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Three Bars Ranch

CANADA

Experience a **ranch holiday** in the Rocky Mountains, in **British Columbia**. Discover the beautiful scenery of this ranch located south of Banff National Park, with the perfect programmes for families and friends. In addition to excellent riding opportunities, the ranch also offers many other activities such as fishing, mountain biking, or shooting. Ideal for riders of varied abilities looking for a little bit of **adventure in Canada**!

Ranches and Cattle Drives	**7 days (5 days riding)**	**From £2,420**		Family holidays from 6 y.o	Open to non-riders


Ride with the cowboys (and cowgirls!) on a ranch holiday


There are many trail rides to be enjoyed at the Three Bars


Riding against the stunning backdrop of the Rocky Mountains

ITINERARY

Highlights

- High standard of accommodation and service
- Experience the fabulous scenery of British Colombia, just a few hours south of Banff National Park
- Varied activities, perfect for families and non-riders
- An excellent selection of horses for beginners to more experienced riders.
- Please contact us for your extension to Banff National Park and self-drive programs.

Day 1 — 1 : ARRIVE IN CRANBROOK

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Flight to Cranbrook, in British Columbia (via Vancouver or Calgary). Flights are not included but can be booked for you on request.

Please make sure to arrive between 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm on time for orientation and dinner.

On arrival at the airport, you will be driven to the Ranch (approx. 15 min drive). You have time to settle and explore your cabin before meeting with your hosts and other guests over dinner.

There are no activities on day of arrival or departure

Day 2 — 2 : RANCH - 2-5 hrs riding

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After a copious breakfast, the staff will be waiting for you at the stables to introduce you to the horses. The stable manager will be sure to find the perfect horse for you, matching your riding abilities and expectations. Your horse will be yours for the duration of the stay (unless you'd prefer to change), giving you the opportunity to build a relationship with him.

In the morning, the wranglers bring the horses in from the pastures. After a morning in the saddle, you get back to the Ranch for lunch before heading out on your afternoon ride. Back at the Ranch in the afternoon where you may choose to relax with a beer at the saloon or at the spa.

IMPORTANT: Both the above and the following programme is provided as a guide, it is by no means exhaustive but reflects all of the activities in which you are able to participate.

Day 3 — 3 : RANCH - 2-5 hrs riding

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After breakfast, you meet with your horse again for another trail ride across the beautiful countryside. Now that the wranglers know you better, the rythm will be a bit more pacey for those who want to. The Ranch is located between the mountains and the St Mary river, and the scenery is truly stunning! Back to the ranch in the afternoon for dinner and a good night's sleep.

Day 4 — 4 : RANCH - 2-5 hrs riding

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You may choose to go on another trail ride this morning or to enjoy other activities at the Ranch: the choice is yours. Families can ask for specific rides and children can choose to ride or to discover life on a ranch with educational activities (mini-farm). At the end of the day, enjoy some time off to relax around the pool before a BBQ dinner.

Day 5 — 5 : RANCH - 2-5 hrs riding

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The mountains are calling and are waiting to be explored on horseback! Depending on each group's preferences, you may ride into the mountains across the plateau or the river banks. After lunch, you are welcome to go on another ride or try your hand at fly-fishing, archery, or shooting.

Day 6 — 6 : RANCH - 2-5 hrs riding

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Today is your last day on the Ranch. Today's ride may take you to the pine forests to discover the local wildlife and remarkable ecosystem. Lunch at the Ranch before your last trail ride in Canada. This evening, after dinner, a bonfire will be lit to enjoy smores and toasted marshmallows.

Day 7 — 7 : RANCH - CRANBROOK - DEPARTURE

After breakfast, you are transferred to Cranbrook airport for your flight back home. If you are booking your own flights, please make sure to book a flight departing after 09:30 AM. Last transfer from the ranch is at 11:30 am.

DATES & PRICES

DEPARTURE	RETURN	PRICE WITHOUT FLIGHTS	STATUS
23/05/2027	29/05/2027	£2,685	Guaranteed departure
30/05/2027	05/06/2027	£2,685	Guaranteed departure
06/06/2027	12/06/2027	£2,685	Guaranteed departure
13/06/2027	19/06/2027	£2,685	Guaranteed departure
20/06/2027	26/06/2027	£2,685	Guaranteed departure
27/06/2027	03/07/2027	£3,060	Guaranteed departure
04/07/2027	10/07/2027	£3,060	Guaranteed departure

11/07/2027	17/07/2027	£3,060	Guaranteed departure
18/07/2027	24/07/2027	£3,060	Full
25/07/2027	31/07/2027	£3,060	Guaranteed departure
01/08/2027	07/08/2027	£3,060	Guaranteed departure
08/08/2027	14/08/2027	£3,060	Guaranteed departure
15/08/2027	21/08/2027	£3,060	Guaranteed departure
22/08/2027	28/08/2027	£2,685	Guaranteed departure
29/08/2027	04/09/2027	£2,685	Guaranteed departure
05/09/2027	11/09/2027	£2,685	Guaranteed departure
12/09/2027	18/09/2027	£2,685	Guaranteed departure
19/09/2027	25/09/2027	£2,685	Guaranteed departure

Price details

- Flights to your destination (international/domestic) are not included, but can be booked on request - please contact us for rates.

