



TRAVELING
OWLS

SEPTEMBER 1-6, 2025

NORTHERN LIGHTS

AND THE WILDLIFE OF NORTHERN MANITOBA

Orbridge



Dear Traveling Owls,

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. Your destination: a supremely outfitted sporting lodge that will be home base after days filled with wildlife spotting and thrilling outdoor adventures.

Northern Manitoba is considered to be one of the best places in the world to view the northern lights, and fall is considered the best time to view this phenomenon. After leisurely evenings at the lodge featuring delicious dinners, take advantage of opportunities to watch for the northern lights under pristine skies.

Each day, discover the area's uniqueness 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 choose between activities like hiking, fishing, kayaking or canoeing, or join optional excursions to explore the area even further.

Space is limited. With significant savings of more than \$1,000 per couple, we anticipate this program will fill quickly.

To reserve, visit rice.orbridge.com, call 866-639-0079 or return the attached reservation form.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Deanna Perez'.

Deanna Perez, Ed.M
Assistant Director, Alumni Engagement





Northern Lights and the Wildlife of Northern Manitoba | Itinerary *(subject to change)*

You are embarking on an adventure where daily activities will be determined by weather, opportunities to view wildlife, and other various elements that make up the diverse landscape. This itinerary is a general listing of activities and excursions that may happen during any part of the program. While chosen locations are favorable for witnessing the Northern Lights, we cannot guarantee their appearance. Many factors affect the visibility of this naturally occurring phenomenon.

Day 1: ARRIVE IN WINNIPEG, MANITOBA, CANADA Upon arrival to Winnipeg Richardson International Airport an Orbridge representative will assist with your transfer to the hotel. Tonight join fellow travel companions for a welcome dinner and learn important details of this week's adventures.
Overnight:
The Grand Winnipeg Airport Hotel (D)

Day 2: WINNIPEG | FLIGHT TO GANGLER'S NORTH SEAL RIVER LODGE Take an early morning charter flight, arriving at the private airstrip of Gangler's North Seal River Lodge. Gather for lunch followed by a brief introduction to the property and available activities. Settle into your cabin, then rejoin the group for a tour of the surrounding area by all-terrain vehicle. Return to the lodge for hors d'oeuvres and a relaxing dinner. If interested in viewing the northern lights if they appear, request a wake-up call at the reception desk before retiring for the evening.
Overnight:
Gangler's North Seal River Lodge (B,L,D)

Day 3: WILDLIFE EXCURSION After breakfast embark on a wildlife spotting expedition across the vast terrain. Lunch is a special treat—an incredible fresh Shore Lunch. After dinner watch the sun set over the river.
Overnight:
Gangler's North Seal River Lodge (B,L,D)

Day 4: AREA EXPLORATION Set off on a floatplane excursion north to the Barren Lands to spot for migrating caribou. Land on the tundra (if conditions allow) to stroll the area by foot. Retreat back to the lodge for hors d'oeuvres, dinner and a presentation on Manitoba's ecosystems and the North Seal River's unique characteristics. The evening provides another opportunity to view the northern lights.
Overnight:
Gangler's North Seal River Lodge (B,L,D)

Day 5: OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES After breakfast choose from a variety of independent, group or guided activities for the day. Tonight gather with fellow travel companions for a convivial farewell dinner to celebrate the week's arctic adventures.
Overnight:
Gangler's North Seal River Lodge (B,L,D)

Day 6: FLIGHT TO WINNIPEG | DEPART FOR U.S. After breakfast bid a fond farewell to the Gangler's Lodge staff. Take the return charter flight to Winnipeg where you'll connect with flights home. (B)

(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)



Optional Activities

- Kayaking
- Canoeing
- Lake exploration by motor boat
- Mountain biking
- Hiking
- Birding
- Fishing (from the shore or a boat; equipment and instruction will be provided; ideal for any skill level)
- Additional discussions, lectures, and presentations by local guides and naturalists
- Blackfish Lake flyout to Robertson Esker plus an archaeological tour (\$400 per person; limited to six guests)

Optional activities with fees must be booked in advance through our Guest Services team and are non-refundable within 90 days of departure. Prices subject to change.



