

ELKHORN RANCH

2017-2018 SEASON

Sunday, November 12, 2017 to Sunday, April 29, 2018

RESERVATIONS can be made one year in advance of your stay. We strongly recommend reservations of a week or longer to provide you with the opportunity to relax and become comfortable with your horse and ranch life. Guests generally arrive and depart on Sundays. Recommended arrival time is after 3pm and departure before 10am. Shorter stays of a minimum of four nights are available only when there is a space between week or longer stays. We cannot hold a space without a 25 percent deposit, and **no deposit can be refunded unless the vacancy is filled.** Any slight changes in dates must be made two months ahead to avoid charge for the full confirmed reservation.

To make a reservation, please contact us to check on cabin availability. At this point, we will hold space while you return an *Application for Reservation* and your 25% deposit. Upon receipt of your deposit, you will receive a written confirmation letter. All ranch guests will be asked to complete a *Participant Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement* prior to or upon arrival, which is available for review upon request.

RATES AND PAYMENT. Elkhorn Ranch uses a guest ranch version of an American Plan (or all-inclusive) rate structure, such that the rate includes lodging, all 3 meals, and horseback riding. Gratuity of 15%, local tax and other fees (such as airport transport, laundry or store charges) are added to your bill. The ranch crew does not expect any direct tips.

Elkhorn **prefers payment by checks, cash or travelers' checks** (payable to Elkhorn Ranch). You may also pay by VISA or MC credit card. (We do not accept American Express.)

PER PERSON RATE	WEEKLY 6 or 7 nights	NIGHTLY 4 or 5 nights
Note: Local tax and 15% gratuity will be added to this rate.	Add'l nights prorated	Four night minimum
SINGLE OR DOUBLE CABIN		
Per Person, adult or child	\$ 1727.00	\$335.00
TWO WEEKS OR OVER		
Per person	1642.00	
THREE WEEKS OR OVER		
Per person	1520.00	
ADDITIONAL PERSON IN SAME CABIN		
Age 5 and under	No Charge	
Ages 6 through 15	922.00	178.00
Ages 16 through 18	1102.00	218.00
Adult	1520.00	287.00
WINTER QUIET TIME		
Arrival and departure between Nov. 26 - Dec. 17, 2017	1520.00	

RIDING AND SAFETY. Children must be **age 6 or older to ride.** Out of respect for our horses, we have a **250 pound weight limit on all riders.** **Pregnant women** are advised to consult with their physician about riding prior to your visit. Elkhorn Ranch discourages riding during late-term pregnancy and does not allow loping at any time during pregnancy.

For your safety and comfort, Western style **boots with a smooth sole, heel and no laces are required when riding.** A brimmed hat **with a safety string** is recommended for sun and heat protection. Excessive sun exposure is a concern in the desert. Sunscreen, hats, lightweight long sleeves, and hydration are important. Think about hydration before your visit and during travel to the ranch. Boots and hats can be borrowed from the ranch lending closet. Long underwear, tights, or pantyhose and long socks are helpful in warding off saddle soreness.

You are welcome to **bring your own riding helmet. Elkhorn Ranch does not provide helmets,** but encourages you to use one if it makes you feel better about safety. If you choose to use a helmet, purchase one from a knowledgeable dealer who works with you to assure proper sizing and helps you adjust it properly. Monitor use of the helmet to assure it has not been damaged in a fall. The disadvantage of helmets is that they provide very little sun protection. So if you choose to wear one, seek a model with ventilation and as much sun protection as possible.

Your safety while riding is very important to us. Please help the Elkhorn Ranch guides keep you safe by reading the riding tips in your cabin notebook, ask questions as you go, and pay attention to your guide, your horse, and the people and situation around you.

Sunday is the horses' day off and a chance to hike, swim, play tennis, sightsee or just loaf in the sun. Beginning in January, we take **Thursday afternoon off** to catch up with horseshoeing and doctoring.

ITINERARY FOR THE WEEK flows from most guests' Sunday arrival to their Sunday departure. The schedule may change occasionally, especially during the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year holidays. Meal times remain steady, with breakfast from 7:30 - 9 am, lunch at 12:30 pm, and supper at 6:30 pm (holiday feasts at 1 pm are a noteworthy exception).

SUNDAY - No riding. Travel day for most. Meet & Greet at 5:45pm

MONDAY & TUESDAY - Morning & afternoon rides

WEDNESDAY - Morning & afternoon rides and all-day rides

THURSDAY - Morning rides only after January 1st. A good day for sightseeing, hiking or pool time. Gather at the Long House at 5:45 and be ready for BBQ steak supper!

FRIDAY - Morning & afternoon rides and all-day rides

SATURDAY - Ride or drive to and from the desert picnic

CHILDREN. Children are very welcome. Please note that we do not have a supervised children's program nor babysitting services. Kids age six and older can ride with other kids or with their parents. We are pleased to help them learn to ride. Families are responsible for supervising their children at the swimming pool — Elkhorn Ranch does not provide a life guard at the pool.