- Rates a per person, based on two people sharing a double or twin standard room.

- The usual group size is 1 - 6 of international riders plus guide.

- Transfers are included and available from Cranbrook airport. First shuttle is 2pm on day or arrival (please aim to arrive in the late afternoon at the latest), last shuttle is 11:30 am on day of departure.

- Non-riders welcome and benefit from a special rate - please contact us.

- Children aged 6-12 are welcome, with special discounts available (please contact us).

- If you sign up to the ride as a solo rider and there are no other riders likely to share your room, you will be charged a single room supplement of approx. approx. £540/€625/$680 in the high season and £340/€400/$440 in the low season in 2027. You will then be reimbursed if a sharer is found for you at a later date.

- You can rent cowboy boots for CA$35 for the week

Activities included (depending on the season):
Unlimited guided horseback riding – every morning and afternoon (Mon-Fri).
Full multi-sport program.
Shooting sports (archery, clay pigeon and rim fire)
River Rafting (July and August only)
Guided hike , E-Bike tours & mapped hiking trails, & mountain biking.
Fly fishing equipment and unlimited access. fishing opens June 15th on the river.
River Rafting is not available in Spring or Fall (July and August only).
All ranch amenities - indoor heated swimming pool, hot tut, fitness facility & tennis.
Full evening entertainment program.

Additional activities that can be organised but are not included:
Guided fly fishing trips on the St. Mary's River (Fishing is best mid July – Oct)
Massage by appointment at lodge.
Local Golf – 5 major – 18 hole courses within 20 minutes of the ranch
Private & semi-private riding lessons – ranch arena
Full service bar – Beer, wine list etc.

If you're planning off ranch adventures you will need to rent a car.
Please Note

The itinerary may be modified at anytime for security reasons, meteorological or events beyond our control such as blocked roads, rivers in flood, drought, strikes and local holidays. Equus Journeys, our local partners and their local guides will always strive to find the best solution and will alter the itinerary as needed.
The names of the hotels and accommodation are given for information only and depending on availability, they may be modified without notice and replaced by another of a similar standard.

Price includes

STAFF AND GUIDES

English-speaking guides and wranglers

LOGISTICS

1 horse/rider

DOMESTIC TRANSPORTATION

Return transfers from/to Cranbrook airport

ACCOMMODATION

Double room in a log cabin

MEALS

Full board accommodation from dinner on D1 to breakfast on D7

EXTRA

Saddlebags

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Gratuities
10% gratuity and 6,2% tax

Price doesn't include

MEALS

Alcohol is not included (payable locally by cash in CAD or credit card).

TRANSPORTS

Transfers outside normal hours
International flights

INSURANCE

Visas and personal purchase
Cancellation and travel insurance are not included in the above listed price. Please note that insurance is mandatory. We recommend taking out an insurance policy as soon as your trip is booked to cover you in case of cancellation

Optional

ACCOMMODATION

Single room supplement

EQUESTRIAN INFO

Horses

Over 120 horses are available, with a great mix of horses for beginners to experienced riders. They range from the "bomb-proof" horse perfect for children and nervous riders to younger horses for riders who want a bit more of a challenge. You will be assigned a horse for the week that will not be

shared with other riders.

Guide & local team

The Ranch is the year-round home of the Beckley family. Jeff and April, Tyler and Jenna, and Jesse and Dee share their western cowboy lifestyle of wide, open spaces and good friends with guests from around the world. The wrangler staff is a knowledgeable and energetic group of people who are chosen for their backgrounds with horses and their ability to have fun in a safe riding environment.

Minimum riding ability

MINIMUM RIDING ABILITY

This riding holiday is available for beginners and experienced riders alike. You will be divided into groups of similar levels. Children from 6 yo + are welcome as long as they are accompanied by a parent.

Please note that riders need to be able to get on their horse from the ground unassisted to join the advanced rides.

Weight limit: 270 lbs - 120 kg - 19 st

PACE

On the trails, the main pace is the walk but there will be trots and canters if you are able.

TACKING ABILITY AND PARTICIPATION

The wranglers will look after your horse (grooming, tacking and untacking). You are welcome to help if you'd prefer.

TRIP CONDITIONS AND REQUESTED EXPERIENCE

No specific experience required. A good level of fitness is a plus, and an interest for the outdoors a must!

