Northern Lights and the Wildlife of Northern Manitoba

AUG. 31 - SEPT. 5, 2020

Experience authentic Canadian hospitality at a genuine fly-in wilderness lodge

with optional WINNIPEG POST-TOUR

September 5-7, 2020
Dear Spartans,

Venture with us into the vast Canadian North—a remote tundra teeming with glacial landforms, boreal forest, and beautiful wilderness—accessible only by plane or boat. The destination: an exclusive, supremely outfitted lodge that will be home base amidst days filled with wildlife spotting and outdoor adventures, and evenings featuring delicious dinners followed by opportunities to watch for the northern lights. Northern Manitoba is considered to be one of the best places in the world to view this phenomenon, and fall is considered the best time to comfortably view the aurora borealis and to experience the other wonders of this extraordinary region.

Discover the uniqueness of the area during guided interpretive tours focusing on wildlife, botany, and geography, and learn about local plant life the First Nations Peoples used for food sources and medicines.

At the lodge, take advantage of leisure activities like hiking, fishing, and kayaking or canoeing, or join optional excursions to further explore the area.

Space is limited. With significant savings of more than $800 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly, so be certain to reserve your spot today and share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you.

You may reserve online at msu.orbridge.com, by phone at (866) 639-0079 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Go Green,

Regina Cross
Director of Alumni Travel
MSU Alumni Office
Program Highlights

- Experience true Canadian hospitality at Gangler’s North Seal River Lodge in Northern Manitoba—an exclusive property renowned for its extraordinary service and cuisine—situated approximately 200 miles from the nearest road and accessible only by air.

- Relish pristine viewing of the northern lights in September that will leave you breathless. Northern Manitoba is considered to be one of the best places in the world to view the aurora borealis.

- Set out on a full-day wildlife spotting excursion (by air and by land) during the annual caribou migration—where wolves, bears, bald and golden eagles, wolverines, and scavengers follow this traveling ecosystem.

- Admire the geologically rare landscape sculpted thousands of years ago by retreating glaciers that left meandrous formations of gravel and sand called eskers.

- At the lodge, choose from a variety of outdoor activities including hiking, biking, birding, lake tours, and fishing.

- Enjoy guided tours and lectures led by local naturalists—including resident biologist, Dr. Brian Kotak, and First Nations guides—specializing in the region’s geology, geography, flora and fauna, and indigenous communities.

- Participate in workshops directed by a local professional nature photographer to learn techniques for optimum aurora, wildlife, and landscape photography.

- **What’s Included:** Five nights accommodations at high-end properties; 4 breakfasts, 1 brunch, 3 lunches, and 4 dinners; full guiding services of an Orbridge Expedition Leader and local experts; all activities listed on the 6-day itinerary (unless noted otherwise); all fishing license requirements; all excursion transportation; gratuities to Orbridge Expedition Leader, local guides, drivers, and wait staff for included meals; and airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times.

Activity Level: To fully enjoy and participate in all aspects of this program, guests should be able to stand for 90 minutes at a time without sitting, walk a slow-paced mile on uneven terrain without difficulty, and enter/exit skiffs with little trouble.
Your 6-Day Itinerary (subject to change)

Day 1: Arrive in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
Afternoon and evening at leisure
Overnight: Four Points by Sheraton

Day 2: Winnipeg / Flight to Gangler’s North Seal River Lodge / Eskers Tour / Northern Lights Viewing (BR,D)
Welcome brunch and property introduction, eskers and erratics tour and wildlife viewing, optional outdoor activities, aurora viewing
Overnight: Gangler’s North Seal River Lodge

Day 3: Gangler’s Lodge / Wildlife Excursion / Northern Lights Viewing (B,L,D)
Guided wildlife and area tour, Canadian Shore Lunch, outdoor activities, photography workshop, aurora viewing
Overnight: Gangler’s North Seal River Lodge

Day 4: Gangler’s Lodge / Caribou Spotting / Northern Lights Viewing (B,L,D)
Caribou migration floatplane excursion, ecosystems lecture, aurora viewing
Overnight: Gangler’s North Seal River Lodge

Day 5: Gangler’s Lodge / Outdoor Activities / Northern Lights Viewing (B,L,D)
Choose from hiking, fishing, guided eskers tour, lake tour, birding, boating, and others, farewell dinner, aurora viewing
Overnight: Gangler’s North Seal River Lodge

