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SASKATOON ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE

DEPARTURE TO THE LODGE VIA SASKATOON

Now that you have your trip date booked, it's time to book your return commercial flight from home to Saskatoon, SK (Airport code YXE). Our charters from Saskatoon depart at 6:30 a.m. from the **Westwind Aviation Hangar** at the airport. You should arrive at the hangar **no later than 5:45 a.m.** It is recommended guests arrive to Saskatoon the night before they are scheduled to arrive at the lodge. The **departure and arrival will be at Hangar 3A**. When you enter Hangar 3A, you will check in with the CSR at the desk - there will be a monitor displaying "Arctic Lodges" so you know exactly where to check in.



PARKING

Westwind offers free parking for those driving to Saskatoon. Each vehicle is required to have a display pass - this can be obtained when checking in at the CSR desk.

HOTEL IN SASKATOON

We have a rate agreement with The Sandman Hotel less than 5 minutes from the airport. Please book your hotel room early. Should there be a special event in the city this hotel can sell out quickly.

Here's what they include:

- Rate \$99/night CDN + applicable taxes for a standard room with 2 queen beds.
- 24 hour Denny's and Shark Club Sports Bar/Grill onsite.
- Complimentary wireless internet access in all guest rooms, lobby, and meeting space.
- Complimentary access to their fitness centre, pool and hot tub.
- Complimentary 24hr shuttle service or taxi to the airport **(Please schedule your shuttle time with the front desk to ensure you do not miss your ride upon check in).**

Booking the hotel is simple! Individual reservations can be made by calling 1-800-sandman (1-800-726-3626) or locally at 306-477-4844. Inform them you have a corporate rate with Arctic Lodges.

CHARTERS TO LODGE

There is a **weight restriction of 35 lbs per guest for checked baggage and 13 lbs for carry-on on all charters. This allowance can be combined to 48lbs total if all luggage is checked.** Due to this restriction, we cannot accept coolers, large quantities of alcohol, etc. However, we supply all of these at the Lodge.

On your final day you will arrive back in Saskatoon at approximately 11:10 a.m. We recommend not booking any flights home until **1:00 p.m. or later that day.**

VERY IMPORTANT – We cannot be responsible for missed or cancelled commercial flights, and cannot hold charters. Please ensure that you have purchased travel/cancellation insurance on your entire fishing package should there be any unforeseen delays. Please visit our website where you can directly apply for insurance with World Nomads. Go to “Plan Your Trip” and find “What to Bring” or click [here](#). For those 70 years or older please see your local insurance provider.

GUESTS ARRIVING BY PRIVATE AIRCRAFT

If you are a US citizen flying to Arctic Lodges, you will need to report to the nearest Airport of Entry (AOE), in most cases this will be in Winnipeg, MB or Regina, SK. From there, a common place to fuel enroute to the Lodge is Flin Flon, Manitoba.

For information on flying in Canada, you can read more from Transport Canada [here](#).

For any additional information please do not hesitate to contact us.

CUSTOMS

If you or anyone in your group is not a Canadian citizen, you will need a valid passport to enter Canada. **Keep in mind, if you have ever been charged and convicted of a crime (including DUI), you are considered “in-admissible” into Canada.** However, you may be able to be declared “admissible” to travel to Canada by contacting Citizenship and Immigration Canada – Canadian Visa Office. To locate an office near you please visit their site [here](#).

If you are traveling with a minor under 18 years of age and without the presence of either parent, you will need written permission from the parents indicating you have the authority to take them into Canada. You must carry proper identification for the child such as a passport. Divorced or separated parents should carry custody or legal separation documents and/or letter of authorization to facilitate their entry into Canada. Read more about travelling to Canada with a minor [here](#).

For more information regarding Customs requirements, check these online resources:

[US State Department](#)

[Canada Border Services Agency Visitors to Canada Publication](#)

Do not attempt to bring firearms, knives or pepper sprays into Canada.

ALCOHOL & TOBACCO

You are allowed duty-free up to 1 litre of alcoholic beverages and 200 cigarettes or 100 cigars (non Cuban). Arctic Lodges also has a bar and store with many options to

choose from. If you are not planning on bringing your own liquor or need a certain type of mix on hand, please let us know. Simply indicate your drink of choice on our guest information form under "special instructions" and we will have it available for purchase in our bar. You can find the form on our website under "Plan Your Trip" or by clicking [here](#).

