HORSEPACKING ADVENTURES
Summer 2020
Mustangs: A Living Legacy
June 13-16 • $945

Track wild horses in the seldom-visited Pizona area of the Inyo National Forest. Spend four days observing and photographing the free-roaming herds, blooming wildflowers and other resident wildlife. Enjoy awe-inspiring vistas during this unique educational experience, while exploring the biology, ecology and behavior of the North American wild horse.

Location
Montgomery Pass Wild Horse Range is a pinyon pine forest and high desert region northeast of Bishop, Calif. This area, on the Nevada-California border, is nestled in view of the Sierra to the west and the White Mountains to the south.

Format
The program consists of a series of presentations and discussions spread throughout a wilderness horseback camping experience. This mixture of organized and free time permits you to enjoy the full spectrum of this pristine environment. You will be riding with the instructor and staff members, stopping periodically for observation, food, informal discussion, rest and seminars.

Lecture and Laboratory Topics
- The historical background and political evolution of wild horse populations
- Aspects of the physical environment of the horse range, including climate, geology, water and seasonal changes
- The relationship between wild horses, other animals and plant life in the ecology of the horse range
- Aspects of physiology, reproduction, behavior and nutrition of wild horses
- The principles of wild horse management and the current policies of the federal government

You will also learn practical skills such as:
- Backcountry and range riding
- Interpretive field observation and wildlife tracking

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Mountain Horsemanship: Veterinary Care and Horsepacking in the Wilderness
July 12-18 • $1,695

This deluxe pack trip covers all the essentials of horsepacking in the wilderness—with the Golden Trout Wilderness of the High Sierra as your laboratory. Learn about equipment, emergency veterinary care, feeding and managing livestock in the backcountry.

Location
Originating from Horseshoe Meadows, this course travels through the Golden Trout Wilderness of the High Sierra, near Sequoia National Park.

Format
The program consists of a series of informal but structured presentations and discussions spread throughout a wilderness horseback camping experience.

Lecture and Discussion Topics
- Wilderness conduct of people
- Trail riding
- Feeding livestock in the backcountry
- Backcountry livestock management
- Preventive medicine
- Evaluating the normal horse
- Treating a hurt or sick horse in the wilderness
- Mules

Laboratory and Topics
- Packing: equipment, fitting saddles, making loads, hitches, leading strings of mules, etc.
- Backcountry shoeing
- Veterinary skills: physical examination, floating teeth, intramuscular/IV injections, applying wraps, animal restraint and aging horses
- Evaluating conformation
- Shoeing
- Diagnostic techniques in evaluating lameness

“I would recommend this course to anyone who works around horses and mules, but especially to those who ride horses in wilderness areas.”
Raul Carlos, past student
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