

Lodge based 5 day husky adventure

Departs every Saturday from 14th Nov 2009 to 10th April 2010



This is an exciting dog sled tour filled with fun and adventure for the beginner musher. Spend your days mushing your own team through the pristine wilderness surrounding the ranch. Relax in the evenings with a shower, sauna or snuggled up by the fire recounting your day's adventure with others on your tour! We do everything we can to ensure that this is your adventure of a lifetime and that you go home with many happy memories of your visit.

We do recommend that you arrive the day before your tour. Whether you arrive the day of your tour or days before don't worry we'll take care of you. All clients will be picked up at the airport upon arrival and taken to a hotel or straight to the ranch. Pre and Post nights can be booked for you upon request.

Day 1 Saturday

The morning on the day of your tour you will be picked up at 10am in the hotel lobby. As a group we will do some last minute shopping and pick up any items missing from the packing list. Afterwards we drive to the Wilderness Ranch, 20km South of Whitehorse where we outfit you with your expedition clothing. Enjoy a hot lunch and then be introduced to your 4 legged companions for the tour. Now you learn the basics of; dog care, checking their feet and shoulders, dog massage, sledding and parts of the sled. Harness your team, hook up and go for your very first run! After taking care of the dogs we can enjoy the sauna, have a shower, hot dinner and cozy up by the fire. (L,D)

Day 2 Sunday

While the morning sun lifts slowly over the magnificent horizon, we say good morning to our new canine friends and ensure they are fed, watered and happy. Then we sit in the comfort of our lodge dining room having breakfast and plan our day. Today we cover approx 35km in distance driving towards secluded Jackson Lake. The only sound will be the runners in the snow, the working dogs, and your words of encouragement. This is the day that you begin to know each dog's personality and form a bond that only man and dog can understand. With every stop, praise and show of affection for your dogs, they will learn to trust you and you to trust them. Relax in our sod roof sauna before retiring for the night. Overnight at the ranch. (B,L,D).

Day 3 Monday

Today your team will pull you east of the ranch. As we climb in elevation we are heading onto an old abandoned mining road on McIntyre Mountain. Enjoy the rugged landscape of the coastal mountains nestling Fish Lake in it's valley. Keep an eye out for wildlife - you never know what you might see! Return to the lodge for the night. Take care of the dogs, then curl up by the fire or sit around the dinner table recounting your adventures with others. There is a gravity fed shower waiting for you in the main lodge. (B,L,D).

Day 4 Tuesday

This day takes us towards beautiful Bonneville Lakes, west of the ranch. The trails are narrower here with some challenging ups and downs. The scenery is breathtaking and the coastal mountains are always in view to the south and west. Part of the trip we are above tree line and easily cover 20-30km. A breath of new life will creep slowly into your soul and in harmony with the running rhythm of your team you will enjoy nature like you have never experienced it before. Take it all in and these memories will go with you as you continue your journey home. In late afternoon we drive you to Whitehorse where you spend your last night at the Best Western Gold Rush Inn.(B,L). Here you will receive your musher's diploma and a shuttle pass.

Day 5 Wednesday

Over breakfast you can start planning your next adventure and contact us about even more challenging tours that we offer to out door enthusiasts. The Whitehorse shuttle service van brings you to the airport for your southbound flight.... Or better yet, complete your Yukon winter experience, by joining another tour offered.

Included:

Transfer from and to Whitehorse

Last night accommodation in Whitehorse (1 night double room)

Accommodation in cabins (3 nights double room)

All meals including non-alcoholic beverages, except dinner day 4, breakfast day 5 in Whitehorse

Use of personal sled and 3 to 6 Huskies

Musher Diploma & Shuttle Pass

Winter Boots included, all other equipment see below

Not included:

Alcoholic beverages (we buy jointly before the tour)

Winter clothing rental of warm Northern Outfitters Jacket, Pants; \$35/item, sleeping bag \$45 each, mitts \$10. Payable upon arrival in cash or credit card

Meals in restaurants (dinner day 4, breakfast day 5)

All expenses of personal nature

Cost: £825 per person incl. local taxes Maximum 6 participants per Musher Guide

Accommodation in Whitehorse: for single room please add £75, for double room add £80

Please note:

* This Dog sledding adventure is a challenging but relaxed fun trip! We supply you with the best equipment possible and teach you all the important aspects of mushing.

* To participate you must be healthy, enjoy working with dogs and have a good team spirit. Dog sledding is a comparable physical activity to cross-country skiing, so you should be in relatively good physical shape.

* The camps have no power or telephone, showers are of basic gravity fed nature and not available in tent camp. Shower and sauna at Lodge.

* We point out, that unforeseeable circumstances such as weather conditions, wind chill factor, extreme temperatures (-30 or lower), condition of the group or illness of the dogs may force us to change this itinerary. The safety of our guests takes precedence and our decisions are final.

* You will be required to sign a "release of claims and waiver of liability form" prior to the departure.

