

Betreff: Williams Family Ranch

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Hi Steffi,

We are back in our home in Anchorage with 540 thread count cotton sheets, a lodge-like interior in a luxurious home that most of my friends think should be a bed and breakfast...I wish I was at the Williams Family Ranch. We opted for the William's ranch for the cattle/horse experiences we hoped it would offer. We wanted a family setting with home cooked meals. We did not want the artificial environment of a designer idea of a working ranch. We got all that we wanted at the Williams family ranch. We would not ask to have a thing about the experience changed.

Carol is a thoughtful and considerate woman who will do anything to make your visit comfortable. She worries that some of the remnants of the attempted sale are offensive. The metal reminders of that sale would be offensive if I thought I was going to a Westin Hotel. I have travel all over Alaska for my job. I have stayed in lodges all over Alaska. Some have very loud generators. Some have the smell of propane. Some bed and breakfast places in rural Alaska have Alaskan scrub brush as landscaping. What people enjoy about their Alaskan experiences is that they are different. When you go to the "Alaskan Bush" you meet real people who are making it in a difficult location using their ingenuity and hard work. That is the experience we had with the Williams family. We learned what it takes to be a cowboy/girl in the dessert.

We have had several experience in rural Alaskan at lodges where someone thought plastic flowers would "spruce the place up". **If we wanted designer accommodation...we'd stay home ...or go to Disneyland. For those foreign clients who want to know what the American cowboy/girl experience is like in a loving environment that is safe... send them to the Williams Family Ranch. For those foreign visitors looking for a less expensive experience that is like a Westin hotel...send them somewhere else.**

We meet Roy and Carol's family. We helped train a new colt. We held the cutiest puppies in the world. And...all of the animals were not just tame...but loving. At no time did we feel even slightly uncared for. Even the dogs are attentive!!! One afternoon I took it upon myself to walk to the river. Three dogs awoke and followed me running along both sides of me. I never feared runing into a snake. They were protecting me. They protected the new puppies as well.

We came to ride and we did ride...all the time we wanted. My husband had the chance to round up cattle an experience he hadn't had since childhood in Kodiak, Alaska. We are going to return next April to be sure we are in on the experience of rounding up cattle.

Thank you for your part in making our trip happen. We are grateful. I have some photos I'd like to send. Should I email them to you at this email address?

Mary Jane S.