



# THANKSGIVING AT ECHO VALLEY RANCH

October 7, 2022 – 4 Days

*Savour a peaceful retreat in the Cariboo!*

Echo Valley Ranch is nestled in the midst of magnificent Cariboo scenery west of Clinton, and offers an experience unlike any other. Part ranch, part spa, part luxury, the resort sits amid hundreds of acres of pristine mountains, lush valleys, pine forests, and rugged canyons. Living in harmony with the land, the staff lovingly grow, raise, harvest, forage, and preserve much of the cuisine served at the ranch, and the rest is sourced within BC. Echo Valley has undergone a comprehensive assessment to achieve Sustainable Tourism Gold Certified, a rarity in the province. This Thanksgiving weekend tour is a wonderful escape to a rural and remote place. There are many complimentary activities offered and you can choose to go horse-riding or mountain biking, practice archery, explore the farm-to-table garden, or learn wilderness survival skills. You may simply want to take it easy and savour some superb meals with wine pairings at dinner.

Activity Level: 1



TOUR  
25

**All Meals (10) included:**

3 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners

**Fares per person:**

\$3,195 double/twin; \$3,625 single  
Please add 5% GST.

**Early Bookers:**

\$120 discount on first 8 seats; \$60 on next 4

**Experience Points:**

Earn 53 points on this tour.

Redeem 53 points if you book by August 4, 2022.

**Departure from:** BC Interior



## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Friday, October 7

We travel along Kamloops Lake and have lunch at historic **Ashcroft Manor**. It was built in 1862 as a stopping place for gold rush travellers and ranks as one of the oldest surviving buildings in the province. We turn onto rural roads at Clinton, heading west into the Marble Range and a remote region of the South Cariboo. We arrive at Echo Valley Ranch in mid-afternoon. Settle into your room, then join a welcome reception with champagne and charcuterie. An orientation tour of the Ranch is at 5 pm which includes the extensive vegetable garden that grows some of your meal items. A splendid farm-to-table dinner with wine pairings is served soon after.

**Meals included:** Lunch, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Echo Valley Ranch

### Day 2: Saturday, October 8

Start your first morning at Echo Valley with gentle Thai Yoga at the Baan Thai, followed by a delicious breakfast. Take a nature trail walk on the ranch grounds for some morning exercise. Afterwards, join one of the activity options (all

included) described on the next page. After lunch, choose a different activity, relax at the ranch, or take a dip in the indoor pool. Book a special soothing treatment at the spa (extra cost). Snacks and non-alcoholic beverages are available anytime. This evening, gather around the campfire, maybe joined by the Ranch's working cowboys, with s'mores at the ready.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Echo Valley Ranch

### Day 3: Sunday, October 9

Enjoy morning yoga, then breakfast, a morning activity, lunch, and an afternoon activity. Savour a wonderful four-course Thanksgiving dinner in this magnificent setting.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

**Accommodation:** Echo Valley Ranch

### Day 4: Monday, October 10

We say goodbye to Echo Valley Ranch in mid-morning and head for home with a lunch stop at Tobiano west of Kamloops.

**Meals included:** Breakfast, Lunch

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## ECHO VALLEY RANCH

Echo Valley was never planned to be a hotel – it naturally grew to become the Canadian gem it is today. The connection to nature is at the heart of the Echo Valley Experience, from the sounds of Copper Drop Spring to the deep orange of the Marble Range at sunset. It's the feeling of being at home with yourself, re-connecting with yourself, pure relaxation, a spring in your step, and ease in your mind. Owners Norm and Nan Dove knew they had found paradise when they first visited Echo Valley.

Wander across the ranch with the faithful border collies, get pampered in the award-winning spa, experience the backcountry on horseback, and participate in a variety of intriguing activities. Meals are "farm fresh" with sustainable sources, and wine and beer are served complimentary after 12 noon. Facilities include an indoor pool, sauna, fitness centre, and games room.

Sitting amidst four distinct geographic regions, Echo Valley is surrounded by an incredibly diverse range of natural beauty: the majestic Fraser Canyon, boreal forests in most of the valley bottoms, treeless mountains in between, and rolling grasslands spread around. The result is an unparalleled eco-friendly resort, a place of balance and well-being, coupled with an extraordinary range of soft adventures and scenery that is both awe-inspiring and memorable.





