

CANADA - GRIZZLY RIDE

ITINERARY

Day 1

Return transfers are included from Whitehorse airport on the first and last days of the ride.

To minimise the risk of flight delays spoiling your holiday we strongly recommend that you arrive in Whitehorse one day before the ride is due to start. If you decide to arrive on Day 1 then your flight must arrive into Whitehorse by midday or before.

On the last day your flight should depart in the afternoon.

Once everyone has arrived, there will be an introduction to the horses, and the saddles and tack are assigned. There will be a safety briefing, and then you pack for the trip.

In the afternoon, set off on an introductory two-hour ride. This is an opportunity to try out your horse and for the guide to make any last-minute alterations before heading out on the trail tomorrow.



It's important that you voice any concerns today, as once you ride out into the wilderness there are limited opportunities to make changes.

Overnight Base Camp.

The following pack-trip is an off-grid wilderness experience.

The cabins at the start and end of the trail have basic facilities. On the trail you will be camping in tents in remote mountain locations where the weather is changeable and there are no toilet or washing facilities. Tents are provided, but you will need to bring your own Thermarest and good quality four season sleeping bag.

The following itinerary is subject to change depending on the weather and other conditions but always with the best interests of riders and horses in mind.

There are two guest cabins set amongst the pine trees. They are simple rustic cabins with wood stoves.

The main Northern Lights cabin is larger and has its own bathroom.



Sleeping platform in the Northern Lights Cabin



Bathroom in the Northern Lights cabin.

The smaller Klondike is the original cabin and has an outdoor toilet.

There is also a sauna at the cabins.



During the trail itself, you will be camping in tents in remote locations. There are no toilet or washing facilities.

Day 2

The horses are loaded into the trail for the short journey to the start of the pack trip.

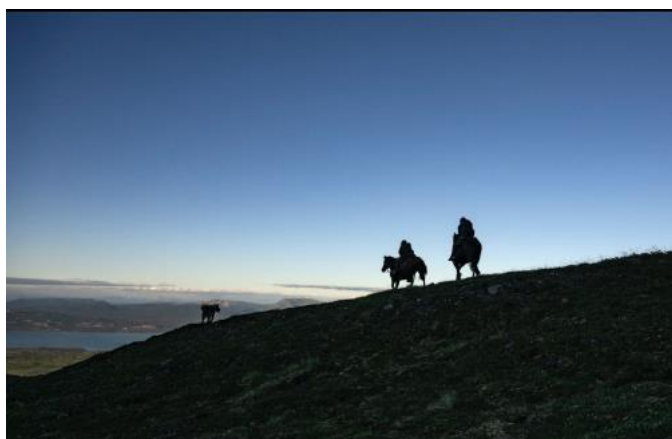
Unload the horses and head west into the high country. Have lunch whilst looking for wildlife. Common sightings are sheep, moose and bear.



Deb your guide leading a pack horse.

Continue riding for about another hour and a half to camp. Then unpack, unsaddle and set up camp, before enjoying supper around the camp fire.

Overnight Lake Camp. Lake Camp is high up with great views of the mountains to the south and west.



Day 3

After breakfast, saddle the horses and hit the trail. Lunch on the mountain and wildlife viewing, then continue on towards Grizzly Mountain.



Unpack, set up camp and watch for wildlife on the mountainsides, with supper around the camp fire.

Overnight Grizzly Camp. This alpine camp is noted for sightings of wildlife, including grizzly bear, thin horn sheep and moose.



Day 4

Today is a non-moving day. You can either ride or hike to explore around Grizzly Mountain. Wildlife you may see include grizzly, moose, and Dall's sheep.



Supper and relax in camp. Your guide will share stories of her life as a trapper and big game guide.

Overnight Grizzly Camp.

Day 5

After a campfire breakfast saddle up and ride towards Pilot Mountain.



Overnight Bear Camp. Bear Camp is set amongst stands of willow and small lakes. There is plenty of grazing for the horses and it's common to see thin horn sheep and bear.



Day 6

Ride along Pilot Mountain and view Dall sheep, possible grizzly and moose.



Family of grizzly bears

Lunch high up on a ridge viewing the wildlife.



Learn about aging, gender identifying and maturity of animals. In the afternoon, continue riding towards camp.

Overnight Sheep Camp. Beside a creek, near the southern edge of Pilot Mountain this camp is a place where moose like to gather.



Day 7

Today is a non-moving camp day. Enjoy a ride without the pack horses, hike up Pilot Mountain, or relax in camp viewing wildlife.



Search for the ruins of old trapper and hunting camps that have been used many years before us. Look for moose or sheep up close.



Family of moose on the mountain side.

Learn some of the "old-timer" secrets including how to call moose. Evening relaxing at camp.

Overnight Sheep Camp.

Day 8

After breakfast pack-up and hit the trail. Ride through the pine forest and open meadows with views of Pilot Mountain and Flat Mountain.



Stop for lunch in a meadow, beside a creek that flows from Pilot Mountain.



In the afternoon continuing riding to along a pine ridge to a new camp that is in an excellent location of seeing Grizzly bear, moose and sheep.

Overnight Caribou Camp. Caribou camp is set on a pine ridge surrounded by areas of willow and open country.



Day 9

Ride over a beautiful mountain pass on trails with great views of Grizzly and Flat mountain, with the Yukon River and Lake Laberge beyond.



There are also good opportunities to see wildlife today.

Eventually you arrive back at the trailhead where the ride started.

Load the horses and take them back to Base Camp.

Overnight Base Camp.

Day 10

After breakfast it's time to say your goodbyes to the Caribou Wild team.

You will be transferred to Whitehorse airport.