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*Elkin Creek Guest Ranch • Ocean Explorer • Eden on Chilko Lake*

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### Elkin Creek Guest Ranch

- **Saddle-up for an Authentic Cattle Drive**

One of the last remaining cattle drives in Canada, want-to-be cowboys and cowgirls of all ages and riding abilities are invited to take part in an authentic adventure with the Elkin Creek Guest Ranch's annual *Cattle Drive weekend package*. Set to take place May 15 to 18 the popular 3-night package is priced at \$825.00 based on double occupancy and includes three-nights of accommodation, meals, cattle drive, and the complete Elkin Creek Guest Ranch experience.

Depending on your experience level, the first day at the ranch is spent getting acquainted with your four-legged partner and reviewing some of the basic riding, herding, bulldogging, and livestock handling skills. The next day is the main event where guests head out on the range riding their trusty steed and coaxing the herd of cattle out to pasture. To ensure everyone has plenty of energy, a spectacular gourmet lunch spread is prepared right there for hungry riders. On the final day, guests can choose to head back out for a ride, or partake some of the many other outdoor activities available. From river kayaking, canoeing and fly-fishing, to mountain biking, hiking and windsurfing, the Elkin Creek Guest Ranch offers a variety of activities, sure to keep everyone busy. With breathtaking views of the Nemaiah Valley and Mount Tatlow, it's all about enjoying and the outdoors and having loads of fun no matter what you choose to do.

- **Channel Your Inner Cowgirl**

Latte sipping ladies, turn off your Blackberries, lose your heels, and channel your inner cowgirl during the Elkin Creek Guest Ranch's Cowgirl Bootcamp weekend *package* June 18 to 21 and again from September 10 to 13, 2009. The Cowgirl Bootcamp package is priced at \$825.00 per person based on double occupancy and includes three nights of accommodation, all meals, and the Elkin Creek Guest Ranch's complete "Cowgirl Bootcamp" program and activities

Cowgirls are left in the capable hands of cow boss Ian Bridge and his team of wranglers at the 28,000-acre Elkin Creek Guest Ranch. Set in the heart of British Columbia's spectacular Chilcotin Mountains, the Cowgirl Bootcamp will show ladies just what life is like on an authentic working ranch. From learning to saddle up and ride horses, to roping and handling livestock, ladies will walk away as true and trained cowgirls.

- **Go Wild**

Imagine herds of wild horses roaming over 383,000 lonely acres of wilderness. In the Brittany Triangle located in the Nemaiah Valley, the heart of British Columbia's Chilcotin region, the last remaining herd of wild horses roam free. Believed to be descendants of Spanish Mustangs, the wild horses are watched over by a mix

of groups, including conservationists, biologists, and more recently by Canada's only Wild Horse Patrol Ranger. Catch a glimpse of these free-running horses on your next visit to the Elkin Creek Guest Ranch.

- **Couples Bootcamp**

Looking to add a spark into your relationship? The team at Elkin Creek Guest Ranch has the perfect answer for couples looking for a little something-something. The Couples Bootcamp, set to take place September 24 through 27, promises to bring new meaning to love in the wild, wild, west. Join together as a team for some "horsing around" and fun competition as you practice your roping and cattle sorting skills. The weekend finishes off with a romantic ride and picnic with your cowgirl or cowboy love. The three-night Couples Bootcamp is priced at \$825.00 based on double occupancy and includes three-nights accommodation, meals, bottle of sparkling wine, chocolates at turndown, Couples Bootcamp program, and the complete Elkin Creek Guest Ranch experience.

### **Eden at Chilko Lake**

- **A Grand Unveiling**

Adventure West Resorts is pleased to announce the addition of the new Eden on Chilko Lake to its portfolio. Formerly known as the Chilko Lake Lodge, Eden on Chilko Lake will begin operations following extensive renovations starting in May 2009.

Set in Ts'yl-os Provincial Park, a two and a half hour drive from William's Lake, Eden on Chilko Lake will feature breathtaking views of the unspoiled Chilcotin wilderness. Inspired by the natural healing benefits of Mother Nature, Eden will offer guests a combination of health and wellness inspired programs blended with an unforgettable spa and dining experience. From unsurpassed trout fishing, grizzly bear viewing, hiking, and horseback riding, to locally inspired spa treatments and a culinary program focused on the finest and freshest of regional ingredients, guests will leave relaxed, rejuvenated and with a renewed sense of balance.

- **The Great Wedding Escape**

The wild Chilcotin offers the perfect backdrop for couples seeking a spectacular, nature-inspired wedding. From lux accommodation to meals and activities for all ages and interests, the team at Eden at Chilko Lake can facilitate the dream wedding for 10 to 100 guests.... indoors or out! The choice is yours. The married couple can expect to be welcomed with a complimentary upgrade to one of Eden's private chalets, a special couples massage, and bottle of sparkling wine upon check-in

- **The Wild 47**

The sight of a majestic Grizzly Bear in its natural habit cannot help but stir the hearts of anyone and everyone. The Chilko Valley is home to nearly fifty Grizzly Bears, one of the largest regional populations in North America. Each fall Grizzly Bears from the area are drawn to the Chilko River to feast on the spawning salmon that fill the river, giving guests the rare opportunity to view nature at its best. The Wild 47 Package – inspired by the number of Grizzly Bears that inhabit the area - is available from September 15 through October 31 and includes accommodation, guided bear tours, a picnic lunch, complimentary binoculars, grizzly information package and hot chocolate on the house.

### **Ocean Explorer**

- **For the Boys**

For the fisherman at heart, what could be better than hanging out with the boys, casting your reel, kicking back with a drink in hand and waiting for the perfect catch? Add in a boat trip along B.C.'s rugged coastline, staying in a 110-foot luxury boat with nothing but gourmet food, cigars, a hot tub, and plenty of fish to be caught, and you have the *Guys Ultimate Fishing Getaway*. Ocean Explorer Sportfishing's three-night "Guys

Ultimate Fishing Getaway package is priced at \$2995 per person and includes roundtrip airfare from Vancouver International Airport, single stateroom accommodation, meals, Cuban cigars, guides, fishing gear and bait.

Available from June through September, the 110-foot MV Ocean Explorer takes the boys and their tackle through the famed Inside Passage between Port Hardy and Prince Rupert, depending on where the fish are biting. Four fully rigged fishing boats take keen fisherman directly from anchorage to the top secret fishing holes along the coast. Whether it's trophy chinook salmon, king-size halibut, northern coho, dungeness crab, jumbo prawns, lingcod or red snapper you're after, the crew aboard the Ocean Explorer will do their best to ensure that you get you what you're after.

- **Open Season**

Kick off the year in Caamano Sound, a fishing hot spot renowned as one of the early feeding stops on British Columbia's Central Coast for salmon migrating downward from the Queen Charlottes. The area's protected waters produce vast numbers of Spring Salmon starting in late May. With approximately 20 hours of sunlight throughout the month of June, guests have every opportunity to reel in some of the biggest fish of the season. For the first trip of the season, anglers will be treated with a special 4 day package for the price of three. The Open Season package takes place from June 5 through 9, 2009.

*Adventure West Resorts is a multi-faceted destination experience provider that delivers authentic Canadian adventures for the dreamer within us all. Experience the unexpected with Ocean Explorer Sportfishing, and Elkin Creek Guest Ranch and the upcoming Eden on Chilko Lake, set to open in spring 2009. For more information and reservations, call 1-877-3-GO-WEST (1-877-346-9378) or visit [www.adventurewestresorts.com](http://www.adventurewestresorts.com).*