



AUG. 31 - SEPT. 5, 2026

# NORTHERN LIGHTS

AND THE WILDLIFE OF  
NORTHERN MANITOBA

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Dear University of Michigan Alumni Traveler,

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 call (866) 639-0079.

Yours for Michigan,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Rachele Neu'.

Rachele Neu, '08, MA '12  
Senior Travel Program Manager

NOTE: The Alumni Travel program is a member benefit of the Alumni Association. Travelers, regardless of alumni status, must be a member to participate in our trips.

# 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

(D) Upon arrival to Winnipeg Richardson International Airport an Orbridge representative will assist with your transfer to the hotel. Tonight gather for a welcome dinner and learn important details of this week's adventures. Overnight: The Grand Winnipeg Airport Hotel

## Day 2 WINNIPEG • FLIGHT TO GANGLER'S NORTH SEAL RIVER LODGE (B,L,D)

(D) Take an early morning charter flight, arriving at the private airstrip of Gangler's North Seal River Lodge. This exclusive fly-in lodge is located nearly 200 miles from the nearest road and accessible only by air. Surrounded by more than 7,200 square miles of untouched wilderness, the property sits among 12 river systems and over 100 lakes that feed the North Seal River. Take time to settle into your rustic accommodations. The lodge offers cozy, purpose-built cabins designed for comfort in a remote wilderness setting. Next gather for lunch followed by an introduction to the lodge and an orientation about the daily activities available. Guests have the flexibility to shape their daily adventures to best coincide with wildlife movement, weather, and individual interests and preferences. This afternoon climb aboard all-terrain vehicles to explore the surrounding wilderness. While traversing the area, discover varied habitats, visit a historic trapper's cabin and observe glacial erratics carried here thousands of years ago by retreating ice sheets. This property is also home to an active wolf pack, with a denning area near the airstrip. Depending on conditions, there are frequent opportunities to observe wolves at surprisingly close range, making this one of the most remarkable locations in Canada for wolf viewing and photography. Return to the lodge with time to unwind followed by hors d'oeuvres and a relaxing dinner. After dinner and an evening presentation on regional ecology, wildlife and the aurora borealis, guests may request a wake-up call should the northern lights appear. Autumn brings darker skies and comparatively mild temperatures—an ideal and comfortable season for aurora viewing. Overnight: Gangler's North Seal River Lodge



## Day 3 WILDLIFE EXCURSION (B,L,D)

Fresh coffee will be delivered to your cabin prior to breakfast. After eating set out on a guided wildlife excursion across this transitional subboreal ecosystem. The North Seal River region supports a remarkable range of species including wolves, moose, black bears, otters, eagles and ospreys. (Each day's activities are flexible to take advantage of animal activity—particularly wolf movement—in the area.) This afternoon travel by boat to a pristine esker rising above the surrounding wetlands and lakes. Enjoy a guided walk along its undulating ridge where uneven terrain and gentle elevation changes reveal sweeping views and an ever-changing perspective of the landscape. Lunch is a special treat—an authentic, and very fresh, Canadian shore lunch prepared over an open fire. For those interested, join the lodge guides to fish for lunch's catch, and experience first-hand what makes this region a globally respected and award-winning angling destination. Throughout the day, lodge guides offer insight into tracking, behavior and photography opportunities, whether capturing wildlife encounters or preparing for evening aurora photography. After hors d'oeuvres and dinner, bundle up and step back outdoors to watch the night sky come alive. Overnight: Gangler's North Seal River Lodge

## Day 4 SEASONAL CARIBOU SPOTTING (B,L,D)

4 Today's highlight is a floatplane flight north to the Barren Lands in search of migrating caribou, which seasonally move through this vast tundra environment. If conditions allow, land on the tundra for a guided walk across this stark and beautiful terrain. Return to the lodge for hors d'oeuvres, dinner and a presentation on Manitoba's northern ecosystems, wildlife migration and the unique geography of the North Seal River watershed. The evening provides another opportunity for northern lights viewing and night photography.

Overnight: Gangler's North Seal River Lodge



## Optional Activities

- Guided wildlife observation excursions, including wolf tracking opportunities
- Kayaking or canoeing
- Lake exploration by motorboat
- Hiking across eskers and tundra terrain (NOTE: not for beginners as hikes are over uneven ground with elevation changes)
- Mountain biking
- Birding
- Fishing for northern pike—globally renowned waters known for trophy-class fish and world-record potential; fish from shore or boat; equipment and instruction provided (NOTE: suitable for beginners and experienced anglers)
- Photography-focused outings (wildlife and northern lights)
- Additional talks and field interpretation by local naturalists and guides
- Blackfish Lake flyout to Robertson Esker plus an archaeological tour (\$450 per person; limited to six guests; 3+ hours including floatplane fly-out and guide): Set off on a floatplane ride to the Robertson Esker to tour historic archaeological sites. See and learn about artifacts and portage markers dating back more than 2,000 years, and explore land that was inhabited by people 8,000 years ago.