ARRIVAL AT THE LODGE

You will be greeted at our airstrip at approximately 8:30 a.m. and our staff will gather up the luggage to be boated over to the lodge. Although the boat ride is less than 10 minutes, we recommend having a jacket on hand. Once you arrive at the Lodge you can relax and have a coffee or beverage of choice and our staff will show you to your cabin. A light brunch will be served before heading onto the lake where a brief orientation will be held. We will introduce you to your Fishing Guide at the dock and you'll be on your way no later than 10:30 a.m.

MEALS

A lumberjack breakfast will be served in the main lodge starting at 7 a.m. however, we will have a continental breakfast set up for 6 a.m.

Our shore lunches are sure to be one of the highlights of your trip! Using our experience and expertise, we pack a lunch basket that 99% of our guests rave about. We recommend trying our standard shore lunch the first day. All shore lunches will be prepared and served by your Guide. Should you require anything additional or would like something different on the following days, please give your order to the dinner waitress (not your Guide) and she will let the kitchen know to have it ready for the next morning.

Dinner is a 3-course meal served in the main lodge starting at 6:30 p.m. You will receive a menu each morning to select your dinner options.

Should you have any special dietary restrictions or allergies, please indicate on your guest information form before your trip. Also please let us know what you'd prefer to drink so we can make sure we have it on hand!

GENERAL INFORMATION

FOREST FIRES

Forest fires are most often started by carelessness. Shore lunch fires must be located on sandy beaches or rocky shores. Do not start a fire on top of moss or near any other vegetation. When you leave, please make sure that the fire is completely out, with the ashes well saturated with water. Please remember to bring all trash back with you to the Lodge.

GET YOUR FISHING LICENSE - AFTER APRIL 1ST

Due to recent changes within the Ministry of Environment in Saskatchewan, we will no longer be issuing fishing licenses at the Lodge.

All guests will now be responsible for purchasing their fishing license online or via telephone prior to your arrival. ****PLEASE WAIT UNTIL APRIL TO PURCHASE YOUR LICENCE AS THE PREVIOUS YEARS LICENCES ARE SOLD UNTIL MARCH****

To purchase a fishing license please visit:

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/parks-recreation-heritage-and-arts/hunting-trapping-and-angling/angling/buy-an-angling-licence> or click [here](#).

Go to "Purchase a license"

Select "Sign in" or "Create my Web Account"

Select if you are an existing user or if you need to create a new record

Enter all of your information

Once you are signed in, select "Purchase a License"

For US residents, select the last option "Non-Resident" (of Canada)

Under "Angling", select "Annual Non-Resident Angling License"

The total cost should be approximately \$78.51, if so select "Add to Cart"

Proceed to "Checkout Shopping Cart" and once approved, print your license.

Alternatively, licenses can also be purchased by calling **1-855-848-4773**, however there may be an associated convenience fee.

It is essential that you carry your signed fishing license with you at all times out on the lake as conservations officers do random checks.

FISHING GUIDES & STAFF

We are very proud of our amazing team of professional guides and service staff at Arctic Lodges. As a friendly reminder please do not share liquor or beer with our staff or gift as a tip. We have strict rules with alcohol in camp while employed with us and our staff are well aware of this. If you would like to have an evening beverage with your guide or a staff member please limit to one drink. Thank you in advance!

GRATUITIES

We are always asked what a sufficient tip is for the Guides and service staff. This is a tough question and our answer is this: the tip should reflect your satisfaction with your Guide. Oftentimes, guests will leave a \$50 - \$100 tip per person for their Guide per day. When you are leaving a tip for your Guide it's best to tip on your last day. Cash on hand is best for tipping your guide.

Lodge staff normally receive \$50-\$100 per guest per day which is divided between the staff. There are many in the background working hard to make your stay is five star! Lodge tips can be made at the front desk by credit card or via the tip jar with cash.

GARMIN INREACH SE DEVICES

For communication and safety purposes your Guide will have an InReach SE device while you're out on the lake. The InReach SE is a two-way satellite communicator with GPS. It's a great tool to have if there is a need to contact the Lodge so we're able to locate you on the lake.

TACKLE & OUR SHOP

Our Lodge has a well equipped tackle shop as well as clothing and souvenirs available for purchase. Our preferred method of payment is with a personal check however, we do accept Visa & Mastercard.

