



#### CANADA

# GRIZZLY BEARS OF KNIGHT INLET LODGE (TOUR CODE: 11881)

STARTS AND ENDS

**TRAVEL PERIODS** 21 May 25 - 15 Oct 25 & 21 May 26 - 15 Oct 26 EXPERIENCE Indigenous Wildlife TRAVEL STYLE Independent Holiday Packages

Discover one of the world's best grizzly bear viewing experiences! Set in the heart of the Great Bear Rainforest, this unique floating lodge offers thrilling wildlife encounters, Indigenous-owned hospitality, and the raw beauty of the Canadian wilderness — all in one unforgettable stay.

#### Highlights

- · Stay at a remote floating lodge in British Columbia's Great Bear Rainforest
- · Experience world-renowned grizzly bear viewing with expert guides
- · Enjoy Indigenous-owned hospitality and immersive cultural insights
- · Spot whales, eagles, and other iconic Canadian wildlife in their natural habitat
- · Savour locally inspired meals in a spectacular wilderness setting

This wild and remote inlet is located 80km by air north of Campbell River, British Columbia. At 125km in length, this inlet is one of the largest on the BC coast and features towering snow-capped granite cliffs, waterfalls and glaciers. Knight lnlet, the traditional territory of the Da' naxda' xw Awaetlala First Nation, is home to an abundance of grizzly bears as well as killer whales, humpback whales, porpoises, dolphins, salmon, seals and sea lions.

Spring and Summer Grizzlies feed on the cove's abundance of sedge grasses, berries and shellfish in the intertidal zone. During this time, the bears can be seen by boat on the banks of Glendale Cove. The returning salmon in the fall provide the high fat, high protein food source required for winter hibernation. In the fall, the bears can be seen in large numbers from the specially constructed viewing platform.

Situated 60kms from the mouth of the inlet is Knight Inlet Lodge. The floating lodge is tucked into Glendale Cove, which offers one of the few protected anchorages in the inlet, and it is here that you will begin each day's adventure.

Each guest's itinerary is designed to maximize their time in this remarkable setting. The first full day at the Lodge is pre-planned, with excursions

typically beginning immediately after your safety orientation. After this first day, you will meet with the Lodge Manager each evening before dinner at a designated desk in the dining hall to discuss and coordinate their next day's adventures. The day is divided into four time blocks of approximately 2 to 2.5 hours each (except for departure morning, which is 1.5 hours). Depending on the adventures chosen, guests can participate in one to four excursions per day, with most opting for two to three activities. To ensure minimal impact on the wildlife and a more personal experience, excursions are limited to between six and twelve guests per group.



ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
ENTIRE Change of Mind
ENTIRE On Ground Support

ENTIRE AUD Prices

- ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ENTIRE Australian Owned

## INCLUSIONS

- 1 night in Campbell River at Comfort Inn & Suites
- · 2 nights at Knight Inlet Lodge
- · Return flights from Vancouver to Campbell River
- · Return floatplane from Campbell River to Knight Inlet Lodge
- Ground transportation in Campbell River
- Full board at Knight Inlet Lodge
- Bear viewing tours
- · Scenic boat tour of Knight Inlet
- Interpretive hike of the Kwalate River Valley
- Kayak tour of Glendale Cove
- Wildlife Tracking Tour
- Interpretive forest walks in the Glendale Cove area

## ITINERARY

## 1 Vancouver Campbell River

Depart this afternoon from Vancouver International Airport (South Terminal) for a 40-minute flight to Campbell River. Upon arrival, transfer (included) to your overnight accommodation. The day is at your leisure. Accommodation for the first night of your Knight Inlet Lodge package will be at Comfort Inn & Suites in Campbell River. Passengers must reconfirm the floatplane departure time upon check-in. Rooms are available for check in beginning at 15:00.