## ACTIVITY OPTIONS

1) **Horse Harmony.** Distractions melt away as you forge a connection with your horse, a close equine encounter that peels back any stress and replaces with peace, calm, and well-being. Connect with your horse in the morning by brushing it and walking alongside it around the ranch. After lunch, saddle your horse and embark on a slow-paced ride to experience nature from horseback.

2) **Forest Bathing.** This is an immersive, solitary, and unique experience in the boreal forest surrounding the ranch. Connect with the sounds and sights of the forest through stillness and touch.

3) **Survival Spirit.** Imagine being stranded in the wilderness for a day or two and surviving the raw elements of nature on your own. This informative and creative adventure explains how, then you head into the woods for hands-on survival training. Find a source of water, scavenge for edibles, build a shelter, and start a fire with natural kindling, then listen to a survival story or two from the guide.

4) **Archery.** This program features recurve bows and instruction by an expert guide.

5) **Ranch Gardens.** A more complete tour of the vegetable garden, greenhouses, berry patches, and root cellar is available.

6) **Hiking, biking and fishing** are three more activities that you can book, depending on your interests.



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## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Coach transportation to/from Echo Valley
- 3 nights of accommodation & hotel taxes
- Ashcroft Manor
- 2 days of activities at Echo Valley
- Tour of the ranch with welcome reception
- Thai yoga session each morning
- Service gratuities at Echo Valley
- Knowledgeable tour director
- Luggage handling at ranch
- **All meals (10):** 3 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 3 dinners



Fraser River near the ranch

## TOUR NOTES

- Read more about Echo Valley Ranch and see photos at [www.evranch.com](http://www.evranch.com).

**TOUR 25** This is a Tour 25 departure, meaning the tour is limited to 25 participants, a more intimate travel experience.



**Activity Level 1:** You can engage in as much or as little activity as you wish on this tour. Hiking, mountain biking, and horse riding are probably at a higher activity level. There is no elevator in the ranch buildings and your room may be up a flight of stairs. The coach cannot carry a scooter or motorized wheelchair. If Activity Level 1 could be challenging, you are urged to bring a companion to assist you. The tour director and driver have many responsibilities, so please do not expect them, or your fellow travellers, to provide ongoing assistance.

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## TOUR POLICIES

**Payments:** A deposit of \$200 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due August 4, 2022. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions, Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined.

**Discounts:** Early bookers receive \$120 discount on first 8 seats and \$60 on next 4 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after August 4, 2022.

**Cancellation Policy:** Up to July 4, 2022, the cancellation charge is \$50 per person. From July 5 to August 4, the cancellation charge is \$200 per person (your deposit). From August 5 to September 1, the cancellation charge is 60% of the tour fare. After September 1, there is no refund.

**Fare Changes:** Changes to taxes and surcharges from tour suppliers can occur at any time and are beyond the control of Wells Gray Tours, therefore, Wells Gray Tours reserves the right to increase fares due to such changes until departure.

**Food Allergies:** You must notify us no later than at final payment if you have a food allergy. This tour goes to a remote ranch and the dining room may not be able to satisfy all food allergies. We can ask Echo Valley if they can look after your food allergy. You should consider bringing your own snacks or food items so you are not dependent on what they can offer.

**Travel Insurance:** A Comprehensive Insurance policy is available through Wells Gray Tours and coverage is provided by Travel Guard. Policies purchased at deposit include a waiver of the pre-existing condition clause, otherwise policies can be purchased no later than at final payment. Please contact us for details.

**Photo Credits:** Echo Valley Ranch (all photos)

**Experience Points:** This tour earns 53 e-points. Each time you travel on a Wells Gray tour, you earn Experience Points, or e-points. One e-point equals \$1. Redeem your points on select tours or accumulate enough points to earn a free tour! Redemptions offered until August 4, 2022.

**Consumer Protection BC Licences:** Kamloops 178, Vernon 655, Kelowna 588, Penticton 924, Victoria 65842

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