons, mountain dwellers, owls, loons, migratory birds, more).**
- **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.**
- **Walking through a rare ancient interior rainforest to grizzly bear viewing sites.**
- **Wildlife that may be seen includes grizzlies, black bears, mountain goat, moose, Mountain Caribou, wolf, mule deer, lynx, wolverine, birds.**
- **The wilderness traveler's paradise and a photographer's dream.**
- **Hiking through boreal forests and mountain berry patches to the alpine high country.**
- **Always in bear country keep your camera ready.**
- **Wildlife calling and tracking.**
- **Wild flowers, rare plants and unique ecosystems.**
- **Become part of nature seeing with the eyes of the forest.**
- **Over 30 years experience guiding wilderness travelers.**
- **A Canadian Signature Experience.**

Travel this wild country and the rivers of the mountain valleys with Gary Zorn, the Bear Whisperer™, 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 and discovered many interesting facts about them. Gary has a lifetime of grizzly bear and wildlife experience that has provided him with an untold wealth of knowledge, stories and delightful entertainment. You will learn much about the bears that few people have had the chance to experience. This is the wild side of nature in the Canadian wilderness. Learn about wildlife and the plants and birds that make up the ecosystems of this unique part of the natural world. This adventure is a unique learning experience with insights into the very soul of Canada's most iconic mountain features – mountain peaks and grizzlies. It is adventure in a very special and distinctive place far from the beaten tourist tracks. You will be guided by professional guides who will ensure a memorable experience in the truly Canadian tradition. Come visit this magical place for the ultimate glamping adventure and an authentic Canadian Wilderness experience.

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**Fall Glamping Adventure
Grizzlies and Salmon – The Cycle of Life
August 25th – October 12th**

With the return of the spawning salmon the grizzlies are drawn to the rivers for their annual salmon feast. During the fall season we follow the salmon up the rivers by jetboat then spend the day quietly drifting down the river observing and photographing the grizzlies, eagles and other animals and birds. The salmon have come to complete their cycle of life. They have travelled back from the ocean to their birthplace where they lay their eggs for the next generation and complete their cycle of life. The bears come to the rivers for their annual salmon feast, but the salmon's life cycle does not end with the bears. The salmon feed a host of other forest creatures like the eagles and wolves and the forest itself. Travel among the wildlife with opportunities to observe grizzlies, wolves, black bear and moose in their natural wild habitat. Early morning viewing and evening viewing ensure you get the best opportunities to see the bears and get that perfect bear photo.

Here is an example of an itinerary for this tour.

Day 1 – Arrival day – arrive in the late morning at Pyna-tee-ah Lodge – depart for Grizzly Bay Floating Lodge – late day bear viewing;

Day 2 – early morning bear viewing by jetboat on wilderness salmon spawning river – return to lodge in the late morning for brunch – spend some leisure time resting in your tent or relaxing on the deck – mid-afternoon and evening bear viewing – return to the lodge for dinner – relax, share your day's experiences and an evening of star gazing;

Day 3 - Walking safari through ancient forests to bear viewing sites along the river;

**Day 4 – Bonus Day – Kayaking Grizzly Bay and the shores of the north arm enjoying nature, wildlife and birds.

Day 5 – Departure day – enjoy leisurely breakfast on floating lodge and prepare to depart and plan your next visit to Grizzly Bay Glamping Lodge.

**Summer Glamping Adventure
Grizzlies and Wildlife - Hiking, Kayaking
Bears, Wildlife, Nature
June 18th – August 24th**

Glamping on our floating lodge on the deepest fjord lake on earth, Quesnel Lake, in the heart of the rare interior ancient rainforest amid the breathtaking scenery of the Cariboo Mountains is the ultimate wilderness adventure providing you those special unforgettable lifetime memories. This safari includes wildlife viewing, focusing on grizzlies, black bears, moose, mountain caribou, mountain goats, wolves, deer and a variety of birds, hiking and kayaking, magnificent mountain scenery with icefields and glaciers. Walk in the rare ancient interior rainforest among the huge Western Red Cedars over 1000 years old, kayak and explore the deepest fjord lake on earth and explore the natural limestone caves and other distinctive features or hike into the alpine with its own rare ecosystems and plants and spectacular mountain views.

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 our Grizzly Bay Floating Lodge by boat – evening viewing opportunities.

Day 2 – Walk through rare interior ancient forests and forest bathing – seeing with the eyes of the forest. Kayak along the shores of the deepest fjord lake on earth observing wildlife.

Day 3 – Alpine hike – This is a hike for the hearty through the ancient forests into the alpine – observe wildlife and nature at its finest and enjoy magnificent views of Quesnel Lake and surrounding mountain peaks and area.

**Day 4 – Bonus Day – Kayaking Grizzly Bay and the shores of the north arm enjoying nature, wildlife and birds.

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

Grizzly Bay Glamping Lodge – A unique floating lodge on Quesnel Lake.

Located in Grizzly Bay on Quesnel Lake, the Grizzly Bay Glamping Lodge, a large floating camp, is the ultimate wilderness adventure. With its cozy sleeping tents, dining tent, and lots of open deck space to enjoy the magnificence of the mountains and Quesnel Lake, the starry nights, the glow of the moon reflecting off the glaciers and snow capped mountain peaks and perhaps the aurora borealis dancing heel and toe across the night sky its an experience like none other. In the dining tent our country style gourmet fare from locally sourced organic ingredients, freshly prepared by our chef, is sure to delight the most discerning tastes. From hearty soups, salads and entrees to home made bread and wonderful desserts, pastries and special treats will appease your appetite. The canvas safari tents comprise master suites with ensuite bathrooms, beds with cozy duvets, solar lighting, and amenities like comfy velour robes. Sleeping in the cozy canvas cabins is an intimate experience with nature as you watch the moon's shadows move over your tent, hear the call of the loon as it echoes across the bay, the splash of rainbow trout and salmon in the water, and the gentle slap of the water on the nearby shore. Or open the tent flaps for views of the starlit nights and perhaps a glimpse of the aurora borealis as you drift into peaceful sleep in the quiet of the mountain night.

These trips are ideal for couples, singles and small groups and families (minimum age 12 years).

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Baggage Limit – 50 pounds per person packed in waterproof dry bags or soft-sided duffel type luggage.

There are NO Laundry Facilities so please be prepared with enough personal gear for the duration of your trip.

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 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, Wilderness Stewardship Levy, ground transport from/to Williams Lake airport is available - \$235.00 Cdn per vehicle – maximum 4 people. (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 transfer or personal 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 put guests in the best place 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.

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: It is very strongly recommended you purchase trip cancellation insurance as well as extended medical insurance to cover life and health care risks while in Canada, emergency evacuation insurance 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 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. Once you are at the camp 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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