

Diana Lake Hunting - Trip Information and Things to Bring

Weight restrictions are strongly enforced on the carrier ride from Kuujjuaq to your hunting location. The carrier allows 60 pounds of baggage per person. Therefore, bags should be lightweight; share items that can be shared, repackage using lightweight containers such as zip lock bags and do not bring unnecessary items. If an additional carrier is needed because of over weight, the charge could be passed on to you or baggage could be left behind.

Food and liquor: At our lodge location, our meals are often traditional ones including meats and fish, fruits, and vegetables. Dried drinks such as ice tea, lemonade, coffee (ground and instant) are available; however, canned soda because of the weight is not available. Box lunches include sandwiches, desert and drinks. **We do not serve liquor;** however, you may bring your own. Canada allows 40 ounces of liquor per person from the U.S. **You can not purchase liquor in Kuujjuaq -** it is dry. Outpost locations are not equipped with the same amenities or the same food supplies found at the lodge location. If you have any dietary restrictions or needs please let us know now. By April our food shopping is usually completed and on its way to Kuujjuaq. Please remember weight restrictions.

Gratuities are not included. Often we are asked what an acceptable gratuity is. We have found that previous clients have been leaving about \$50.00 - \$100.00 per guide per day. If there are several guides involved or you wish to include the cook, pool the gratuities but please let us know whom you are tipping. **Capes** are an additional \$100.00 U.S. each. You may need funds for expenses such as rooms, meals and gratuities not provided with our package. We do not accept credit cards.

Hunter Registration Form: If you are a hunter, I am enclosing (a) Canadian non-resident arms declaration form(s). Registration became a Canadian requirement in 2001'. Please fill out the form before your journey but DO NOT SIGN THE FORM UNTIL YOU ARE IN FRONT OF THE CANADIAN CUSTOMS OFFICIAL. The Canadian

official may ask you to fill out the entire form again if you do sign it ahead of time.

This declaration requirement does not apply to bow hunters. If you have any questions about your form and wish to speak with a Canadian official, call 506-624-5380. Extra copies are available at www.canada.ca, Go to on-line forms and services, then by topic, down to public safety - Canada Firearms Centre-forms; go to non residents - to form CAFC 909; go to PDF fillable, print form (sorry, but this is the only way I could get to the form) (print 3 copies) or call me at 800-662-6404 and I will send you an extra copy. The Canadian charge is \$25.00 CA to register.

Hunting - black bear: We do not bait bears; however, caribou gut piles located away from the camps often attract them. The same rifle you use for caribou will do the job on bear. Caribou hunters hunting black bear will need a bear hunting license. There will also be a trophy fee of \$600.00 to cover the additional carrier weight.

Hunting - caribou: Patience is important in having a good hunt. Caribou are migrating animals. One day there will be hundreds around you, other days you have to look for them. Migration depends on weather. Caribou hunts are usually conducted at our outpost locations.

Hunting ptarmigan: Usually hunted at our main lodge can be fast and furious once you locate the birds. It is a good idea to take a game bag along if you plan to hunt these birds. A 20-gauge shotgun with 7-1/2 shot is plenty for these ruffed grouse sized birds. They can be found in flocks of 10 upward. The limit is 10 per day, 30 in possession. Ptarmigan can be hunted with or without a dog.

License Fees 2008

Caribou License (for 2 caribou) \$ 320.00 US

Ptarmigan License \$ 80.00 US

Fishing - Catch and Release \$ 15.00 US

Fishing - Keep \$ 60.00 US

Bear

\$150.00 US

License fees are not included in your trip fee and are due with your final payment. **We will also need your name as it appears on your identification, date of birth and address.** This information is needed for your license as well as your airline tickets

Meat and Antlers: For guided hunts, your meat and antlers will be packaged at the camp, first in plastic bags and then sealed in tagged waxed cardboard cartons (the cartons measure 22"w x 31"h x 15"d). Your antlers are split and wrapped with bubble wrap and cardboard. We supply the packing materials for self-guided hunters; however, these hunters are responsible for packing their meat and antlers. The camp manager may advise you that your rack could possibly score. A scored rack should not be split. First Air charges about \$100 CA for whole racks. I have enclosed information on Royer's Chop Shop. If you are looking for a butcher, give him a call for information.

