

RANCH STAY CATTLE DRIVE IN ALBERTA

June 8 – 17, 2010

Enjoy a warm welcome as you live an authentic cowboy experience in two ranches in the Wild West, south of Calgary. Learn new ways of communicating with your horse and partake in daily ranching activities: cattle tending, fence mending, pasture checking, lariat throwing and a cattle drive!!

10 days / 9 nights

ALSO AVAILABLE WITHOUT THE CATTLE DRIVE THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER

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June 8 -13

You spend the first 6 days in a comfortable ranch on the banks of a river in the heart of the intriguing Badlands of Alberta, near picturesque Fort Macleod historical town and about 2 hours south of Calgary.

Gerry and Kathy invite you to discover a burning desire to share a life-long passion for horses, horsemanship and learning. Immerse yourself for 6 days of challenging horse/human communication. A quarter century of teaching, a nationally certified *Equine Canada* Western Rider Coach and almost 40 years of horse experience combine to provide you with a unique experience of western riding and cattle handling preparation. You begin with basic Western riding theory and practice, progressing to more advanced "bridle-independent" communication. Learn cattle handling from horseback, implementing low-stress techniques applicable to "open range" management. Cattle roping techniques are an option for those so inclined. Feel the cowboy spirit emerge as you slip into a lifestyle surrounded by horses, cattle and Western Canadian hospitality in the peaceful river valley.

June 14-17

Then you carry on your way south towards the superb Waterton National Park area where prairies meet the mountains. Your new home is a historic, rustic ranch where you stay in beautifully hand-crafted wilderness log cabins among majestic pines. There is no electricity here. Like cowboys in the past, you use lanterns. But unlike them, you enjoy the luxury of a wood-fire cedar hot tub to soak your tired after a long day on the saddle!



You practice the techniques learned in the first few days to handle the cattle, round it up and take part in an authentic cattle drive, taking them to higher and greener pastures. This is truly an exceptional and privileged experience that is not staged for tourists and takes place only 2 or 3 times a year.

**Price per person based on double occupancy:
CAD 3,325 + 5 % GST tax**

Included:

- Transfer between Calgary and the ranches
- Transfer between the ranches
- 9 nights accommodation
- All the meals
- All the activities mentioned
- Gratuities

Not included:

- 5 % GST tax



NOTES :

Previous riding experience required

In the unlikely case that the cattle drive has to be canceled (if the higher pastures are not ready due to exceptional weather conditions), you will take part in many other ranch activities.



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