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# Knight Inlet Lodge

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Located 80 kilometres, or 50 air miles, north of Campbell River, British Columbia, is a wild and remote area of the Pacific Northwest known as Knight Inlet.

As the longest fjord on the British Columbian coast, Knight Inlet offers visitors spectacular scenery set against a backdrop of dramatic mountain peaks plunging into the Pacific Ocean. Variegated hues of blues and greens seamlessly blend forest, ocean and sky. It can be a place of immense silence in the calm of the temperate rainforest and of immense power in the face of the many thundering glacier-fed waterfalls.

## Key Facts

- \* Various durations are offered between 3-7 Days / 2-6 Nights
- \* 2020 Departure Dates: Daily departures from 21st May to 15th October. Boat-Viewing Season runs from 21st May to 23rd August; Platform-Viewing Season runs from 24th August to 15th October



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Situated 60 kilometres from the mouth of the inlet is Knight Inlet Lodge. Our floating lodge is tucked into Glendale Cove, which offers one of the few protected anchorages in the inlet, and it is here that you will begin each day's adventure.

The lodge is an assortment of five modern cement floats containing 18 guest rooms, dining room, lounge, interpretive centre and support buildings. All rooms have two queen beds with private washroom and shower, except our family rooms which have one queen and two twin beds. The dining room has ample seating for 50 plus, a separate common area with comfortable seating and gas fireplaces where guests can mingle before and after meal. At full capacity the lodge will hold 36 guests but during the summer the average capacity is between 32-38 including children.



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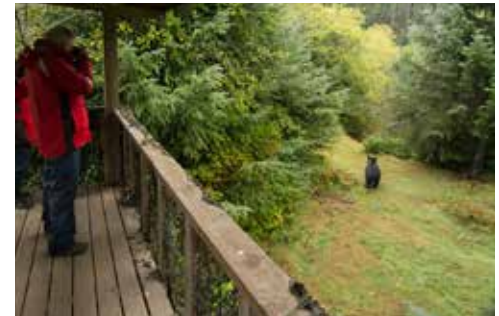
Glendale Cove is home to one of the largest concentrations of grizzly (brown) bears in British Columbia. It is not uncommon for there to be up to 50 bears within ten kilometres of the lodge in the peak autumn season, when the salmon are returning to the river. Although they are abundant in the autumn, it is not the only season that grizzly bears can be found in Glendale Cove.

Starting in late April the bears return to the estuary from winter dens and start the year feeding on the sedges, succulents, grasses and barnacles that abound in our estuary. This luxuriant spring growth provides the basic nutritional needs for the bears, which draws them from the mountains down to the estuary. This is the time to see, at close proximity, the tiny cubs emerge with their ever-cautious mothers.

In the summer, the berry crop is very heavy and this helps keep the bears in the general area. We do not get the high numbers of the spring and late summer/fall season viewing, but we usually see some bears every day.

We view the bears differently in different seasons. In the spring, we set out in boats so that we can get close to the shore (about 50 metres from it) and give our guests a good view of the bears feeding. We still remain far enough away so as to not disturb them.

Our early summer programme continues on the water as well, but if the opportunity arises there may be a chance to use our tree stands. By late August we move to our platforms at the spawning channel, although we continue to use the tree and river stands. In all of our viewing programmes our guest safety is of utmost importance. We strive to see the bears in their natural environment without having a negative impact on them.



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As well as bear-viewing, we also offer a number of other tours. Our marine wildlife tour is offered in all of the seasons that we operate but it changes greatly as the seasons change. In the spring, we travel throughout the inlet, viewing the seals, sea lions, porpoises, dolphins and the occasional minke whale that may travel through our waters.

From July onwards, our tours have the added attraction of the orca (killer) whale and when we journey to the world famous Johnstone Strait, we are almost assured of spending some great viewing time with these magnificent marine mammals. Not only do we view the whales, but our tour includes all of the spring marine viewing as well, so the programme lasts for up to ten hours.

In September, we add the humpback whale to our list of marine mammals as they start to arrive from Alaska on their way to Hawaii. The viewing of these gentle giants is infrequent, but when it does happen, it is spectacular.

In addition, we offer estuary tours, excursions to the upper reaches of Knight Inlet, and day trips to the Thompson and Bond Sounds. We offer great photographic opportunities on all of our tours, whether viewing birds, bears, other wildlife or scenics. We also offer day-hiking tours and guided kayaking tours in the estuary. These tours are great for the novice as we have doubles and singles and excellent guides to take you through the brief lesson and then get you on the water. In past years this has been one of our most popular ways to view wildlife.