*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.*

**Activity Level:** Guests should be able to stand walk and hike on uneven, at times soggy terrain with elevation changes for up to 2 hours at a time without sitting, enter/exit skiffs with little trouble, and climb stairs or short ladders to enter/exit small aircraft. 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.

## Day 5 OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES (B,L,D) After breakfast

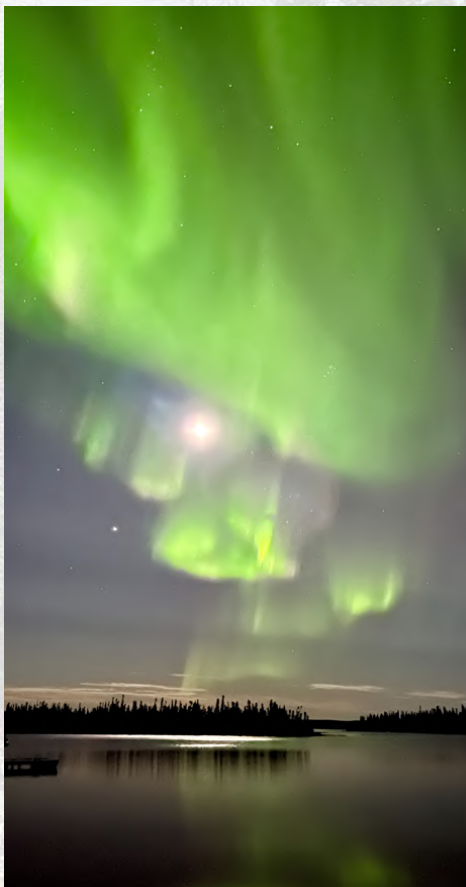
5 design the day around your interests. Guests may divide into smaller groups, choosing experiences based on wildlife conditions, energy level and personal goals, whether that means extended time on the water, focused wildlife observation, hiking or photography. Tonight gather with fellow travel companions for a convivial farewell dinner to celebrate the week's arctic adventures.

Overnight: Gangler's North Seal River Lodge

## Day 6 FLIGHT TO WINNIPEG • DEPART FOR U.S.

6 (B) After breakfast bid farewell to the Gangler's Lodge staff. Take the return charter flight to Winnipeg to connect with flights home.

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





## What's Included

- 1 night 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



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## Orbridge Standard of Excellence

Orbridge understands travel today can be complicated. From cabin or room selection to airport transfers, dietary requests, or pre- or post-tour details—we are dedicated to making your journey seamless and special from the moment you leave home.

Our curated destinations—featuring outstanding properties and ships, meticulously crafted itineraries, and knowledgeable guides, travel directors and expedition leaders—offer life-changing experiences you'll never forget.

Our Guest Services team is staffed by well-traveled professionals who provide personalized attention, ensuring all your questions are answered and all the details of your trip are explained to you.

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## 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

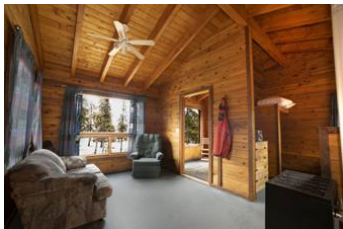
Over 30 years ago, the Gangler family relocated from Chicago to Northern Manitoba to pursue their dream of building and operating a sport fishing camp. Today, Gangler's North Seal River Lodge is recognized as a premier destination. The area is an ideal playground for endless outdoor activities and wildlife spotting.

*Lodge Amenities: Dining room 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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Category	Standard Rate	Special Rate*
Osprey Cabin – Double	\$9,499	\$8,995
Osprey Cabin – 3rd Guest	\$8,499	\$7,995
Osprey Cabin – 4th Guest	\$8,299	\$7,795
Eagle Cabin – Double	\$10,499	\$9,995
Eagle Cabin – Single	\$17,999	\$17,495

– includes \$800/person internal airfare –

**Optional Excursion: \$450 per person**

Lake Flyout / Robertson Esker / Archaeological Tour

**\$850 DEPOSIT AMOUNT PER PERSON**

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