



## **Assiniboine Park Conservancy Hosts Fourth Annual Online Auction Featuring Once-in-a-Lifetime Experiences and Unique Items**

**For immediate release:** Winnipeg, August 30, 2023 – The Assiniboine Park Conservancy is hosting its fourth annual online auction, providing the opportunity for individuals to bid to win an assortment of unique items and once-in-a-lifetime experiences that can only be enjoyed at Assiniboine Park and Zoo alongside a number of prizes from Manitoba-based partners. The auction opens at 6:30 p.m. today (Wednesday, August 30) and closes at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 7.

The online auction opens this evening to coincide with the Conservancy's 13<sup>th</sup> annual Garden Party fundraising event and is open to all.

"We are thrilled to present our fourth online auction, which features an array of one-of-a-kind items and experiences that showcase the beauty of Assiniboine Park and Zoo," shared Krista Kowaluk, Donor Development Officer at the Assiniboine Park Conservancy. "This is an interactive opportunity for individuals to show their support for the Park while also discovering its many wonders."

The online auction includes over 100 items with bidding starting at \$50. Items up for bid include:

- A 12-day Tanzania Safari Adventure for Two courtesy of Dashir Lodge & Safaris
- A Three-Night Belugas & Bears Churchill Trip for Two next summer courtesy of Frontiers North Adventures
- A Guided Dining Experience at Gather Craft Kitchen & Bar
- Breakfast at the Gibbon Pavilion including Q&A with an Animal Care Professional
- Wagon Ride & Prairie Picnic at the McFeetors Heavy Horse Centre
- Kitchen Garden Wood-Fired Pizza Party for Six
- Kal Barteski Polar Bear Artwork
- Authentic Animal Artwork, featuring the creative talents of some of the Zoo's most charismatic creatures including polar bears, draft horses, and more!

Participants may also choose to share their love of the Park and Zoo by symbolically adopting one of the Zoo's amazing animals.

The online auction can be accessed at [assiniboineparkauction.ca](https://www.assiniboineparkauction.ca). Bidding opens today at 6:30 p.m.

*As a charitable organization, the Assiniboine Park Conservancy relies on the generosity of donors and fundraising events to support the Park and Zoo and our work in education, conservation, research, and recreation. Proceeds from the Garden Party and online auction will support the care and upkeep of Assiniboine Park, its amenities, and attractions.*

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