

Grizzly Bears in British Columbia



Located 80 kms north of Campbell River in British Columbia, is a wild and remote area of the Pacific Northwest known as Knight Inlet. As the longest fjord on the B.C. coast, Knight Inlet offers visitors spectacular scenery and dramatic mountain peaks. Situated 60 kms from the mouth of the inlet is a floating lodge called Knight Inlet which is tucked into Glendale Cove, this offers one of the few protected anchorages in the inlet.

During your stay you will be able enjoy several activities which all centre on the amazing wildlife in the area. Bear viewing is the main reason for visiting but depending on how long you choose to stay you can also hope to see lots of birds and marine mammals too.

This is a unique, untouched stunning area of Canada and guests always depart with fabulous wildlife memories.

The lodge is open from mid May to mid October (closed 25 – 31 July) and the minimum stay is two nights, one in Campbell River and one at Knight Inlet, although we would recommend a stay of at least three nights in order to make the most of the activities.

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All monies paid by you for the air holiday package shown [or flights if appropriate] are ATOL protected by the Civil Aviation Authority. Our ATOL number is ATOL 3145.

For more information see our booking terms and conditions.

Knight Inlet

The lodge dates back to the 1940's when the original float housed a logging camp. The lodge now provides 15 comfortable guest rooms which are cedar panelled and have private bathrooms; most of the buildings have lounges with wood burning stoves for relaxing in the evening.



Glendale Cove is home to one of the largest concentrations of grizzly (brown) bears in British Columbia. It is not uncommon for there to be up to 50 bears within 10 kilometres of the lodge in the peak season, when the salmon are returning to the river. Although they are abundant in the fall, it is not the only season that grizzly bears can be found in Glendale Cove. Beginning in late April the bears return to the estuary from winter dens and start feeding on sedges, succulents, grasses and barnacles that abound in the estuary. The spring growth provides the basic nutritional needs for the bears which draws them from the mountains to the estuary. This is the time to see, at close proximity; the tiny cubs emerge with their cautious mothers. In the summer, the berry crop is very heavy and this helps keep the bears in the general area. Although you will usually see some bears every day, you won't see the high numbers of the spring/late summer/fall season viewing season.



Viewing bears will depend on the season. In the spring, you will set out in boats which enable you to get close to the shore (50 metres) and have a good view of the bears feeding. A safe distance is kept as to not disturb them.

The early summer program continues on the water but if the opportunity arises there may be a chance to use the tree stands.

By late August guests will be moved to the platforms at the spawning channel although you can continue to use the tree and river stands. In all of the viewing situations, guest

safety is of the utmost importance. The object is to view the bears in their natural environment without having a negative impact on them.

There are also a number of other tours available. The marine wildlife tour is recommended and changes depending on the season. In the spring, travelling through the inlet you will see seals, sea lions, porpoises, dolphins and the occasional minke whale. From July onwards, you have the added attraction of the orca (killer) whale, when you can spend some great viewing time with these magnificent mammals. In September you can add the humpback whale to the list as they start to arrive from Alaska on their way to Hawaii. The viewings can be infrequent, but when it does happen, it's spectacular!

There are also estuary tours, boat tours, excursions to the upper reaches of Knight Inlet and day trips to Thompson and Bond Sounds. Great photographic and viewing opportunities of birds, bears, other wildlife or the amazing scenery can be experienced on all of the tours. For the active there are day-hiking tours and guided kayaking tours in the estuary which has been one of the most popular ways to view wildlife.

Day by day Itinerary

Day 1 : Campbell River

Arrive at Campbell River airport by flight from Vancouver. You will be met and transferred to Heron's Landing Hotel for one night.

Self drive guests would make their own way to the hotel.

Day 2 : Knight Inlet

Transfer to the float plane dock and take the flight to Knight Inlet Lodge. Check in to your deluxe en-suite accommodation for your chosen duration. All meals and snacks are included as well as complimentary house wine with dinner.

Enjoy a welcome orientation meeting regarding wildlife viewing.

On a one night stay, you can enjoy the following activities :

All transportation to the bear viewing stands and boats

Bear viewing tour

Scenic boat ride of Glendale Cove

Knight Inlet sightseeing cruise (weather permitting, no substitutes)

Use of kayaks on organized estuary tours

Interpretive guide on all tours

Evening interpretive programs

Guests staying two nights will be offered the following extra tours :

Extra bear viewing trip

Interpretive hike of the Kwialate River Valley

Wildlife tracking to make plaster casts of animal prints

Excursions for Bald Eagle viewing and other bird life



Guests staying 3, 4 or 5 nights will be offered your choice of the following:

Excursions to Johnstone Strait for marine wildlife viewing - weather permitting (on the two night program this tour is difficult to fit in)

Excursions for Bald Eagle viewing and other bird life

Excursions to the upper reaches of Knight Inlet for scenic viewing of the inlet

Excursions to see the grizzly bears from the platforms or boats

Excursions for other wildlife viewing depending on location and availability

Scenic cruise of Knight Inlet

Excursions to Thompson Sound and Bond Sound for bear and wildlife viewing

Jet boat tours of the Klinaklini River - subject to water levels in the river

Interpretive forest walks in the Kwialate Valley

***As some of the tours are marine based they are strongly weather dependent. On a short duration tour it may be difficult to fit them in.

Final Day : Return

Take the float plane back to Campbell River float dock where you will be transferred to the airport for your onward flight connection.

Tour Costs :

The cost of the 2 day itinerary is from £645 per person,
The cost of the 3 day itinerary is from £1095 per person,
The cost of the 4 day itinerary is from £1535 per person,
The cost of the 5 day itinerary is from £1950 per person,
The cost of the 6 day itinerary is from £2295 per person,
Based on twin share and is subject to availability at the time of booking.

Includes:

Return airfare from Campbell River Float Plane dock to Knight Inlet Lodge
Transfers from the airport to the hotel, from the hotel to the float plane and return to the airport
One nights’ accommodation in Campbell River at the Heron’s Landing Hotel
Your choice of accommodation duration at Knight Inlet Lodge in a deluxe en-suite room
Rain gear if required
B.C. Provincial Hotel Tax
B.C. Back Country Permit Fee
First Nations User Fee
Wilderness Tourism Association Habitat Conservation Fee

Excludes:

Flights to Campbell River – ask for a quote
Alcoholic beverages except wine at dinner
Gratuities
Porterage
Travel Insurance – ask us for a quote
Items of a personal nature

2012 SEASON

Low Season	Summer	June 25 -July 24 inclusive
Shoulder Season	Spring	May 17 - June 24 inclusive
	Summer	August 1 - August 24 inclusive
High Season	Fall	August 25 - October 15 inclusive
Closed		25 – 31 July

Please note the above per person costs are based on low season, please ask for alternative seasons and air fare quotes to Vancouver.



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