Northern Lights
and the Wildlife of Northern Manitoba

Experience authentic Canadian hospitality at a genuine fly-in wilderness lodge.
Dear Alumni and Friends,

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. The destination: an exclusive, supremely outfitted lodge that will be home base amidst days filled with wildlife spotting and outdoor adventures, and evenings featuring delicious dinners followed by opportunities to watch for the northern lights. Northern Manitoba is considered to be one of the best places in the world to view this phenomenon, and fall is considered the best time to comfortably view the aurora borealis and to experience the other wonders of this extraordinary region.

Discover the uniqueness of the area 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, take advantage of leisure activities like hiking, fishing, and kayaking or canoeing, or join optional excursions to further explore the area.

Space is limited. With significant savings of more than $800 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly, so be certain to reserve your spot today and share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you.

You may reserve online at rice.orbridge.com, by phone at 713-34-TRIPS (87477) or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Sincerely,
The Rice Alumni Traveling Owls

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Free Expedition Library
AN EARLY RESERVATION BONUS

Reserve your space by **February 14, 2020** to receive the FREE Orbridge Expedition Library we’ve assembled for this program.

This exclusive gift is to thank you for joining us early. Guests who reserve after the specified date may purchase libraries. Call for details.

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Orbridge takes seriously the responsibility to minimize our global environmental impact. Starting in 2019, we will annually plant 100,000 trees in U.S. State Forests with afforestation needs as an on-going initiative among our evolving sustainability efforts.
Program Highlights

• Experience true Canadian hospitality at Gangler’s North Seal River Lodge in Northern Manitoba—an exclusive property renowned for its extraordinary service and cuisine—situated approximately 200 miles from the nearest road and accessible only by air.

• Relish pristine viewing of the northern lights in September that will leave you breathless. Northern Manitoba is considered to be one of the best places in the world to view the aurora borealis.

• Set out on a full-day wildlife spotting excursion (by air and by land) during the annual caribou migration—where wolves, bears, bald and golden eagles, wolverines, and scavengers follow this traveling ecosystem.

• Admire the geologically rare landscape sculpted thousands of years ago by retreating glaciers that left meandrous formations of gravel and sand called eskers.

• At the lodge, choose from a variety of outdoor activities including hiking, biking, birding, lake tours, and fishing.

• Enjoy guided tours and lectures led by local naturalists—including resident biologist, Dr. Brian Kotak, and First Nations guides—specializing in the region’s geology, geography, flora and fauna, and indigenous communities.

• Participate in workshops directed by a local professional nature photographer to learn techniques for optimum aurora, wildlife, and landscape photography.

• What’s Included: Five nights accommodations at high-end properties; 4 breakfasts, 1 brunch, 3 lunches, and 4 dinners; full guiding services of an Orbridge Expedition Leader and local experts; all activities listed on the 6-day itinerary (unless noted otherwise); all fishing license requirements; all excursion transportation; gratuities to Orbridge Expedition Leader, local guides, drivers, and wait staff for included meals; and airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times.

Activity Level: To fully enjoy and participate in all aspects of this program, guests should be able to stand for 90 minutes at a time without sitting, walk a slow-paced mile on uneven terrain without difficulty, and enter/exit skiffs with little trouble.
Your 6-Day Itinerary (subject to change)

Day 1: Arrive in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
Afternoon and evening at leisure
Overnight: Four Points by Sheraton

Day 2: Winnipeg / Flight to Gangler’s North Seal River Lodge / Eskers Tour / Northern Lights Viewing (BR,D)
Welcome brunch and property introduction, eskers and erratics tour and wildlife viewing, optional outdoor activities, aurora viewing
Overnight: Gangler’s North Seal River Lodge

Day 3: Gangler’s Lodge / Wildlife Excursion / Northern Lights Viewing (B,L,D)
Guided wildlife and area tour, Canadian Shore Lunch, outdoor activities, photography workshop, aurora viewing
Overnight: Gangler’s North Seal River Lodge

Day 4: Gangler’s Lodge / Caribou Spotting / Northern Lights Viewing (B,L,D)
Caribou migration floatplane excursion, ecosystems lecture, aurora viewing
Overnight: Gangler’s North Seal River Lodge

Day 5: Gangler’s Lodge / Outdoor Activities / Northern Lights Viewing (B,L,D)
Choose from hiking, fishing, guided eskers tour, lake tour, birding, boating, and others, farewell dinner, aurora viewing
Overnight: Gangler’s North Seal River Lodge

Day 6: Gangler’s Lodge / Flight to Winnipeg / Depart for U.S. (B)

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

NOTE: The itinerary is a general listing of activities and excursions that may happen during any part of the program. Daily activities will be determined by weather, opportunities to view wildlife, and other various elements that make up the incredibly diverse landscape.
Four Points by Sheraton
Winnipeg International Airport

Enjoy superb Canadian hospitality at Four Points by Sheraton, conveniently located adjacent to Winnipeg James Armstrong Richardson International Airport. During free time, sip a beverage at the bar or take advantage of the modern fitness center.

