



**VISTA
VERDE**

SUMMER ADVENTURES

Vista Verde Ranch is a magical place where people come with friends and family to experience firsthand the majesty of the American West.



“Come forth into the light of things, let Nature be your teacher.”

—William Wordsworth

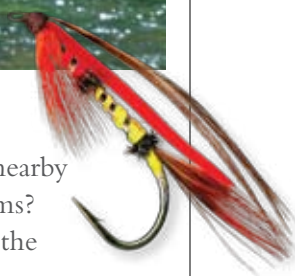
“What would you like to do today?”

Vista Verde staff caters to your every whim. At mealtime the first question is always: “What would you like to do today?” There is no schedule...except yours. You decide what kind of fun you’re going to have at Vista Verde.



FLY-FISHING

How about a little fly-fishing in the nearby crystal clear lakes and rushing streams? Our seasoned guides can lead you to the perfect spot. They’ll also help you with your technique if you’re a greenhorn or just a little rusty.



MOUNTAIN BIKING

It’s the real thing at Vista Verde. A little practice at the Vista Verde Terrain Park will prepare you for our Rocky Mountain trails. And if you like a rugged bike ride, try one up the side of a mountain. A gourmet lunch is standard fare out on the range. So are the sore muscles.

THE WILD WEST ON HORSEBACK

Our ranch is a 540-acre natural wonderland for adults and children alike. Each guest gets his own horse for the week. Take an adventurous ride or do some cattle work... as well as in-depth instruction and clinics. Kids and horses are a natural. Vista Verde has a comprehensive Kids Program...and one also for Teens. Ideally, guests coordinate their children’s time between the Kids Program and family activities.



WHITE WATER RAFTING

Or perhaps an exhilarating white water rafting trip early in the season? Later in the year you can do some scenic drifting.



HOT AIR BALLOON RIDES

Or maybe a majestic hot air balloon ride? You’ll get a bird’s-eye view of the mountains and valleys from high and low.

HIKING

Our experienced guides will help you explore Vista Verde on your own two feet through the unspoiled quiet of the Zirkel Wilderness. The beauty of the forest, mountains, and valleys is breathtaking.



WESTERN RETREAT

GOURMET GRUB

Amazing meals are served in our lodge or on the sunporch. Three squares a day are prepared by chefs who excel at gourmet cooking that walks the line between ranchy and fancy. And after a long day of fresh air and vigorous activity, you won't feel guilty about eating all the fantastic food.



COOKING CLASSES

Our chefs also host cooking classes and wine tasting seminars to sharpen your skills at the culinary arts. You'll be able to lay out a spread to please the most finicky cowhand.



"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams! Live the life you have imagined."

—Henry David Thoreau



THE LODGE AND CABINS

Our lodge is the center of activity for Vista Verde and the place where everyone meets for gourmet meals. The porch bell brings them running three times a day. All of our guest quarters are cozy places to get away from it all. Inside are tasteful furnishings in fresh, western décors. Our cabins are like an extension of our home...and very private. The refrigerators are even stocked with drinks and snacks to help keep up your strength.

PRIVATE HOT TUBS

Outside your cabin there's nothing quite like settling down into your own private hot tub after an active day on the range. It's the perfect way to relax those hard-working muscles.



KIDS AND TEEN PROGRAMS

We have well-organized, imaginative children's and teens' programs. There's lots to do with newfound friends if they wish, and the kids love cooling off in the fountain deck after a long day in the saddle.



DAY'S END

In the evening you'll have great fun recounting the day's adventures...over an open campfire. Several evenings bring live music and entertainment by popular Colorado entertainers to the Vista Verde Lodge. You can make requests, sing along, or just enjoy the show.



WINTER ADVENTURES

Summer season at Vista Verde is equaled only by our winter. A fine, white coat lays across the mountains, forests and trails in a panorama of pristine beauty.

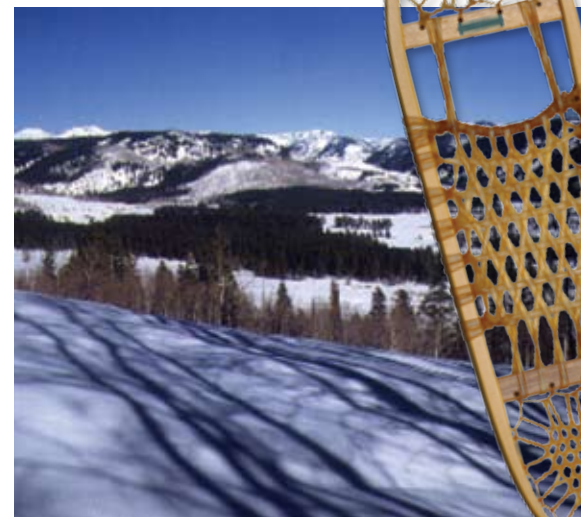


“Nature pleases, attracts, delights... we recognize in it an infinite power.”

—W. Humboldt

SKIING AS IT WAS MEANT TO BE

The champagne powder at Vista Verde is unbelievable. And the views are magnificent. Every turn is thrilling in our part of the Rockies. You can experience a variety of Nordic skiing styles, including skating and telemark. Our trained professionals will help you both on and off the ranch, whether you're a novice or veteran. Backcountry skiing is geared toward your comfort level. Try it, we're sure you'll like it.



WINTER HIKING

Hiking on snowshoes at Vista Verde is an adventure like no other. You'll enjoy the area's beauty while learning about its nature. Our guides will fill you in on all the wildlife, trees, and plants that abound in Vista Verde. You'll come away with a deeper understanding of the beauty of nature.



SNOW GOING

Sleigh ride, anyone? There's nothing like a horse-drawn ride through the forest to bring a smile to everyone's face. Jingle bells across the meadows might just be the break you need. And if you'd like a little more speed, hop aboard one of our snowmobiles for a wind-whipped ride through the most beautiful scenery in Colorado...on your way to your backcountry ski destination. For the thrill of a lifetime, try dog sledding with a team of powerful huskies. Guide your hard-charging team as they raise their voices in a triumphant call of the wild.



WINTER ACCOMMODATIONS

The same luxurious accommodations you enjoy in the summer are covered with snow in winter...a cozy, romantic retreat with comfortable, handmade, western furnishings and a warm crackling fire.

A MOUNTAIN OF DOWNHILL THRILLS NEARBY

Steamboat is just a short drive from Vista Verde. The downhill skiing is some of the best in the West, famous because of Steamboat's champagne powder and unrivaled tree skiing in the aspens. Unique boutique stores offer Western art, décor, and clothing.

WINTER ON HORSEBACK

Even in winter, you're welcome to enjoy peaceful trails on horseback through our Rocky Mountain champagne powder.



Winter and summer...Vista Verde offers unparalleled amenities, cuisine, activities and personal attention, all in an incredibly beautiful and intimate setting. As our guest, you'll become part of our ranch family. Call and make your reservations today.

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