



ITINERARY

FOR THE LOVE OF HORSES

On this intrepid itinerary, you will experience the breathtaking natural beauty of British Columbia's rugged interior by horseback. With a surefooted hooved companion by your side, marvel at the beautiful sights that this undiscovered region has to offer, from the tranquil shores of Birkenhead Lake to the dramatic, steep walls of the ancient Fraser Canyon.

ROUTE AND STOPS

7 Days & 6 Nights

Vancouver

Whistler

Clinton

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ACCOMMODATIONS



LODEN HOTEL

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

Located on a quiet residential street only steps from the downtown core and the waterfront, guests are within walking distance of Stanley Park and the Robson Street shopping district.



FOUR SEASONS RESORT AND RESIDENCES WHISTLER

WHISTLER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

Grand in scale, yet intimate by nature, The Four Seasons Whistler encapsulates the Canadian mountain spirit with the area's largest luxury lodge rooms, suites and townhouses, each with their own fireplace and private balcony.



ECHO VALLEY RANCH & SPA

CLINTON, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

Nestled away in the breathtaking setting of British Columbia's Cariboo Mountains, Echo Valley Ranch & Spa offers an experience unlike any other.

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SAMPLE ITINERARY



DAY 1: VANCOUVER ARRIVAL

Begin your adventure in Vancouver, Canada's densest and most diverse city! Meet your chauffeur who will privately transfer you to your luxurious accommodations at the Loden Hotel. The Loden Hotel, a boutique property only steps away from Vancouver's downtown core, is a quiet oasis that blends upscale comforts with personalized service. After checking in, spend the day getting acclimated to your new surroundings and exploring Vancouver's waterfront at leisure.

Overnight at Loden Hotel

DAY 2: VANCOUVER TO WHISTLER

After breakfast this morning, leave the big city behind and make your way to Whistler, a picturesque mountain town and outdoor adventure mecca. During the ride, you may elect to stop at various scenic points of interest along the way. Explore Stanley Park's sprawling rainforest trails and First Nations totem poles, enjoy panoramic views of the Howe Sound and the surrounding mountains on a ride up the Sea to Sky Gondola, or walk amongst the treetops of centuries-old Douglas firs as you cross the iconic Capilano Suspension Bridge. Arrive in Whistler in the early afternoon, and check into your accommodations at the Four Seasons Whistler.

Overnight at Four Seasons Resort and Residences Whistler

DAY 3: WHISTLER HORSEBACK RIDE

Today, prepare for a journey by horseback through Whistler's sub-alpine backcountry as you make your way around Birkenhead Lake. Your guide will carefully match your level of experience to the spirit and character of one of their sure-footed, trained horses. Once you've saddled up, ride through the untouched forests and fields along the shores of Birkenhead Lake. Make your way towards Sun God Mountain, and listen to the roar of Fowl River Falls's tumbling waters. Stop at

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scenic viewpoints of the lake and surrounding mountains along the way. Upon returning to the base camp, settle down as your guides build a campfire and cook a delicious cowboy supper. Savor the flavors of homemade chops, chicken, veggies, and of course, baked beans. Then, enjoy a signature glass jar dessert, warmed by the flames and especially sweet after a long day of exploring. After dinner, return to town and enjoy your last night in Whistler.

Overnight at Four Seasons Resort and Residences Whistler

DAY 4: ECHO VALLEY RANCH RIDE & RELAX

This morning, you will be privately transferred to the Echo Valley Ranch, a luxurious eco-resort nestled among enchanting boreal forests, majestic mountains, and peaceful rolling grasslands. Upon arrival, enjoy a gourmet lunch, then join one of the Echo Valley Ranch wranglers for a horseback ride to the edge of Fraser Canyon. Ride under forested canopies and through lively creeks, keeping your eyes open for glimpses of spawning salmon, sturgeon and the resident waterfowl. After your ride concludes, the rest of the day is yours to enjoy at leisure or to engage in the hotel's amenities. Participate in a peaceful Thai Yoga session, swim in the indoor geo-thermal pool, or indulge in a spa service. No matter how you choose to spend your afternoon, you will feel a tangible serenity of as you breathe in the pristine mountain air.

Overnight at Echo Valley Ranch & Spa



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DAY 5: THE CARIBOO MOUNTAINS

Today you will have the chance to be a horse wrangler for the day on a thrilling excursion through the open country of the Canadian Cariboo Mountains. Rise early and meet your guide and horse before beginning your scenic exploration with a ride through lake country, where marshes and creeks are bustling with life. Enjoy the sight of local sandhill cranes as you trot along this green landscape. Then, venture through the forested trails, taking in beautiful wide vistas of the rarest ecosystems in British Columbia. Your guide will know the perfect spot to break for a scenic picnic lunch. Afterwards, venture past the remains of the Reinhardt Shipping Company, as your guide explains its historical significance. Make your way through stunning rows of Aspen and fir, feeling the enchantment of these naturally-formed corridors. Gallop through the rolling cattle pastures until you reach Gang Ranch, one of British Columbia's first cattle ranches, dating back to the 1860's. In the late afternoon, return to the hotel to relax and enjoy the serenity of your surroundings.

DAY 6: LIFE ON THE RANCH

This morning, saddle up and ride deeper into the surrounding boreal forests and trails. Trot through a magnificent landscape of desert pines, bushy ferns, and mossy trees, making your way to the valley's bottom for a glimpse into the history of the Cariboo Gold Rush. This 3,500-foot descent that leads from boreal forests into the desert-like conditions of the canyon floor was the route many miners followed on their search for gold to in the Fraser River. Return to the resort in time for lunch, and visit the ranch kitchen for an insider look at farm-fresh cooking techniques from Echo Valley's very own chef.

Overnight at Echo Valley Ranch & Spa

DAY 7: DEPARTURE

Enjoy a leisurely brunch before checking out of your rooms, saying farewell to Echo Valley, and departing for Vancouver International Airport, where you will begin your journey home.

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