

GRIZZLIES, POLAR BEARS & ORCAS

- Canada's Ultimate Wildlife Experience -



14 DAY ESCORTED WILDLIFE SAFARI DEPARTS AUSTRALIA TUESDAY 11 OCT 2011

From **\$15,318** ex Syd*

*Domestic airfare to Sydney additional

Explore Canada's ultimate wilderness on our Grizzlies, Polar Bears & Orcas tour, truly a photographer and wildlife enthusiast's dream! Discover grizzly bears as they feed on migrating salmon amongst the breathtaking scenery of British Columbia before heading east to Churchill Manitoba, the "polar bear capital of the world". Our group size is restricted to 16 clients which means plenty of room on the Tundra Buggies in Churchill (which normally take from 18 to 38 people).

If you would like to travel in Canada before or after the tour, this can also be arranged. We recommend you book your place early so you don't miss this unique opportunity. For full details please contact our resident Canadian, **Brenda on (03) 9249 3722 or 1300 363 302** or ask your travel agent.



On the Lookout © Great Bear Nature Tours

Up-close viewing on the Tundra Buggy © Robert R. Taylor

GRIZZLIES, POLAR BEARS & ORCAS

14 days/13 nights

Escorted Wildlife Safari

Departs Tuesday 11 October 2011

Tour cost:* ex Mel ex Syd ex Bne ex Adl ex Per
Twin share \$15440 \$15318 \$15439 \$15658 \$15837

*Single prices on request. We can try to arrange shared accommodation.

Minimum: 6 Maximum: 16

Minimum clients for Natural Focus Safaris Escort: 12

Price per person includes: Economy class airfare with Air Canada, internal airfares, taxes, meals as indicated, accommodation and services as per the itinerary.

Early bird airfare specials available. Contact us for details.

Airfare subject to confirmation.

This unique tour is a photographer and wildlife enthusiast's dream. It will take us into the Canadian wilderness, home to some of the largest predators on the planet. Discover grizzly bears and search for orcas, black bears, minke whales and bald eagles amongst the breathtaking scenery of British Columbia. Then head to Churchill in Manitoba to view the magnificent polar bears. Our group will be restricted to 16 clients which means plenty of room on the Tundra Buggies in Churchill (which normally take from 18 to 38 people).

Day 1 Campbell River

Air Canada flight from Sydney to Vancouver and then to Campbell River. Overnight Heron's Landing.

Days 2-5 Knight Inlet Lodge

Depart by float plane to Knight Inlet, one of the largest fjords on the British Columbia coast with spectacular cliffs that fall away to glacier-fed waters. Knight Inlet Lodge caters for 24 guests in comfortable rooms with ensuite. The area is home to one of the largest concentrations of grizzly bears in British Columbia.

Activities at Knight Inlet Lodge include trips to see grizzlies and black bears by boat or from specially constructed platforms which provide safe and comfortable viewing; marine excursions (weather permitting) to view seals, sea lions, porpoises, orcas and possibly minke and humpback whales; scenic boat cruises, hiking and kayaking. Birdlife in the area is also prolific with over 200 species. BLD

Day 6 Vancouver

Fly by float plane to Campbell River, connect to Vancouver, arriving mid afternoon. Arrival transfer to the Rosedale on Robson. B

Day 7 Winnipeg

This morning is free before our midday flight to Winnipeg, arriving late afternoon. Overnight at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel.

Days 8-10 Churchill

Very early departure for our three hour flight to Churchill on the shores of Hudson Bay. On arrival there will be a town and area tour, lunch and entrance to the Inuit Museum and Parks Canada Interpretation Centre. On days 9 and 10 we depart for our full day's journey by specially designed Tundra Buggies to get a close-up view of the majestic polar bears. The polar bears gather along the water's edge near the town, anxiously waiting for the sea ice to form. They tip the scale at over 500kg, stand up to 3 metres tall and can move with surprising agility. Lunch and refreshments are provided whilst on the Buggy. L, 2 x D



© Richard Day

Room for one more?



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Bear viewing

YOUR ESCORT

Hailing from British Columbia, Brenda Parrish has traversed the length and breadth of Canada including the Yukon, British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario, Quebec and all of the Maritimes (Nova Scotia, New Brunswick & Prince Edward Island). Her adventures have taken her salmon fishing off the coast of Vancouver Island, hiking through fields of wildflowers, canoeing in Algonquin Park, and into the territory of grizzlies, black and polar bears. Most recently, Brenda sailed with Cruise West on Alaska's famed Inside Passage.



Day 11 Winnipeg

A full day on the Tundra Buggy. Return to Churchill for our flight to Winnipeg. Overnight at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel. L

Days 12/13 Inflight to Australia

Late flight to Vancouver connecting with your Air Canada flight to Sydney.

Day 14 Arrive Australia

Arrive Sydney early morning. Tour ends.

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