Day 6: Gangler’s Lodge / Flight to Winnipeg / Depart for U.S. (B)
(B=Breakfast, BR=Brunch, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)

NOTE: The itinerary is a general listing of activities and excursions that may happen during any part of the program. Daily activities will be determined by weather, opportunities to view wildlife, and other various elements that make up the incredibly diverse landscape.
Your Accommodations (subject to change)

FOUR POINTS BY SHERATON WINNIPEG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Enjoy superb Canadian hospitality at Four Points by Sheraton, conveniently located adjacent to Winnipeg James Armstrong Richardson International Airport. During free time, sip a beverage at the bar or take advantage of the modern fitness center.

GANGLER’S NORTH SEAL RIVER LODGE

Over 30 years ago, the Gangler family relocated from Chicago to Northern Manitoba to pursue their dream of building and operating a sport fishing camp. Today, Gangler’s North Seal River Lodge is recognized as a premier destination and is much more than just a fishing camp. The area is an ideal playground for endless outdoor activities including kayaking, canoeing, mountain biking, and certainly wildlife spotting.

Time at the lodge is designed to be an exclusive experience—as it hosts a maximum of just 24 guests. Visitors are guaranteed warm, personalized service and sincere attention to detail by the Gangler staff.

Lodge amenities include a restaurant with on-site chef, full-service bar, lounge area with ping-pong and pool table, tackle store and complimentary fly-tying table, complimentary video library, and satellite telephone and fax machine (additional fees apply).

Classic Cabin: One bedroom, two full beds, dresser, nightstand, private en suite bathroom with soap and shampoo, and separate living area.

Deluxe Cabin: Two bedrooms each with two full beds, dresser, nightstand, and private en suite bathroom with soap and shampoo, and a larger shared living area.

Cabin amenities include individual climate control, full carpeting, screened-in porch with chairs, couch, coffee table and chairs, TV with VCR/DVD player, complimentary Wi-Fi, coffee maker, and closet.
What’s Included
• Two nights accommodations at Inn at the Forks (shown below) or similar
• 2 breakfasts and 1 lunch
• Admission to and a private docent-led tour of the Manitoba Museum for Indigenous Peoples of the North program
• Admission to the Canadian Museum for Human Rights for a half-day guided tour
• Luggage porterage
• Airport transfer for guests departing during the suggested times

Post-Tour Itinerary (subject to change)

Day 6: Winnipeg
Guided Manitoba Museum tour, afternoon and evening at leisure
Overnight: Inn at the Forks

Day 7: Winnipeg (B,L)
Canadian Museum for Human Rights guided tour including a gourmet lunch
Overnight: Inn at the Forks

Day 8: Winnipeg / Depart for U.S. (B)

Spend additional days in Winnipeg to view its architectural marvel, the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. Plus enjoy a guided tour of the Manitoba Museum with extra time to explore.
Northern Lights
Winnipeg Post-Tour: September 5-7, 2020

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Online: msu.orbridge.com
Phone: (866) 639-0079
Fax: (206) 452-5655

Reserve by Check:
Made payable to Orbridge, LLC
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GUEST INFORMATION:
Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation):

Email: ______________________
Home Phone: ______________________
Alt. Phone: ______________________
Address: ______________________
City: ______________________ State: _______ Zip: ______________________
Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation):

Email: ______________________
Home Phone: ______________________
Alt. Phone: ______________________

DEPOSIT PAYMENT:

Check
ACH (Automated Clearing House) MasterCard/Visa American Express Discover
Card #: ______________________ Exp. Date: _______ CVV: ______________________

Billing Address (if different from above):
City: ______________________ State: _______ Zip: ______________________

CATEGORY SELECTION & DEPOSIT:

Cabin Category (choose one):

# Classic (Double) Classic (Single) 4th Guest
# Deluxe (Double) 3rd Guest
# guests joining program ($850/person) +
# guests joining post-tour ($500/person) = TOTAL DEPOSIT: $ ______

OPTIONAL NORTH SEAL RIVER FLOAT TRIP EXCURSION (added to your final invoice):

# guests joining optional excursion ($500/person)

OPTIONAL BLACKFISH LAKE FLYOUT / ROBERSTON ESKER / ARCHAEOLOGICAL TOUR EXCURSION (added to your final invoice):

# guests joining optional excursion ($200/person)

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Signature: ______________________
Date: ______________________

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