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 and is much more than just a fishing camp. The area is an ideal playground for endless outdoor activities including kayaking, canoeing, mountain biking, and certainly wildlife spotting.

Time at the lodge is designed to be an exclusive experience—as it hosts a maximum of just 24 guests. Visitors are guaranteed warm, personalized service and sincere attention to detail by the Gangler staff.

Lodge amenities include a restaurant with on-site chef, full-service bar, lounge area with ping-pong and pool table, tackle store and complimentary fly-tying table, complimentary video library, and satellite telephone and fax machine (additional fees apply).

Classic Cabin: One bedroom, two full beds, dresser, nightstand, private en suite bathroom with soap and shampoo, and separate living area.

Deluxe Cabin: Two bedrooms each with two full beds, dresser, nightstand, and private en suite bathroom with soap and shampoo, and a larger shared living area.

Cabin amenities include individual climate control, full carpeting, screened-in porch with chairs, couch, coffee table and chairs, TV with VCR/DVD player, complimentary Wi-Fi, coffee maker, and closet.
Spend additional days in Winnipeg to view its architectural marvel, the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. Plus enjoy a guided tour of the Manitoba Museum with extra time to explore.

**Post-Tour Itinerary (subject to change)**

**Day 6: Winnipeg**
Guided Manitoba Museum tour, afternoon and evening at leisure
Overnight: Inn at the Forks

**Day 7: Winnipeg (B,L)**
Canadian Museum for Human Rights guided tour including a gourmet lunch
Overnight: Inn at the Forks

**Day 8: Winnipeg / Depart for U.S. (B)**

**What’s Included**

- Two nights accommodations at Inn at the Forks (shown below) or similar
- 2 breakfasts and 1 lunch
- Admission to and a private docent-led tour of the Manitoba Museum for Indigenous Peoples of the North program
- Admission to the Canadian Museum for Human Rights for a half-day guided tour
- Luggage porterage
- Airport transfer for guests departing during the suggested times
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SEPTEMBER 24-29, 2020
Winnipeg Post-Tour: September 29 - October 1, 2020

Reserve by Credit Card:
Online: rice.orbridge.com
Phone: 713-34-TRIPS (87477)
Fax: (713) 348-5210

Reserve by Check:
Made payable to Orbridge, LLC
Mail to: Rice Alumni Traveling Owls
Office of Alumni Relations, MS 520
P.O. Box 1892, Houston, TX 77251-1892

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: ___________________________________________________________
Address: ________________________________________________________
City: __________________________________ State: _______ Zip: _______
Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation):
Email: ___________________________________________________________
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) +
# guests joining post-tour ($500/person) = TOTAL DEPOSIT: $

OPTIONAL NORTH SEAL RIVER FLOAT TRIP EXCURSION (added to your final invoice):
# guests joining optional excursion ($500/person)

OPTIONAL BLACKFISH LAKE FLYOUT / ROBERSTON ESKER / ARCHAEOLOGICAL TOUR EXCURSION (added to your final invoice):
# guests joining optional excursion ($200/person)

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

Signature: _____________________________ Date: _____________

Registration, Deposits and Final Payment: To confirm and secure your reservation, a deposit of $850 per person and $500 per person per pre-tour and/or post-tour is due at the time of registration, payable by check, automated clearing house (ACH), money order, wire transfer of same day U.S. funds, or major credit card. Final payment, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour and optional excursion(s) fee(s), is payable by check, ACH, money order, or wire transfer of same day U.S. funds, and is due no later than 90 days prior to the scheduled program departure date. If your reservation is made between the final payment due date and the date the program starts, the entire cost of the program, including any extension(s) and optional(s), is due at the time of registration by check, money order, or wire transfer of same day U.S. funds. Final payments made by credit card are subject to a 2% transaction fee. If final payment is not received by Orbridge by the final payment due date, Orbridge may, at any time and with or without notice, cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right of refund. All payments we receive from you are herein defined as “Payments.”

Cancellations and Refunds. All cancellations must be submitted to Orbridge in writing and will be subject to a cancellation fee as follows: (a) if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge 275 or more calendar days prior to the program’s scheduled departure date, all deposits will be fully refunded; (b) if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 274 and 151 days prior to the scheduled departure date, the Cancellation Fee will be $500 per person per program and $300 per person per program for any pre-tour and/or post-tour; (c) if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 150 days prior to the scheduled departure date and the day before the final payment due date, the Cancellation Fee will be the full deposit per person per program including any pre-tour and/or post-tour; (d) if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge on the final payment due date or closer to the scheduled departure date, the Cancellation Fee will be the full program price. In addition to and not in lieu of the foregoing, a Cancellation Fee equal to 100% of the carrier charge applies to all non-refundable airfares due to your cancellation made at any time prior to the scheduled program departure date, as applicable. Refunds, if any, of any Payments in excess of the aggregate Cancellation Fee shall be processed within 30 calendar days of our receipt of your written notice.

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