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Enjoy a cool time in B.C. over the holidays

Covering an area stretching from the Cariboo Mountains to the Pacific, the Cariboo Chilcotin Coast region awaits adventurers and nature enthusiasts with a myriad of winter's "coolest" adventures.

The adventuresome can take a step back in time to when mail was transported via dogsled along the Cariboo Wagon Road (dogsled-mailrun.ca). Yuletide fun awaits families at the Big Bar Guest Ranch (bigbar-ranch.com), while cross-country ski enthusiasts can participate in the Feb. 23 Gourmet Cross Country Ski Tour (1-250-994-3330).

Ecotours B.C. allows visitors to connect with their wild side in the heart of the Cariboo wilderness (ecotours-bc.com) before they hit the ice with expert ice fisherman Red Doug (cari-

booriverfishing.com).

For more information on the Cariboo Chilcotin Coast region, visit landwithoutlimits.com.

Romantic getaway

Put the perfect romantic getaway under the tree and go to Vancouver Island for New Year's. Set the tone for your two-night stay with wine and chocolate truffles at your Victoria accommodation. Notch up the atmosphere by adding a private horse-drawn carriage ride around the brightly lit inner harbour, followed by a New Year's Eve dinner at Il Terrazzo Restaurant.

New Year in Victoria packages are available starting at \$335 per person, based on double occupancy, from Golf Vancouver Island (call 1-888-465-3239 or visit golfvancouverisland.ca).