Meat - claiming: The meat locker is located at Rue Reverchon. I have enclosed a map for their location. Their telephone number is 514-631-8560. Please call them before picking up your meat. The locker is open from 8:00 A.M. until 8:00 P.M. on weekdays. If your flight arrives after 8:00 P.M., call the locker to let them know you are on your way.

Since the advent of 9/11 our hunters must accompany their meat through customs. Therefore, you must claim your meat at the First Air (Excel) locker and take it to your connecting flight if you have one.

When booking flights, please observe the meat locker hours and give yourself time to pick up your meat and get to your scheduled flight. You may want to stay over in Montreal and arrange a next day flight. Your meat will remain in the First Air locker where you can pick it up the following day and transfer it to your next flight.

To save confusion at the locker, please have one or two from your party go to the locker and claim the meat. Make sure you have your necessary tags.

If you do not have a vehicle, there is taxi service available. Meat should not be brought to the hotel, as the hotel does not have the facilities to store it.

Outpost Locations: Most of our caribou hunting is located at our outpost camps. Upon arriving in Kuujuaq, you will be transferred to the seaplane base and then flown to the outpost location.

Our camps include walled tents, an outdoor privy, shower and generator. Generator use is limited. Your camp manager will inform you about hours of operation and other camp rules. There could be a maximum of twelve hunters in the camp at one time.

Your baggage is weighed at the seaplane base. Maximum weight is 60 pounds of baggage per person. If you are over your sixty-pound limit, the excess baggage will be left behind. These are the charter's rules. By law, aircraft are not allowed to fly if they are over weight. We have no control over and are not responsible for flight restrictions, carrier delays, lost baggage, etc.

Only guided trophy hunters will be permitted to hunt ptarmigan at the outpost camps. Fishing (catch and release) is allowed using a single, barbless hook. Fishing is permitted until September 7th. After that day fishing is not permitted at the outpost locations. Licenses are required.

Physical demands: Hiking on the tundra can be difficult. The terrain is rocky, slippery, wet and spongy in spots. You may have to hike some to harvest your caribou. Make sure you are in shape for the physical demands of the tundra.

Travel Insurance: Trip fees are non-refundable including all circumstances. We strongly urge our guests to buy travel insurance. Not only can trip insurance cover trip cancellations, but also lost, stolen or destroyed travel items. Travel insurance is

readily available. The web site. www.insuremytrip.com, lists various travel insurance companies, their programs and costs.

Trip insurance is worth the additional cost.

Hotel & Parking Information: Many of the hotels here in the US are located in Dorval and are within easy reach of the Pierre Trudeau (Dorval) Airport. However, most of our guests have stayed at the Hilton Airport Hotel. **The Hilton Airport Hotel** charges \$127.00 CA + taxes for a standard room /party of 2. Each additional person is \$20.00 CA extra. Up to 4 people are permitted in a room. Free van service operates between the airport and hotel. There is an additional parking charge at the Hilton Hotel if you wish to park there. Please check with reservations for the cost as well as liability (2008' rates). Ask for David at 1-514-828-4209 and please mention High Arctic Adventures /Diana Lake Lodge to receive your discounted rate. The rate is given on first come, first serve basis and is subject to availability.

Dogs are permitted. There may be an additional cleaning charge. When placing your reservations, please mention that you will have a dog with you. The Hilton will try to locate you near an exit so that you will not have to walk all the way back to the main entrance with your dog. They do ask that you do not leave your dog unattended and that you not bring your dog into the hotel garden, bar, or restaurant. The Hilton's telephone number is 514-631-2411.

Parking: Although hotels offer long-term parking, the lots are unsecured. Car theft in Montreal is a concern. Although no long-term parking area offers theft proof or damage proof guarantees, **Vinci Parking** does have 24-hour security. Vinci is the van service that transports you between the hotels and the airport. They will take you from the parking lot to your hotel and on your return take you to the lot. Vinci has two lots; one is located next to the train station close to the Best Western (\$42.00 CA weekly, \$9.00 CA a day) and the other is located next to the Hilton. Rates are \$11.00 CA daily and \$49.00 CA weekly (2007' rates). Vinci recommends that you not leave anything in your car including your parking ticket. Their telephone number is 514-636-8877.

We advise our guests to use any locking device they have or disable their automobile to make it more difficult to steal. At no time leave your car unattended until it is a secured area.

Items to Bring Hunting:

Ammunition - packed separately from guns

Baggage - lightweight duffel, small carry on Also lightweight.

