



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

For immediate release: Winnipeg, August 28, 2024 – The Assiniboine Park Conservancy is hosting its fifth annual online fundraising auction, providing the opportunity for individuals to bid on an assortment of unique prizes and once-in-a-lifetime experiences that can only be enjoyed at Assiniboine Park and Zoo.

The auction is open to all and opens at 6:30 p.m. this evening to coincide with the Conservancy's annual Garden Party fundraising event in the Leo Mol Sculpture Garden. Bidding closes at 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 4.

"With attractions like The Leaf and Zoo, gorgeous gardens and greenspace, and a variety of events and experiences year-round, Assiniboine Park offers something for everyone," said Krista Kowaluk, Donor Development Officer at the Assiniboine Park Conservancy. "The auction is a wonderful opportunity to win some amazing prizes while supporting this very special place that means so much to the people of Winnipeg and Manitoba."

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

- 12-day Tanzania safari and cultural adventure
- French-inspired, seven-course dinner for 10 at The Manitoba Club
- Dinner for two overlooking the Hartley and Heather Richardson Tropical Biome inside The Leaf
- A custom photo-lined blazer, featuring Assiniboine Park Zoo's polar bear Willow
- Behind-the-scenes Conservation & Research lab tour at Assiniboine Park Zoo
- Paris '24 Olympics Team Canada prize package
- Authentic animal artwork featuring the creative talents of some of the Zoo's most charismatic creatures including polar bears, red pandas, camels, 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.assiniboinepark.ca/auction). 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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