Overnight in Campbell River at the Comfort Inn & Suites



## 2 Campbell River Knight Inlet

This morning, enjoy a scenic floatplane flight to Knight Inlet, a remote fjord and natural habitat of the grizzly bear. After a safety briefing and morning tea, join your guide in search of the many bears that frequent the area. During the spring and summer season viewing is done from small boats that allow you to get close without disturbing the bears. During the fall season, viewing takes place from secure platforms overlooking the Glendale River, where grizzlies gather to feast on salmon. From your elevated vantage point, observe these majestic animals fishing, socializing, and preparing for winter.

There is more time for bear viewing after lunch, plus a cruise that takes in the natural wonders of Knight lnlet – tremendous waterfalls plummeting out of sheer rock faces, ancient glaciers with trails carving through the mountains and wild and remote rivers teeming with life.

#### Overnight stay at Knight Inlet Lodge

Lunch, Dinner



Each day at the Lodge you will experience one bear viewing tour, along with a choice of excursions for other wildlife viewing, depending on location and availability. Choices may include:

#### Scenic Cruise of Knight Inlet

Take a spectacular 2-hour scenic cruise through Knight Inlet, enjoying its natural wonders – waterfalls plummeting out of sheer rock faces, ancient glaciers carving through the mountains, and wild rivers teeming with life.

#### Interpretive Forest Walks

Take a walk in an ancient, old-growth rainforest in the pristine Kwalate valley, a 20-minute boat ride from the lodge. We will walk up the valley along the beautiful Kwalate River to see giant moss-covered trees and stunning waterfalls, and learn about the rainforest and the various plants and wildlife that abound here.

#### Sea Kayaking in Glendale Cove

Drifting quietly in your sea kayak, you will see grizzly bears foraging along the shoreline near our lodge. Never kayaked before? No problem. We operate in a sheltered cove in calm water, and our trained guides will coach you in the fundamentals of sea kayaking so that you feel confident to paddle these seaworthy craft.

Overnight stay at Knight Inlet Lodge

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



### 34 Knight Inlet Campbell River Vancouver

In the morning, enjoy one final tour of the estuary. This can be by small boat or by kayak, your choice. Depart from the lodge and return to Campbell River by mid-morning. On arrival, transfer to the local airport for your return flight to Vancouver.

Breakfast



## ACCOMMODATION

### Comfort Inn & Suites

#### Campbell River

The Comfort Inn & Suites in Campbell River offers a welcoming stay on Vancouver Island's scenic waterfront. Located in downtown Campbell River, this 100% smoke-free, pet-friendly hotel is a short walk from local shops, restaurants, and attractions. Guests can enjoy a complimentary hot breakfast, relax in the indoor pool and hot tub, or maintain their fitness routine in the on-site gym.



### Knight Inlet Lodge

#### Knight Inlet

Situated 60 kilometres from the mouth of the inlet is Knight Inlet Lodge. Our floating resort is tucked into Glendale Cove, which offers one of the few protected anchorages in the inlet, and it is here that you will begin each day's adventure. The lodge is a modern one story facility consisting of 5 cement floats, we like to call ourselves a floating village, plus support buildings. All guest rooms feature comfortable queen size beds plus private washrooms with showers. The resort is finished with western cedar board and batten siding to give it a real west coast British Columbia look and feel. There are 2 outside deck areas, one complete with gas fireplace, for relaxing on those warm summer evenings.



## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**OFFICIAL LANGUAGE** French & English LOCAL CURRENCY Canadian Dollars

- Departure from Knight Inlet is 9:00am with arrival back in Campbell River at 11:15am.
- · Check-in baggage allowance is limited to 30lbs (14kgs) per passenger plus a small carry-on.
- There is no mobile phone coverage, wi-fi or internet access once at the lodge.
- Minimum child age is 6 years during boat viewing season (May 21 Aug 30) and 8 years during platform viewing season (Aug 31 Oct 15).

### Excluded

- · International airfares and taxes
- · Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- · Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- · Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package