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Grizzly Bears Tours of Knight Inlet Canada

2024

Wildlife Viewing

3 Days / 2 Nights Vancouver to Vancouver
Priced at USD \$2,026 per person

Prices are per person and include all taxes. Child age 16 - 8 yrs, rate is based on sharing a room with 2 adults

INTRODUCTION

Embark on an exciting Grizzly bear tour at Knight Inlet Lodge in Glendale Cove, British Columbia. Home to one of the largest concentrations of grizzly (brown) bears in the province, it's not uncommon for there to be up to 50 bears within 10 kms of the lodge in the peak fall season when the salmon are returning to the river. Watch them hunt and feast in beautiful nature on these 3 or 4 day tours, plus enjoy optional whale watching, rainforest walks, sea kayaking or an inlet cruise during your stay at the unique floating lodge.

Itinerary at a Glance

3 DAY | 2 NIGHT

PACKAGE

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| DAY 1 | Vancouver to Campbell River Scheduled Flight |
| DAY 2 | Campbell River to Knight Inlet Lodge Floatplane Grizzly Bear Viewing Knight Inlet Sound Cruise |
| DAY 3 | Knight Inlet Lodge to Vancouver Flights Morning use of kayaks on organized estuary tours |

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**4 DAY | 3 NIGHT
PACKAGE**

- DAY 1** Vancouver to Campbell River| Scheduled Flight
- DAY 2** Campbell River to Knight Inlet Lodge| Floatplane
Grizzly Bear Viewing
Knight Inlet Sound Cruise
- DAY 3** Knight Inlet Lodge | Freedom of Choice to Choose 2 of 4 Exursions
Extra Grizzly Bear Viewing
Interpretive Rainforest Walk
Wildlife tracking to make plaster casts of animal prints
Walk the Clouds Hike
- DAY 4** Knight Inlet Lodge to Vancouver| Flights
Morning use of kayaks on organized estuary tours

**DETAILED ITINERARY**

Knight Inlet is a 100 km long fjord carved by glaciers in the coastal mountains. This pristine wilderness is the native habitat of the Grizzly Bear, who every spring can be seen on the banks of Glendale Cove eating sedge grasses, mussels and barnacles. In the fall, the bears feed heavily on the salmon returning to the Glendale River and can be seen in large numbers from the specially constructed viewing platform.

Day 1 Vancouver to Campbell River | Flight

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.

Day 2 Campbell River to Knight Inlet Lodge | Floatplane + Bear Viewing

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. Usually there are 15 different grizzly bears and 5 different black bears feeding on sedge grasses, mussels and barnacles along the cove's shoreline and in the estuary. In the fall, travel to viewing stands as pink salmon begin surging their way up the Inlet into the Glendale River, attracting dozens of grizzly bears. There is more time for bear viewing after lunch, plus a cruise that takes in the natural wonders of Knight Inlet – tremendous waterfalls plummeting out of sheer rock faces, ancient glaciers with trails carving through the mountains and wild and remote rivers teeming with life.

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Day 3 Knight Inlet Lodge to Vancouver | Flights

Before saying farewell to the team at Knight Inlet, spend your morning sea kayaking and watching grizzlies with your guide. You will witness these powerful creatures as they quietly forage amongst the fresh sedge growth in the protected waters near the lodge. Mid morning, head back to the lodge for your return to Campbell River by floatplane. On arrival, transfer (included) to the local airport for your return flight to Vancouver.

4 Day | 3 Night Package**Day 1 Vancouver to Campbell River | Flight**

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.

Day 2 Campbell River to Knight Inlet Lodge | Floatplane + Bear Viewing

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Day 3 Knight Inlet Lodge | Freedom of Choice | 2 of 4 Excursions*Option 1. Extra Grizzly Bear Viewing*

Glendale Cove in Knight Inlet is home to one of the largest concentrations of grizzly (brown) bears in British Columbia, Canada. It is not uncommon for up to 40 bears to be within a few miles of the wilderness lodge during the peak fall season when the salmon are running up the Glendale River.

Option 2. Interpretive Rainforest Walk

The Kwalate valley is a 20-minute boat ride from the lodge. This is one of the few pristine watersheds left in this area. Over the past few years, Knight Inlet Lodge has been building a trail alongside the beautiful Kwalate River.

Option 3. Wildlife tracking to make plaster casts of animal prints

Head into bear habitat for a slow drive down the old forestry roads looking for bear signs like day beds, bear trails, "rub" trees and tracks. If we find bear tracks or any other animal tracks, we can make a plaster cast of the print to take home.

Option 4. Walk the Clouds Hike

This tour is a bit different from the others as you will walk along a raised wooden boardwalk to a scenic lookout. With spectacular, panoramic views of Glendale Cove and Knight Inlet the lookout provides an eagle eye view of the local area.

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**INCLUDED****CANADA BY DESIGN**

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Package Includes:

- Return flight from Vancouver to Campbell River
- Return transfer Campbell River Airport to Hotel and seaplane terminal
- 1st night accommodation in Campbell River
- Balance of nights accommodation at Knight Inlet Lodge
- Return airfare from Campbell River Float Plane dock to Knight Inlet Lodge
- Welcome orientation and safety briefing
- All meals and snacks while at the lodge
- Complimentary house wine with dinner
- All transportation for programs and activities
- Bear viewing tour
- Scenic boat ride of Glendale Cove
- Knight Inlet sightseeing cruise (weather permitting, no substitute)
- Use of kayaks on organized estuary tours
- Interpretive guide on all tours
- Rain gear if required (rubber boots, coats, pants)
- Evening interpretive programs
- BC Provincial Hotel Tax
- Gratuities
- Environmental Research Fee
- B.C. Back Country Permit Fee
- First Nations User Fee

4 day packages will be offering the following extra tours

- Extra Grizzly Bear Viewing
- Interpretive Rainforest Walk
- Wildlife tracking to make plaster casts of animal prints
- Walk the Clouds Hike

Not Included

- Dinner in the Campbell River portion of your package
- Alcoholic beverages (except house wine with dinner)
- Fuel surcharge will be added at time of booking and is subject to change.

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DATES & PRICING

Departs from Vancouver: Daily

(Tour Code: MPYVR18G)

| DATE | TWIN | SINGLE | TRIPLE | CHILD |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 4 Day 3 Night Package | | | | |
| 21 May 24 - 30 Aug 24 | \$3,105 | \$4,294 | \$2,884 | \$2,142 |
| 31 Aug 24 - 14 Oct 24 | \$3,342 | \$4,670 | \$3,099 | \$2,253 |
| 3 Day 2 Night Package | | | | |
| 21 May 24 - 30 Aug 24 | \$2,026 | \$2,718 | \$1,938 | \$1,523 |
| 31 Aug 24 - 15 Oct 24 | \$2,203 | \$2,966 | \$2,065 | \$1,601 |

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