



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

For immediate release: Winnipeg, August 27, 2025 – The Assiniboine Park Conservancy is hosting its sixth 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 online auction, which is open to all, opens at 12:00 p.m. today and runs until 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 3. The launch of the auction coincides with the Conservancy's sold out Garden Party fundraising event, which takes place this evening in the Leo Mol Sculpture Garden.

"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," said Laura Cabak, Director of Communications and Public Relations, Assiniboine Park Conservancy. "The auction is a wonderful opportunity to win some amazing prizes and experiences while supporting the care and upkeep of the Park, a place that means so much to so many in our community."

The online auction features over 80 items including:

- A 12-day/11-night Tanzanian adventure courtesy of Dashir Lodge & Safaris.
- Culinary experiences including a romantic dinner for two overlooking the Hartley and Heather Richardson Tropical Biome at The Leaf catered by Gather Craft Kitchen & Bar.
- Sports packages including tickets for the Winnipeg Jets home opener, Winnipeg Sea Bears home opener, 112th Grey Cup in Winnipeg, and a private suite experience for 12 at a Montreal Canadiens home game.
- Unique behind the scenes experiences at The Leaf and Zoo including a junior animal care experience in Aunt Sally's Farm.
- Wellness experiences including a private yoga session for 12 with a view of the Zoo's polar bears, guided by Zoo Curator Jackie Enberg, who is certified in vinyasa flow and restorative yoga.
- Decorative outdoor arrangements crafted by the Park's talented horticulture specialists.
- Authentic animal artwork featuring the creative talents of some of the Zoo's most charismatic creatures including Star the polar bear, Tina the camel, Kita the snow leopard, 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. Bidding opens today at 12:00 p.m.

Proceeds from the online auction help support the care and maintenance of parts of Assiniboine Park including expansive greenspaces, beautiful gardens, and winding paths that millions of visitors enjoy year-round free of charge.

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