Riders who are unable to mount unassisted from the ground may not be eligible for fast rides.

EQUESTRIAN EQUIPMENT

Western saddles and bridles, with saddlebags.
We recommend our riders to wear a helmet to the correct standard and you should bring your own to ensure a proper fit.

TRAVEL INFO

COMFORT

There is a selection of 21 cosy log cabins, renovated very recently in a tasteful rustic style. All amenities available (TV, hairdryer, wifi...). The main lodge comprises a beautiful dining room, relaxation room and saloon, a shop and a gym.

Families have the option of staying in bigger chalets that can accommodate up to 4 people. Please contact us.

MEALS

Breakfast: sweet and savoury options, fruit, yoghurt, cereal, pancakes...
Lunch: hot and cold options, salads, grilled meats, dessert
Dinner: American style, potatoes, meat, salads, bread, dessert, BBQ dinners or Mexican dinners...

Extra drinks can be purchased locally.

CLIMATE

Summers are nice and warm (25°C approx) with cool nights. The winters are cold with regular snow falls. The best time to visit the Ranch is between May-October.

TIPS

A 10% gratuity is included in the price. You may leave a little extra if you are happy with your stay.

PACKING LIST

Please note that laundry services are available.

Head
- Equus Journeys strongly recommend that you wear a riding helmet and that you take your own to ensure a correct fit. There are many lightweight options available nowadays. Helmets are mandatory for children.
- Sunhat for when not riding
- Sunglasses - with a cord attached so they don't fly off when riding
- Buff or bandana

Upper body
- Long sleeved shirts provide protection from the sun and keep you cooler
- T-shirts
- Lightweight fleece or jumper
- Warm fleece or jumper
- Waterproof jacket - it can rain and there are frequent thunderstorms
- Swimming costume - for the Jacuzzi

Legs
- Lightweight, comfortable riding trousers or jodhpurs - we recommend riding in them at home before taking them on holiday to ensure they don't rub
- Casual trousers for the evenings, such as jeans

Hands and Feet
- Comfortable riding boots. We recommend short boots with half chaps but you may wish to take long chaps as an extra layer against inclement weather. We don't recommend taking your favourite long leather boots in case they get damaged
- Trainers or equivalent light shoes for moving around the ranch in the evenings
- Several pairs of socks
- Gloves - your hands are particularly exposed to the sun.

Evening wear
- Casual clothes for the evening

Nightwear
- Pyjamas or nightdress

Our Recommendations

- Backpacks cannot be worn whilst riding. We recommend a small bumbag or a coat with pockets so that you can carry small items with you during the day (passport, camera, sunscreen, lip balm etc)
- We recommend travelling in your riding boots and carrying your hat and some riding clothes in your hand luggage - then if your luggage goes astray you are still able to ride!

Other useful items
- Camera and high capacity memory card. Spare battery
- Bumbag for carrying your camera and small items whilst riding you can put them in your saddlebag
- Ear plugs (for light sleepers)

In your hold luggage
- Any liquids, such as shampoo, moisturiser, deodorant unless they are less than 100ml and all bottles can fit in a small, clear, plastic ziplock bag.

In your hand luggage
- Any valuables, such as your camera, ipod, ipad etc.
- Travelling in your riding boots and carrying your hat and some riding clothes is highly recommended - then if your luggage goes astray you are still able to ride!

Medical kit
- Any medication you regularly take
- Sunscreen and lip balm - should be high factor
- Insect repellent, preferably containing deet
- Blister plasters in case of any rubs
- Antiseptic cream, plasters, aspirin, anti-histamine, insect-bite salve etc...

- Spare prescription glasses/contact lenses
- Rehydration sachets

Miscellaneous
- We recommend taking a copy of your passport and insurance documents with you just in case.

Provided equipment:
- First aid kit
- Saddle bags
- Fully equipped room, with towels, bed linen etc
- Free laundry service

SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

1. **Travel light.** It's a little known fact, but the lighter you pack, the better for the environment as heavy bags will produce higher emissions (when flying a plane or driving a car!).
2. **Reduce plastic waste.** Take your favorite reusable bottle with you. Avoid single-use bags, cups, or straws.
3. **Preserve nature.** Always take your rubbish with you during the ride and recycle them. Leave all the flowers or plants as you found them, and never get too close when observing wildlife. Make sure to use eco-friendly products such as body wash or laundry detergent (if camping) to protect both your skin and the environment.
4. **Choose your experiences carefully.** Respect animal life by not participating in any activities that abuse wild animals (shows, elephant rides, etc.).
5. **Support local populations.** Buy local handicrafts, be respectful of customs, and learn about the culture of local communities.
6. **Share!** Raise awareness among your family and friends about sustainable tourism.

For more information please see this page .