PACKING

WHAT TO BRING & FURTHER INFORMATION

The weather is generally quite warm during the day but cools off significantly at night. The temperature can range from 50 – 80°F (10 - 26°C). You do run into some colder days early June and late August - September.

It's best to dress in LAYERS. **A quality jacket & pants with a high waterproof rating like Gore-Tex** will be your best bet in any weather if you have a layer of lightweight long underwear and warm fleece underneath. Quick drying fabrics are great for shirts and pants, there are many brands out there such as Columbia who offer these. Waterproof boots will be needed in the rain. We've provided a checklist below with our packing suggestions.

CLOTHING & ESSENTIALS CHECKLIST

- 2 – 3 pairs of "extra socks"
- Long underwear
- 2 pairs pants (optional: zip off legs for hotter days)
- 3 shirts: 1 short sleeve & 2 long sleeve
- 1 pull-over: fleece or wool - something very warm
- Rain jacket – highly waterproof and breathable with hood - Mandatory**
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- 1 hat with brim & visor (waterproof is a plus)
- Sunglasses (preferably polarized)
- 1 pair of running shoes or equivalent
- 1 pair of rubber/waterproof boots – make sure they're warm for early June/late Aug
- Neoprene gloves for colder days (early June/late August)
- Down vest for colder days (early June/late August)
- Lip Balm
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Camera and/or GoPro-We have amazing scenery and wildlife so it's always nice to bring home great pictures. You'll also want to have lots of pictures with your trophy fish!

TACKLE & EQUIPMENT

If you require fishing equipment from our tackle shop, please let us know well in advance of your trip. You can do so by contacting us directly or by indicating this on your guest information form under "Gear Rental".

ROD

We recommend a 6 ½' medium/heavy action rod, spooled with 20 – 30 lb line for both Pike and Lake Trout.

Jigging for Walleye or casting for Arctic Grayling can be done with a 6' light/medium action rod, spooled with 6 – 8 lb line.

Heavy-duty leaders are a must for the "Toothy Pike", at least 12" in length. These are available at our tackle shop.

Fly Fisherman, an 8 – 10 weight rod for Pike and Lake trout and a 4 weight will do fine for Arctic Grayling.

LURES

Our personal favourite is the Johnson Silver Minnow and #5 Mepps. Daredevils and Len Thompson spoons are great (colours being red/white, five of diamonds, fire tiger). Assorted crank-baits, spinner-baits, buzz-baits, heavy jigs, jigging spoons are all recommended as well. Small Mepps spinners for the Arctic Grayling will also work well.

The gear and tackle you bring may be dependent on time of year and your fish of choice, so if you have any questions, call us...we love to talk fishing!

Reindeer Lake is a catch and release lake, meaning the use of barbless hooks are mandatory. Please pinch your barbs with pliers.

DEPARTURE HOME FROM THE LODGE

Breakfast will be served at 7 a.m. We ask for you to be packed and checked out of your cabin by this time so we can prepare it for the next group of guests. Our staff will transport your luggage to the dock. We depart for the airstrip around 8 a.m. - we'll keep you posted on the charters arrival.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE BACK IN SASKATOON

There are a couple options for getting to the main terminal once you've returned to Westwind Aviation to catch your commercial flight. You can request the pilot to call a taxi (if in a hurry) or call one yourself once you land. Approximate cost is \$7. Westwind also has a ground attendant who can drive you to the main terminal in their van. Here are some taxi phone numbers should you need them:

Comfort Cab: **1-306-664-6464**

United Cabs: **1-306-652-2222**

FORGOT TO BRING SOMETHING?

If you happen to forget anything or couldn't fit it in your luggage due to weight restrictions, don't worry, we have everything you could need at the Lodge. There is a tackle shop with a wide selection of our best lures and rental setups and a clothing store just in case you need some warm clothing or a souvenir to bring home. We also carry confectionary items and hygienic items at our store and a fully stocked bar for your drink of choice. You'll be treated like family at Arctic Lodges! We want you to be comfortable and feel as though you claimed a piece of paradise to call your own.

**THANKS AGAIN FOR BOOKING WITH ARCTIC LODGES!
WE ARE ALL LOOKING FOWARD TO SEEING YOU THIS SEASON!**

Sincerely,

Kelly & Andrea Littlechilds
Owners / Operators