

AN OVERNIGHT ADVENTURE WITH JK HIKES

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Ready to get your Llama on? Our llamas are ready.

First, we have a few rundowns in order to set your expectations so we exceed 'em. Be sure to read all of this in order to learn the skinny on JK Hikes Llama trekking in Colorado. We are a group of passionate leaders and trekkers with one thing in common - we love to hike in the backcountry with the beautiful llamas carrying our gear. Each of us is as diverse as you and your friends so expect something different from any of our team - but no matter who guides you and which llamas accompany you - we promise, with an open mind and a desire to be in the wilderness no matter the weather - you will have a great experience. In fact, we bet you'll put this one in your top 10 lifetime trips.

GEAR:

First thing to remember is you are out in the wilderness - so be prepared. You must provide your own gear - if you don't have something let us know so we can put our collective minds together and come up with a solution. Being prepared in the wilderness is like being prepared for anything friends. Warm clothing; water crossing shoes (if applicable), warm bedding (CO can get snow anytime of the year), plates, cups and utensils for your meals, water for hiking (we will have filtered water from nearby streams on overnights when possible but do not rely solely on this), good trekking shoes, sunscreen, emergency kit such as whistle and matches, a headlamp (this is imperative as sometimes we do land in our wilderness camping spot after dark which is a blast), gloves and other extremity warm layers, lip gloss and facial moisturizer (it's the high country folks - skin gets dry) and of course high protein snacks. We do have an entire gear list - and any backpacker book or website can give you more on this. Do your homework and don't get caught off guard. You are your own best "stay safe" advocate by being prepared.

WEATHER:

As stated above, Colorado can be fickle and have some crazy weather twists and turns. Don't assume that because it's June or July you'll be fine in a t-shirt with no other layers. It could be windy and cold, or hot and sweaty, or even begin to snow. Simple clothing layers and choices are best - don't skimp on being ready for anything in the high country.

MEALS:

We are a casual outfitter - we provide a cowboy style beef stew for dinner with some sort of veggie depending on the time of year, a corn bread ration for everyone and a yummy, sweetness dessert for dinner. You need to cowboy up w/ your own eating ware and drinks. Booze is permitted if you desire but please be respectful of the folks around you as well as the wilderness. Bring your own water for hiking (bladders on your back are great). Breakfast is pure protein made up of eggs and sausage and usually some pancakes and potatoes which is most times, cooked over a real campfire when permitted. It is nothing pretty to look at - it's rough and ugly - but it's delicious and it tastes so good under the forest canopy.

POOPING IN THE WOODS:

Gotta be discussed folks, as we all do it. The idea is to leave no trace. We highly recommend purchasing "green" TP that is easily compostable and will break down quickly in the woods. EVERYTHING must be buried by using your boot or hand or a shovel to dig a hole. Be sure to cover deep and completely so that nary a person would ever suspect you were there. Always 200 ft from streams, trails and campsites.

Feminine hygiene: Do not bury. Pack it out. Lots more here if you care to indulge:

<http://www.trailspace.com/articles/backcountry-waste-disposal.html>

LLAMA SHERPAS:

Our llamas enjoy carrying up to 40 lbs each - apx 20 lbs on each side of their bodies. We weigh each bag carefully for animal comfort. They can carry your tent, mat, sleeping bag and anything else you'd like to bring along. But please be considerate of the animals and plan on carrying your basic needs on your own back via a back pack if possible. They will also be carrying our kitchen supplies, food for dinner and breakfast and other guide essentials, like first aid.

TIMING:

Since this is a casual outfitter company we tend to go with the flow a bit on timing. We cannot guarantee specific times as it relates to when we will arrive at our night spot or when we will be back at the vehicles. There are many variables to contend with like animals being saddled, weather and hiking conditions - which all insist that we stay agile - we will give you a time frame but need you to be flexible on timing - no hard return time - just a back by 6pm between 3 and 6pm kinda thing. You are on an adventure of a lifetime.

ANIMALS:

The llamas are accustomed to walking w/ trekkers but some are still learning a few things like personal space behind you. We will give you the top things to know prior to leaving but please understand that you might get a "flat tire" on the back of your shoe from a few of our beauties. It's not something that really hurts you but you need to know it's possible. They each have their own llama personalities and we love them all for what they contribute to the team.

DAY HIKES:

On the second day, we leave the llamas in a big, lush field after breakfast and take a hike for a few hours higher into the wilderness without them. Be ready with snacks, your own lunch when you return, water and anything else you may need for a day trip. This can be strenuous as we tend to hike more than a few hours to gain epic views and perhaps a glacier lake or something of the like. Timing on these varies so again, stay flexible. We realize you have gone to great lengths to get into the mountains and we want you to be able to savor every aspect for as long as possible, breathing that clean mountain air.

That about does it folks. If you have any questions give Jodi a holler on the contact us button below. We are thrilled you want to join us and can't wait to serve you into the wilderness via llama trekking. See you soon.