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## 2 OR 3-NIGHT TOUR INCLUSIONS

### What's Included?

- \* Return airfare from Campbell River Float Plane dock to Knight Inlet Lodge
- \* Transfers from the airport to the hotel and from the hotel to the float plane as well as return to the airport
- \* One night's accommodation in Campbell River at the Comfort Inn & Suites
- \* One or two nights' accommodation at Knight Inlet Lodge in a comfortable room with private bathroom & shower
- \* Welcome orientation for wildlife-viewing
- \* All meals & snacks while at the lodge (breakfast, lunch & dinner)
- \* Complimentary house wine with dinner
- \* All transportation to the bear-viewing stands & boats
- \* Bear-viewing tour
- \* Scenic boat ride of Glendale Cove
- \* Knight Inlet sightseeing cruise (weather permitting, no substitutes)
- \* Use of kayaks on organised estuary tours
- \* Interpretive guide on all tours
- \* Rain gear if required
- \* Evening interpretive programs
- \* B.C. Provincial Hotel Tax
- \* B.C. Back Country Permit Fee
- \* First Nations User Fee
- \* Environmental Levy and Gratuities

Three-night guests at the lodge will be offered the following extra tours:

- \* Extra bear-viewing trip
- \* Interpretive hike of the Kwalate River Valley
- \* Wildlife tracking to make plaster casts of animal prints
- \* Excursions for bald eagle viewing & other bird life

#### Please Note

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

### What's Not Included?

- \* Items of a personal nature (telephone, laundry, alcoholic beverages (except wine with dinner etc.) while at the lodge

#### Please Note

There are no telephones or televisions at the lodge and there is no internet access.



## 4, 5 OR 6-NIGHT TOUR INCLUSIONS

## What's Included?

- \* Return airfare from the Campbell River Float Plane basin to Knight Inlet Lodge
- \* Transfers from the airport to the hotel and the hotel to the float plane & return to the airport
- \* One night's accommodation in Campbell River at the Comfort Inn & Suites
- \* Three, four or five nights' accommodation at Knight Inlet Lodge in a comfortable room with private bathroom & shower
- \* Welcome wildlife orientation
- \* All meals and snacks while at Knight Inlet Lodge (breakfast, lunch & dinner)
- \* Complimentary wine with dinner
- \* Services of all lodge staff including naturalists & photography leaders
- \* Evening interpretive programs
- \* All transportation to all of the tour programs
- \* Rain gear when required
- \* B.C. Provincial Hotel Tax
- \* B.C. Back Country permit fee
- \* First Nations User Fee
- \* Environmental Levy and Gratuities

## You have a choice of the following:

- \* Excursions to Johnstone Strait for marine wildlife viewing (weather permitting) (Please note that on the two-night programme this tour is difficult to fit in)
- \* Excursions for bald eagle-viewing & 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 – one excursion per day to the viewing stands in the fall
- \* Excursions for other wildlife-viewing depending on location & availability
- \* Scenic cruise of Knight inlet
- \* Excursions to Thompson Sound and Bond Sound for bear and wildlife-viewing
- \* Wildlife tracking to make plaster casts of animal prints
- \* Interpretive forest walk in the Kwalate Valley
- \* Use of kayaks on organised tours

## What's Not Included?

- \* Items of a personal nature (telephone, laundry, alcoholic beverages (except wine with dinner etc.) while at the lodge

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Why do I have to stay the first night in Campbell River?**

The departure by floatplane at 9.30 AM is too early in the morning for you to arrive on the day of departure.

**What is there for me to do in Campbell River?**

Campbell River is an Oceanside city of approximately 30,000 people that has a lot to offer. From an excellent local museum featuring First Nation and Pioneer history, to kilometres of paved Oceanside walking trails, there is an activity for everyone.

**Can I do whale-watching while at Knight Inlet Lodge?**

Yes you can. This all-day adventure is possible on a four-night or longer package.

All details and inclusions are correct at the time of producing this document but may be subject to change without notice.

**Flight Information**

- \* Check-in at 9.00 AM
- \* Departure: 9.30 AM
- \* Arrival Glendale Cove: 10.00 AM
- \* Arrive Campbell River: 11.00 AM
- \* Departures originate from the Vancouver Island Air Float Plane dock on Spit Road. Please make sure that you call (250) 287-2433 the day prior to departure to confirm the exact departure point and time. Departure and arrival times can vary due to weather conditions so please make sure that you have sufficient connecting time for departure flights following your tour.

**Baggage Allowance**

- \* 14kg (30lbs) per person plus a small carry on.
- \* Any excess baggage could be subject to a service charge or a later arrival if space is limited. For couples, two smaller individual bags are better than one large bag.

**The Next Step?**

Speak to Denise or one of our expert team and get your holiday off to the perfect start!