What's Included

- 1 night hotel accommodations in Winnipeg and 4 nights accommodations at Gangler's North Seal River Lodge
- Round-trip airfare between Winnipeg and Gangler's North Seal River Lodge
- 5 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 5 dinners
- Full guiding services of an Orbridge Expedition Leader and local experts
- All activities listed on the 6-day itinerary (unless noted otherwise)
- All excursion transportation
- Gratuities to Orbridge Expedition Leader, local guides, drivers and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times

Your Expedition Leader:

Enriched from the wealth of expertise provided by your Orbridge Expedition Leader, you'll bring home a deeper understanding of the flora, fauna, natural history and cultural narrative of the diverse Canadian Arctic.

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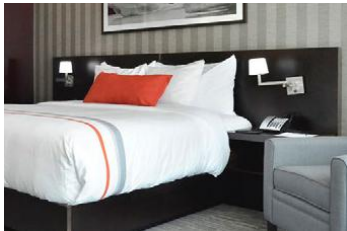
Activity Level: Guests should be able to stand for 90 minutes at a time without sitting, walk a moderate-paced mile on uneven terrain without difficulty, and enter/exit skiffs with little trouble. The lodge is located in a remote area without medical facilities or typical infrastructure. Outdoor activities have no access to toilet facilities or other amenities for durations of several hours.



Accommodations *(subject to change)*

THE GRAND WINNIPEG AIRPORT HOTEL

Located next to the Winnipeg airport terminal, this boutique property provides beautifully appointed accommodations and thoughtful amenities.



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. The area is an ideal playground for endless outdoor activities and wildlife spotting.

Lodge Amenities: Restaurant with full-service cash bar open during meal times, lounge area with ping-pong and pool table, tackle store and complimentary fly-tying table, complimentary video library, complimentary Wi-Fi, and satellite telephone and fax machine (additional fees apply).

Osprey Cabin: A private bedroom with two twin beds, dresser, nightstand and private en suite bathroom (with soap, shampoo and hair dryer), and a shared living area.

Eagle Cabin: A full private cabin with two twin beds, dresser, nightstand, private en suite bathroom (with soap, shampoo and hair dryer), and private living area.

Cabin Amenities: Individual climate control, full carpeting, screened-in porch with chairs, closet, couch, coffee table and chairs, coffee maker, and TV with VCR/DVD player.



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Reserve by Credit Card:

Online: rice.orbridge.com

Phone: 866-639-0079

Fax: 206-452-5655

Reserve by Check:

Made payable to **Orbridge, LLC**

Mail to: Orbridge, P.O. Box 1376

Poulsbo, WA 98370

For questions and to learn more, call the Traveling Owls at 713-34-TRIPS (87477) or email travelingowls@rice.edu.

GUEST INFORMATION:

Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation): _____

Email: _____ Class Year: _____

Home Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation): _____

Email: _____ Class Year: _____

Home Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

DEPOSIT PAYMENT:

☐ Check ☐ ACH (Automated Clearing House) ☐ MasterCard/Visa ☐ American Express ☐ Discover

Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____ CVV: _____

Name (as printed on card): _____

Billing Address (if different from above): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

CATEGORY SELECTION & DEPOSIT:

Cabin Category (choose one): ☐ Classic (Double) ☐ Classic (Single) / ☐ Deluxe (Double) ☐ 3rd Guest ☐ 4th Guest


_____ guests joining program (\$850/person) + = **TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$** _____

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

_____ guests joining

I/we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at terms.orbridge.com; and I/we agree that Orbridge, LLC is authorized to charge my credit card above and/or take my/our deposit for this program.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

 Orbridge takes seriously the responsibility to minimize our global environmental impact. Each year we plant 100,000 trees in U.S. State Forests with afforestation needs as an ongoing initiative among our evolving sustainability efforts. Learn more at orbridge.com/going-green.

*Special group rate; limited offer. Single availability limited. Airfare not included. **A complement to the educational component of this journey, Expedition Libraries are curated collections of reading and resources tailored to this program. Place your deposit on or before the specified date, and one Expedition Library per household will be sent after receipt of final payment. Libraries may be purchased; please call for details.



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Special Alumni Rate:

Save more than **\$1,000** per couple

30-day refund guarantee

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What Guests Are Saying...

I went with the expectation of seeing the northern lights but felt like I had a semester of college condensed into a few days! The beauty of the area is unparalleled.

The food and accommodations were perfect. Plus we met and got to know some beautiful new friends! Thank you for an amazing and "one of a kind" week!
~Konnie S., Lenexa, KS

This trip far exceeded my expectations! I went just for the opportunity to see the Northern Lights, but the entire trip was fantastic. Gangler's was amazing. The staff and guides were wonderful. It was a pleasure working with Orbridge. Everything was so organized.

~Christine P., Longview, TX

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