If you are bringing a child with you under age 18, for whom you are not the parent or guardian, you will need to bring a completed *Participant Release of Liability, Waiver of Claims, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement* with you for that minor. Contact the office to get the agreement well ahead of time.

COMMUNICATION. A phone and computer for internet access are available for your use at the office, as well as a small wireless zone where you may use your own computer. Cell phone reception improves every year, but don't count on it.

FOOD AND SPECIAL NEEDS. If you have particular dietary needs or requests for your cabin, we are pleased to accommodate you—**please be in touch at least one week before your arrival** so that we can shop and plan accordingly. With advance notice, we are happy to do cakes for birthdays or anniversaries!

TRANSPORTATION. Please let us know your travel plans at least one week before your arrival. Elkhorn Ranch is about a 1½ hour drive from Tucson or solid 3 hour drive from Phoenix (ask for the Marana shortcut directions). If you plan to sightsee, we strongly recommend renting a car. Elkhorn Ranch provides airport or Tucson area shuttle service any day and any time (except Christmas Eve and Christmas day) for a charge of \$54 per person each way with a maximum of \$162 per car load when the ride is shared with four or more people. If you fly into Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport and wish to avoid renting a car, consider using www.arizonashuttle.com and request the Twin Peaks drop off, where Elkhorn can pick you up. When a ranch car and driver are available, and upon request, Elkhorn will send a van to the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum on Thursdays (same costs as one-way airport transfer).

CHECKING IN & OUT. Ideal arrival time at Elkhorn Ranch is between 3 — 5 pm and ideal departure time is before 10 am. That said, Elkhorn is flexible, so let us know your itinerary and we'll go from there. When you book a return flight, keep in mind that you'll need to leave Elkhorn Ranch a minimum of 3 hours ahead of your Tucson departing flight or 5 hours ahead of a Phoenix flight.

SHIPPING and STORAGE. You are welcome to ship parcels directly to the ranch. United Parcel Service (UPS) has the most reliable service, right to the ranch office. Elkhorn will return your parcels via UPS and bill you accordingly. Please **do not** ship parcels via the US Postal Service. You are also welcome to store a box or trunk at Elkhorn.

THINGS YOU WILL NEED. Ranch guests and crew wear casual clothing. Jeans are recommended for riding. Elkhorn laundry service provides a one day turn around, every day except Sunday. Sand creeps into toeless shoes — comfortable walking shoes are suggested. Evenings are apt to be chilly and sweaters or jackets are needed. Shorts and bathing suits are enjoyable during the afternoons. Dark glasses and flashlights are handy. Shopping is over an hour away in Tucson, but basic items are available at the ranch store — ie. toiletry items, snacks and the like. Beer, wine, soda pop and juices are sold at the ranch — we suggest purchasing liquor on your way out from Tucson.

A FEW MORE TIPS . . .

- Ship gear by United Parcel Service, not the post office.
- Information about travel, dietary needs, and other requests to Elkhorn at least 1 week ahead.
- Remember to **pack your checkbook** and release agreement for children other than your own!
- You can use Elkhorn's saddle horn bags or a fanny pack (you can buy one at Elkhorn) — backpacks are not good for riding, as they interfere with balance.
- Smooth sole, no lace riding boots with heel — lots to borrow up to size 14.
- Brimmed hat with a string, sun glasses and long sleeve cotton shirts for sun protection (lots of hats to borrow at Elkhorn).
- Layers for warmth, wind and rain for high mountain riding (lots of adult size layers to borrow in lending closet). Please no rain ponchos for riding.
- Child size gear is scant in lending closet, so please outfit your kids for sun protection, warmth, and rain — warm dry kids are happy riders!
- Lightweight gloves are handy for sun protection and warmer gloves for wintertime mountain riding.
- Tights, panty hose, long johns, long socks for riding comfort.
- Spare camera battery and chargers
- Sketching supplies or a journal?

DRIVING DIRECTIONS. From Tucson, head southwest on Route 86, the Ajo Highway. From the airport, go west on Valencia Road and turn left onto Route 86. About 20 miles from Tucson (or 23 from the airport), turn left or south onto Route 286 towards Sasabe. Drive about 20 miles to the Elkhorn Ranch sign and mailboxes — on your right just past Mile Marker 26. Follow the dirt road seven miles to the ranch buildings. Be alert, as you may see a golden eagle, a herd of javelina or white tail deer, jackrabbits or some of the Elkhorn horses out at pasture! **Please do not trust your vehicle navigation systems once you leave Tucson** — despite our efforts to correct the on-line maps, many guests have been led astray into the desert. Please follow our written directions, especially once you head south onto Route 286/Sasabe Highway.

Please address correspondence and ship parcels to:

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