



Horseback Riding in Kananaskis Country

Stretching from the foothills to the Continental Divide, Kananaskis Country is one of the best secrets of the Canadian Rockies. It is a stunningly beautiful area, yet still quiet as few tourists know about it. Along the Continental Divide, peaks exceed 11,000ft (3,300 m) and remain snow covered throughout the year. The fast flowing rivers are crystal clear, having never passed a house or road. Many species of big game call this country home: elk, bighorn sheep, mountain goats, mule and white-tailed deer, cougar, black and grizzly bears. Spotting these magnificent but elusive animals is an extraordinary treat.

7 days/6 nights or 10 days/9 nights Pack Trip Expeditions

Day 1: Guests will be picked up and transferred to a Bed and Breakfast in Bragg Creek. This drive offers the first stunning views of the Rocky Mountains. Guests can meet at a pub that evening to meet with the group and the guide / outfitter.

Day 2: After breakfast you will transfer to the ranch where you are matched with a horse of appropriate temperament, we pack up the horses and then the horseback-riding adventure can begin. Today's ride will take us below the jagged peaks of the Opal Range into the valley of the Little Elbow River, where the camp is set up. The riding time is 3 ½ hours.



Day 3: Today we head out for a day ride from the camp. There are several options available depending on the interests and experience of the riders. One is a short ride and hike up to Talus Lake, an alpine jewel tucked into the side of Mount Cornwall. Another option is a longer ride to Paradise Pass, where we might see some herds of elk and bighorn sheep. After the 5-hour ride, there is enough time to relax at the camp.

Day 4: After a hearty breakfast we break camp and ride south into the valley of the Big Elbow River, passing by the Tombstone Lakes at an elevation of 2,500 metres. We set up a new camp in the valley of the Big Elbow and if time allows explore other lakes and valleys in the area. Total riding time is 3 – 5 hours.



Day 5: We break camp and ride through the Big Elbow Valley to our main camp at the base of Forget-Me-Not Ridge, this will take us about 4 hours.

Day 6: We ride into the spectacular Box Canyon. It is richly rewarding in scenery as it takes us into the austere beauty of the Rockies above the tree line. Then we pick up the trail back to the Outpost, where the ride ends by mid afternoon. Riding time is 5 hours. It's time to say good-bye to the wranglers and to go back to civilization. Overnight at the the ranch in 'The Barn' (B&B) in Bragg Creek.

Day 7: After breakfast, transfer to Calgary; time for shopping or sightseeing.

Dates 2010

7 Days Expedition (5 Days Pack Trip)

June 20 - 26
July 4 - 10
July 18 - 24
Aug 8 - 14
August 22 - 28
Aug 29 - Sep 4
September 11 - 17

10 Days Longrider (8 Days Pack Trip)

July 4 - 13
Aug 8 - 17
Aug 29 - Sep 7

Prices per person

CAD 1,760 + 5 % GST tax (7 Days)

CAD 2,555 + 5 % GST tax (10 Days)

Included

- Fully guided horseback riding trip
- Horses for days 2 - 6 / 2 - 9
- All meals on horseback trip, breakfast B&B
- All transportation and transfers
- 2 nights B&B accommodation and 4/7 nights camping

Not included

- Tips for guides
- Personal rented equipment
- Alcohol
- 5% GST tax

Riding Skills

This vacation is for riders with moderate or better experience and a keen sense of adventures. 3 - 5 hours per day will be spent on trail, though people wishing to spend a day or two doing other activities as hiking or relaxing have that option. The horses have been chosen for their endurance, spirit, and sure-footedness in the mountains. Most are Arabians and Arab crossbreeds. Since the pack train uses different trails we often canter where the trail is suitable. The guests are expected to help in tending to the horses and other camp duties. Most horses are fitted with western style saddles but those with a distinct preference for English riding may be accommodated.

SPECIAL TRIPS 2010

🔴 **High Plains Drifter**

CAD 2,450 + 5 % GST

Level: experienced, May 28 - June 7

Visit Writing-on-Stone Provincial Park with its amazing petroglyphs and rock formations before riding 195 km/120 miles in 7 days across the open plains of Southern Alberta from the Sweetgrass Hills on the Montana border to the Cypress Hills in Saskatchewan.

🔴 **Mountain & Prairies**

CAD 2,455 + 5 % GST

*Level: intermediate to experienced
September 12 - 20*

A beautiful experience combining the quiet wilderness of the Canadian Rockies and galloping across the Prairies and through the badlands of Southern Alberta: a five day ride in Kananaskis Country and then a 2-day ride in Writing-On-Stone Provincial Park.

🔴 **Cattle Trail South: September-October**

*Level: strong intermediate to advanced
Date: September-October*

8-9 days riding through pristine cattle country south from Bragg Creek along the foothills towards Pincher Creek in Southern Alberta.

🔴 **Palliser Challenge: On request**

*Level: low to intermediate
mid July to mid August*

With a spirit of adventure, "Palliser's Challenge" retraces the route of this explorer's first passage through the Rockies. This trip combines three great outdoor sports, riding, hiking (carrying a 20kg backpack) and canoeing (moderate to experienced level). 250 km/155 miles

🔴 **Saddle and Paddle: On request**

Level: adapted to participants, on request

This expedition is a combination of a trail ride in Banff National Park and around Mount Assiniboine Provincial Park and a canoe trail through Kootenay National Park.

🔴 **Goldrush Trail: On request**

This ride goes across the Rockies from Bragg Creek in Alberta to Fort Steele Gold Rush town



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