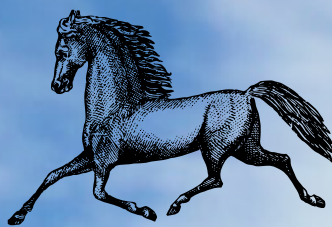


ACTIVE



RIDING TRIPS

CANADA'S BRITISH COLUMBIA RIDE





Pack your bags and head to Vancouver for the start of our 7-night riding vacation in British Columbia.

You will be staying at the comfortable and well appointed Tsylos Park Lodge, where daily rides explore the surrounding Chilko wilderness.

Take a week to disconnect from your phone and laptop, enjoy fun and gorgeous daily riding and return to the lodge, just in time for icy cold drinks, a wonderful evening meal, time to chill out on the deck, or a relaxing soak in the hot tub viewing a million stars.



duration:
8 DAYS



12
MEMBERS



country
CANADA



airport
VANCOUVER



accommodation
LODGE



all meals
INCLUDED



Suggested ITINERARY

Please note that the following itinerary is an example for the ride. The actual days may vary from ride to ride depending on the season and local weather conditions.

Facilities and Terrain:

Tsylos Park Lodge is located between the Pacific Coast Mountains and the Chilcotin Plateau. Surrounded by a million acres of stunning scenery, untouched wilderness, and hundreds of miles of wilderness horse riding trails, this land offers you a rich variety of excellent riding experiences. Each day brings you excitement, beauty and so much fun. All you have to do is saddle up and ride.

Day 1

On Sunday morning your adventure begins with a flight from Vancouver over the Coast Mountains and British Columbia. You'll arrive at Chilko Lake and this exclusive lodge in time for a tasty lunch and a cold drink. Afterwards, you'll gather on the deck to go over the week ahead. Your hosts, the

McLean family, will show you your cabin, then lead you to the barn to meet your horse and receive safety tips for the trail, saddling techniques, and western riding instructions. After this, guests head out for an afternoon ride. This ride ensures that you, your horse and your saddle are a great fit for the week ahead. You'll then return to the lodge in time for a cold drink and a delicious dinner.

Day 2

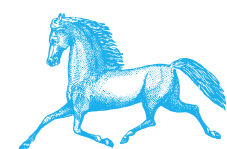
After a filling breakfast – think bacon, eggs, potatoes, pancakes, fruit, cereals and yoghurt – you'll head straight to the stables. Today is a full day's ride out from the lodge to explore Ts'yl-os Provincial Park – roughly 233,000 hectares of rugged mountains, clear blue lakes, glaciers, alpine meadows and waterfalls! You'll return to the lodge in time for another tasty communal dinner and a glass of wine as you wind down for the night.

Day 3

Today, after you emerge from your log cabin, soak up your spectacular surrounds and tuck into another hearty breakfast, you'll head out for another unmistakably Canadian adventure. As you gain confidence in your horse and become more familiar with the terrain, the riding starts to speed up, with more canters along the open meadows and Chilko River.

Day 4

Another beautiful day's ride awaits today, as you journey to the summit of Mount Tulin. After the long climb, you'll be rewarded with breathtaking 360-degree views of the Coast Mountains and Chilcotin Plateau – and a picnic lunch! Photo opportunities abound, so be sure to pack your camera in your saddlebag. Returning from the mountain, you'll have some time to relax in your cabin or wander around the grounds before regrouping with your fellow riders and guides to share stories, laughter and a hot meal.



HORSES

The herd is a mix of many different breeds including Arabs, Quarter, Appaloosa, Paints, Draft, and Thoroughbreds.

TACK Western



Suggested ITINERARY

Day 5

Today is a rest day for the horses after their long summit up Mount Tulin. It's also an amazing opportunity to see Chilko Lake from the water! After breakfast you'll hop aboard a boat to take a scenic tour up the lake, witnessing its untouched beauty up close. Chilko Lake is surrounded by magnificent mountain peaks, pristine forests and ice fields. It's fed by dozens of pure, icy glacial streams, which give the lake its vibrant turquoise colour. A day on Chilko Lake is not to be missed!

Day 6

You will be back in the saddle after breakfast this morning, enjoying long, winding canters through the pristine wilderness as you ride along one of the most memorable trails, the 'Roller Coaster'. We don't want to give away too much, but this is a ride that will give you a serious confidence boost AND a thrill to remember!

Day 7

On day seven you'll enjoy more long canters along the picturesque ridge of Chilko River, with spectacular views of Chilko Valley. At the end of the ride you'll un-tack your horses on the banks of Chilko River and release them for a refreshing swim across the river back to the lodge. You'll then be transferred back to the lodge by boat for your final farewell dinner with your riding companions.

Day 8:

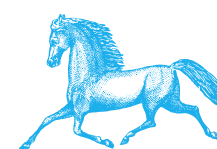
Enjoy one last hearty breakfast at the lodge, then pack your bags, bid a fond farewell to the lodge and horses, and board the flight back to Vancouver (departs around 9:00am and arrives around 1.00pm).

Riding Level:

Any level is welcome. Riding groups are arranged by ability. There are more than a few fast rides as part of the program. Rides are from 6-15 miles long and are from 4 -6 hours in duration. Weight Limits for horse riders is 200 lbs. Please check as we may have a suitable horse for your weight, height, and riding experience.

All riders must be physically fit, able to mount and dismount both sides of a horse, walk, trot, canter, and saddle up.

Riding helmets are recommended for all riders, but are mandatory for riders under the age of 16. There are no helmets to borrow onsite.



HIGHLIGHTS

Stunning scenery

Solid, reliable and fun horses

Beautiful rugged mountain terrain. Some of the finest riding country to be found.

Mouth watering meals

Organic garden that contributes to daily meals.

Amazing wildlife sightings (bears, salmon spawning)

Relaxing hot tub

INCLUDED:

Charter flight from Vancouver
Accommodation
All meals
wine with dinner
Horse, tack, guide
Lake boat trip,
Use of canoes/kayaks
All taxes

NOT INCLUDED:

Airfare
Travel Insurance
Beverages from the bar
Fishing licenses
Gratuities for the team at the end of the stay (please budget for at least 10-20% of the ride price)



Rider REVIEWS



I t is not often one gets to ride in pristine wilderness during the day and return to a gourmet meal in the main lodge. This week of riding had breathtaking views along the river and from the top of the tallest mountain in the area – amazing. My horse Blackjack was comfortable and a joy to ride. I appreciated the break in the week for a boat ride to learn some history of First Nations as well as to admire the gorgeous river and cloud formations. The trails were fun and we moved right along – exactly what I wanted. And where else at the end of the weeks ride do you come home by boat while your horse swims home. Yes the horses swam across the river and made it back to camp at a leisurely pace. A super week all around. **Betty R.**



“Just had one of my best vacations ever at the Tsylos Park Lodge! I’m not even sure where I should start. The scenery was magnificent. The service was first class. I went for the riding and rode one of the best horses ever. Every day held some kind of magic. My favorite was the day our group rode from the lodge all the way to the top of Mount Tulin. Not easy, but so worth it. What a view!” **Rexanne F.**



“Leaving Vancouver BC by plane to a remote area accessible only by truck, you will find yourself in a pristine and magical place, Tsylos Lodge on the Chilko River. In the coming days you will enjoy fast canters, treks in lush woods, and climb to a mountain top!! At the end of each day there is laughter, camaraderie, and gourmet meals from a master chef. Truly a trip of a life time!” **Ruth H.**