Ammunition, fishing gear are not permitted in carry on.

Backpack frames- might be helpful for self-guided hunters. These can be strapped to your baggage

Binoculars

Bow and arrows - must be placed in a travel case; they do not have to be in separate cases.

Boots - Gore-Tex, knee high, light weight

Camera, film extra batteries

Clothing

Long underwear

Wool socks or equivalent

Warm pants and jeans

Warm shirts (wool and chamois)

Warm gloves

Boots - warm waterproof

Rain gear - light weight - something to wear over other clothing

Orange vest - required by law

towel and wash cloth

Small back pack (could be your carry-on)

Documents - passport if flying into Canada photo ID, birth certificate if driving into Canada. Leave copies of all documents at home in case your originals get destroyed or lost.

Duct tape

Flashlight - small

Gun case - hard - to be used on First Air - locked

Gun case - soft - to be used on the carrier flight to lessen the load. Your hard case will be stored in Kuujuaq.

Guns - ptarmigan hunting 20-28 gauge

Hunting knife
Leatherman multi-purpose tool
Other essentials - ID papers, money, travel checks, airline tickets.
Sharpener
Sleeping Bag - at least -10 comfort range and towel. We provide
mattresses, cots, pillows
sunglasses
Toiletries - medications, soap, toothpaste, shaving cream, razor
Waterproof matches

Photography: The tundra offers many photographic opportunities. The sunsets, sunrises and northern lights are magnificent. This unusual landscape features vegetation, including blueberries, cranberries, caribou moss and many other natural features. Wildlife includes musk ox, fox, rabbits, and birds such as eagles, hawks. Of course, the vast pure waterways and northern lights are exceptional in their beauty.

Shopping: While there is shopping in Montreal and duty free shopping at the airport, the only shopping you will be exposed to will be gift shops at the Kuujuaq airport. Please review your list and make sure you have all you need with you.

Traveling: See the recent attached information regarding passports when traveling to Canada. Please do not bring unnecessary papers, credit cards, etc. with you. Also, leave copies of your documentation and cards at home.

For those of you flying into the Trudeau Airport (formerly Dorval Airport), you may pick up your luggage (luggage carriers are available) at the front of the airport terminal - follow the signs. Against one of the walls near the luggage pick-up area is a telephone center where you can call Best Western, the Hilton Hotel or other hotels to advise them of your arrival. These hotels will send a marked van to a numbered post in front of the terminal. In the morning, Best Western and the Hilton will take you back to the airport. You should leave yourself plenty of time to get to the airport and check in. First Air would like their passengers to be at the Dorval Airport 1 1/2 to 2 hours before their flight.

You will be traveling with **First Air** an Inuit owned airline. After we receive your final May 1st payment, we will send you your airline ticket information. You will need this information to pick up your tickets at the First Air ticket counter. As you enter the Trudeau (Dorval) Airport, you will see the Air Canada ticket counter. The First Air ticket counter is to the right of the Air Canada counter and around the corner. We have found First Air to provide excellent service and excellent meals. Once you arrive in Kuujjuaq you will be guided to your next carrier ride. You will either be leaving directly from the Kuujjuaq airport via a twin Otter or Beaver or you will be transported to the seaplane base where you will fly in a Beaver or Otter on floats. Once tickets have been issued in June, name changes are not permitted.

Fishing gear (line, flies, and reels) as well as rifles are not permitted as carry-ons.

Rifles must be placed in a hard, locked travel case. Bring along a soft case. Your rifle may be transferred to a soft case (your hard case will be stored in Kuujjuaq) when you arrive in Kuujjuaq, thereby, eliminating some weight for the carrier ride into camp.

Smoking: Canadian law now prohibits smoking in public buildings. Therefore, we ask those of you who smoke to please do so outside or on the lodge screened in porch. We not only are observing the law, but also smoking is a safety issue as well as a comfort issue for those non-smokers. Please discard cigarettes or cigarette butts in proper containers, not in the water (the fish can not digest them), the land or floors.

Weather is very unpredictable in this area of the world. Temperatures can be in the low 30's and rise to the 90's during August; September temperatures can be colder. It can also be rainy and windy. Therefore, dress in layers.

PLEASE TAKE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOU. IT CONTAINS TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND DIRECTIONS THAT MAY BE USEFUL.