



CANADA

TWEEDSMUIR PARK LODGE (TOUR CODE: 12938)

STARTS AND ENDS

in Vancouver

TRAVEL PERIODS

15 Aug 24 - 16 Oct 24

EXPERIENCE

Wildlife

TRAVEL STYLE

Independent Holiday Packages

Venture off the beaten-track and get lost in the sheer majesty of Bella Coola's remote wilderness. Primitive and raw, engage all your senses in a wonderful encounter with the Grizzly residents of the Great Bear Rainforest.

Highlights

- A nature walk in the old growth forests of Tweedsmuir Provincial Park
- Drift on the Atnarko River to search for bears during a scenic float
- Watch for wildlife such as river otters, black bears, bald eagles, and grizzlies
- Exclusive Wildlife Viewing Stations for lodge guests

The lodge is located in an extraordinary area where the world's most interconnected fjord system, the world's largest temperate rainforest, and a dramatic mountain landscape of glaciers, plunging creeks, pristine rivers, and granite cliffs converge. Much of the area is now protected as part of The Great Bear Rainforest or Tweedsmuir Provincial Park. The area is renowned for its abundant wildlife and is one of the most pristine grizzly bear habitats in the world. The historic lodge has been welcoming guests since 1929.

August is the start of the salmon run and is an exciting time to witness grizzly bears as they emerge from the subalpine. As salmon swim upstream, bears begin to move down to the surrounding river banks in search of protein rich enhancements to their spring diet of bulbs and berries. Through an immersive itinerary of river drifts, interpretive nature walks, and assisted climbing adventures, the team of professional wilderness and wildlife guides will offer educational insights into the behaviour of these impressive animals as well as the diversity of their habitat.

September is the peak of the salmon run and is a terrific time to witness grizzly bears catching and feasting on salmon along the banks of the Atnarko River. The lodge's close proximity to the river, along with its private viewing platform, allows for ample opportunities for frequent and diverse encounters. Self-directed viewing opportunities are supplemented by a curated combination of Grizzly Bear Viewing River Drifts and Grizzly Bear Ecology Walking Tours. Each day, the team of professional wilderness and wildlife guides will lead awe-inspiring interpretive excursions into the everyday lives of these remarkable animals.

October is the tail end of the salmon run and the remnants of the fall feast attract other animals in abundance. As the bears move their feeding into the forest, the nutrient-dense deposits fuel the fall foliage, beginning its annual transformation into a colourful collage. By now, the bears are typically well fed, their movements have slowed, and their feeding and migration patterns are well understood. As a result, Autumn offers exceptional opportunities for photographers to capture impressive images of both wildlife and the environment.

INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights at Tweedsmuir Park Lodge
- Roundtrip airfare from Vancouver to Bella Coola
- Meet and greet and transfers from Bella Coola Airport
- Use of private wildlife viewing platform, hot tub, cedar sauna, fitness centre, yoga studio, dining room, lounge, outdoor patio, fire pit
- All meals included at Tweedsmuir Park Lodge
- A selection of top wines, local craft beer, and award winning spirits
- One 50-minute massage per person, per stay
- Interpretive nature walk
- Two half-day or one full-day guided activity on each full-day of stay
- Via Ferrata Adventure (August departures)
- Guided Bella Coola Valley Hike
- Professionally trained and certified wilderness and wildlife guides

ITINERARY

Day 1 Vancouver Bella Coola Tweedsmuir Park Lodge

Depart Vancouver South Terminal on Pacific Coastal Airlines scheduled morning flight to Bella Coola. Welcome to the Great Bear Rainforest! Tweedsmuir Park Lodge staff will greet you at Bella Coola Airport and transfer you to Tweedsmuir Park Lodge. Begin your safari with a 4 pm check-in followed by welcome reception, property orientation, and Grizzly Bear 101 Presentation. Settle in to your hotel. Relax and enjoy the scenery, and watch for wildlife such as river otters and black bears. You may also see bald eagles and grizzly bears, dining on the river's salmon. Lunch and dinner included.

Overnight at **Tweedsmuir Park Lodge**.

Lunch, Dinner



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Day **2**

Tweedsmuir Park Lodge

The day starts early with a walk to the Wildlife Viewing Stations reserved for the exclusive use of Tweedsmuir Park Lodge guests. Early morning is a great time to spot bears and the raised structures provide open lines of sight along the river. After checking out the platforms you have a choice of a hot or continental breakfast, then it's time to meet your guide for a drift on the Atnarko River in search of more bears. It's a great time to enjoy a scenic float - during the quietest time of day. Return to the lodge for lunch. In the afternoon, meet your guide for an Interpretive nature walk in the old growth forests of Tweedsmuir Park, the largest provincial park in British Columbia. Your naturalist guide will show you how to track bears, and will point out various bear signs, including rub trees and places the bears dig out in the forest floor for naps. Arrive back at the lodge in the late afternoon for hors d'oeuvres on the sun deck of the lodge, exchanging stories of wildlife seen with your fellow guests.

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Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



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Day **3**

Tweedsmuir Park Lodge

Check the Wildlife Viewing Stations before relaxing with breakfast. Afterwards, meet your guide before heading off with your guide to further explore the park. The guides have mapped numerous short hikes to superb vantage points overlooking the Atnarko River to see spawning salmon - and the bears and eagles fishing for them! Lunch will be served at the lodge. Afterwards, meet your guide for a drift on the Atnarko River in search of more bears. It's a great time to enjoy a quiet float - during the bears' most active time of day.

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Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **4**

Tweedsmuir Park Lodge Bella Coola Vancouver

Departure day! We recommend one last visit to the Wildlife Viewing Station before breakfast. Lodge staff will transfer you back to the Airport for a mid-morning flight back to Vancouver arriving midday.

Breakfast



ACCOMMODATION

Tweedsmuir Park Lodge

The lodge is nestled within the vast wilderness of Tweedsmuir Provincial Park, surrounded by stunning landscapes, rugged mountains, and pristine rivers. Its remote location offers guests a true escape into nature. Tweedsmuir Park Lodge offers luxurious and comfortable accommodation options, including chalets and cabins, providing guests with a cozy retreat after a day of adventure. The lodge is a prime location for wildlife viewing, including the chance to see iconic animals such as grizzly bears, black bears, eagles, and salmon, depending on the season.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

French & English

LOCAL CURRENCY

Canadian Dollars

Grizzly Bear Viewing Package by Season

Fresh Tracks Season | 15 Aug - 31 Aug

The Salmon Run | 1 Sept - 30 Sept

Autumn in the Great Bear Rainforest | 1 Oct - 15 Oct

Small Group packages feature a predetermined itinerary in a fun and social setting. In this format, guided experiences feature a maximum of 6 guests per group.

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.
- Gratuity for staff (recommended CA\$75.00 - CA\$100.00 per day per guest for duration of stay)
- Premium Alcoholic beverages
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package