

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - ROCKING Z - RANCH STAY 10 NIGHTS

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Day 1

There is no charge for transfers from/to Helena at a set time. The collection on the Sunday morning will be between 10:30 and 11:30. Activities will start from around 14:00. The following Saturday you will be transferred back to Helena between 11:00 and 12:00.

Transfers at any other time can be arranged and are payable locally. Transfers from Helena (around 20 minutes) cost USD 80 per vehicle one way or from Great Falls (around one hour) at USD 113 per vehicle one way. Or you may prefer to hire a car and self-drive to the ranch.

Flights from Europe arrive late evening, normally between 19:00 and 23:00 and most people choose to overnight at a hotel near to the airport. We advise that you book a hotel that can arrange airport collection as Helena is very small and there are no taxis late at night (unless pre-booked).

Outside of high season, that is for stays between October and the end of May, it may be possible to transfer directly to the ranch in the late evening on your arrival and there is a discounted rate if you arrive after 19:00 in time for dinner or later in the evening.

Your first day will be an opportunity to meet the horses and have an orientation. Thereafter there is no set itinerary and what happens each week depends on the guests staying; their riding abilities; the weather and what else is going on.

The following itinerary is an example of what may happen during your week.



There are eight guest rooms. They are clean and comfortable with carpeted floors. Each room has an en-suite bathroom and a door onto a covered porch. The rooms also have cast iron stove heaters for cool spring or autumn evenings. Air conditioning is available in some of the rooms so please let us know if this is important to you.



The rooms are of varying size and some can accommodate up to four people on king, queen or twin beds. There are two smaller rooms in the main ranch lodge, which are available with no single supplement. All rooms are non-smoking. The rooms are cleaned on a weekly basis but please ask any of the family if you need anything or would like a more frequent check.



The main ranch lodge has a communal living and dining area where meals are taken with the family.

Just above the main ranch house is a large hot tub, custom built by Zack.

Day 2

This morning enjoy a relaxed breakfast before heading out to the stables.

Today you might ride out from the ranch up into the foothills where you can enjoy stunning scenery and views for miles. Later return to the ranch for lunch before working on your roping skills in the arena.



Day 3

Riding instruction is available in Parelli Natural Horsemanship, Western riding and reining. Arena games such as barrel racing are also great fun. If you'd like to try any of these during your stay, please do speak with your hosts.



Day 4

On one day of each week you normally have the opportunity to move cattle from one pasture to the next or bring the cattle into the arena to do team penning.



Day 5

Depending on the groups preferences and ability, you may head out on an all day ride today with a picnic lunch. There are so many trails to explore and if you are lucky, even wildlife to spot.

Perhaps in the afternoon head out for a walk or try your hand at fishing.



Day 6

Today you may wish to get up early and watch the herd of horses be brought into the stables.



Start the day with grooming your mount before heading out on the trails or spending some time perfecting your barrel racing skills.



Day 7

This morning you will say goodbye to those heading back to the airport or onwards with their holiday. The day is at your leisure.

There are no organised activities and only simple meals provided at the weekend. You may wish to go for a hike or visit a local place of interest.



Day 8

This morning is at your leisure.

In the afternoon you will be able to ride whilst the newly arrived guests are having their orientation.



Day 9

Montana is the home of fantastic wildlife. Particularly in spring you may see White Tail deer, Mule deer, Elk, Osprey, Bald and Golden Eagles if you are lucky.

The wranglers are all experienced Parelli practitioners and so if you wish to do some groundwork in the roundpen one afternoon, please ask your hosts.



Day 10

Today head out on your last day riding and enjoy the big skies. Perhaps you'll get to ride your favourite horse across the plains or have another go at barrel racing or team penning in the arena.



