



Grizzly Bear Safari

Come and see the legendary Grizzly Bears of Canada's west coast on this Canadian Signature Experience. Stunning scenery and electric colours come alive as you experience one of nature's most magnificent creatures.



YOUR
ADVENTURE
AWAITS

4 days/3 nights

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Day 1: Tweedsmuir Park Lodge

For those arriving by air, enjoy the 70 minute mid-morning flight to Bella Coola, marvelling at the impressive Coast Range mountains and expansive fjord system as you fly overhead. On arrival, staff from Tweedsmuir Park Lodge will greet you and transfer you the 45 minutes to the lodge, highlighting points of interest along the way. If you are arriving by car, we recommend arriving by 2 p.m. as your first bear viewing tour will start around 3 p.m.

After check-in, your holiday will start with a lodge orientation and an informative bear awareness seminar. Your bear viewing commences with a late afternoon Scenic River Drift down the Atnarko River. Relax and enjoy the amazing mountain scenery.....and keep your eyes open for wildlife! The salmon are spawning and provide an easy meal for majestic bald eagles and impressive grizzly bears. River otters and black bears may also be seen. Small Group River Drift Bear Viewing is a unique experience only found at Tweedsmuir Park Lodge and is the best way to see grizzlies. The bears are busy fishing and ignore your presence, allowing you to see them at their most natural. It's also a great way to capture amazing photographs. The bears aren't the only ones who will be feasting on a delicious meal; you will too, with a scrumptious 3 course dinner back at the lodge! Dinner is at 7:00 p.m. every night.

Day 2: Guided Nature Walk - full day

Wake up early and wander down to our Wildlife Viewing Station, which is for the exclusive use of Tweedsmuir Park Lodge guests. Early morning is a great time to spot bears and the raised structure provides open lines of sight both up and down the river. After checking out the Wildlife Viewing Platforms you have a choice of a hot or continental breakfast, which is held every day at 8 a.m. Afterwards, it's time to head out for a Guided Nature Walk in the old growth forests of Tweedsmuir Park, the largest provincial park in British Columbia. Your guide, a naturalist, will show you how to track the bears and will point out various bear signs, including rub trees with claw and bite marks, and places the bears dig out in the forest floor for their naps called day beds. A picnic lunch will be served in the field.

In the afternoon, continue exploring Tweedsmuir Park with a drive on the Tote Road past old, abandoned homesteads brimming with character. At the end of the road there is a short, highly recommended hike to Stillwater Lake. This is a beautiful, pristine place that should not be missed! You will arrive back at the lodge in the late afternoon. Now you can relax and enjoy some hors d'oeuvres on the sun deck of the lodge, exchanging stories of wildlife seen with your fellow guests. Make sure to head back to the Wildlife Viewing Platforms before dinner.

Day 3: River Grizzly Watch

Check out the Wildlife Viewing Station before breakfast. Then it's time hit the river with your guide for a morning drift on the Atnarko River in search of more bears! The bears are most active in the morning and evening and it's a great time to enjoy a quiet float. A nutritious lunch will be served at the lodge before you head off with your guide to further explore Tweedsmuir Park. The knowledgeable and friendly guides know the area well and 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!

Day 4: Depart from Lodge

Departure day! We recommend one last visit to the Wildlife Viewing Station before your final breakfast with us. Check-out is 11 a.m. If you are flying out, take advantage of a leisurely morning in which you can enjoy the lodge property, make use of the spa and gym, play some lawn games, or simply relax before taking the lodge's shuttle back to the Bella Coola Airport for the flight back to Vancouver. If you are departing by ferry, the lodge will arrange to drive you to the harbour.

Note: The hiking tour requires a moderate level of fitness. You should be able to walk for about 3 hours over uneven terrain. If this would be a challenge for you, a stay at the lodge would still be possible by skipping the hiking portion of the program or by booking a private tour which can be customized to your walking abilities.

Touring Options

A Taste of Heli-Sightseeing, for up to 6 people
Mountains and Glaciers of the Great Bear Rainforest, for up to 6 people
Best of the Cariboo Chilcotin Coast, for up to 6 people
Heli-hiking Bella Coola's Fjords & Peaks, for up to 5 people
Heli-hiking Above the Great Bear Rainforest, for up to 5 people
River Drift Fishing, for parties of 1-3 people
Land-accessed River Fishing, for parties of 1-3 people
Icelandic Horseback Riding, information tba

Details

2020 Departures:

Daily departures, September to mid October

2020 Pricing:

From CA\$3,795 - twin

CA\$1,898 - youth (ages 12 and older sharing with two adults)

If you have children age 11 or younger we can offer you a private package for your family - please inquire for a personalized program.

Taxes/Fees: 5% GST

Prices are "starting from" rates, shown in CA\$, per person based on two people sharing a twin room. Youth pricing is for a child age 12 or older sharing a room with two adults. Single rates are not offered on this program unless you are travelling as part of a private group. If you are a solo traveller we can offer you alternate programs that allow for single occupancy.

Trip Code:

009001 - W20

INCLUDED

- Meet & greet at Bella Coola airport
- Transfer to/from Tweedsmuir Park Lodge
- 3 nights of accommodation in timber-framed chalets
- All meals at lodge: hot or continental breakfast, lunch (at the lodge or a packed lunch), afternoon snacks, 3-course dinner, unlimited soft drinks, coffee and tea
- All ground transportation for tours
- Grizzly Bear River Watch tours
- Guided nature hike
- Entry fees for all parks
- Experienced guides certified by the Commercial Bear Viewing Association
- Use of sports equipment including mountain bikes to explore on your own



NOT INCLUDED

- Flights to/from Bella Coola, BC
- Ferry or vehicle transportation to/from Bella Coola or the lodge
- Gratuities for guides & staff
- Items of a personal nature
- Travel Insurance
- Applicable HST

TOUR NOTES

Please contact us to extend your stay at Tweedsmuir Park Lodge, or add additional activities! Clients usually say "I wish I'd stayed longer!". We can arrange for extended stays of 4 or 5 nights, or customized programs of varying durations. Just ask!

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