



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

For immediate release: Winnipeg, August 31, 2022 – The Assiniboine Park Conservancy is hosting its third annual [online auction](#), giving people the opportunity to bid on an array of unique items and once-in-a-lifetime experiences that can only be enjoyed at Assiniboine Park and Zoo. The auction opens at 6:00 p.m. today (Wednesday, August 31) and closes at 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 8.

The online auction opens this evening to coincide with the Conservancy's annual Garden Party fundraising event and is open to all.

"We are very excited to host our third online auction and offer unique items and experiences that showcase the passion of our talented team and splendor of the Assiniboine Park and Zoo," said Donna Wilford, Donor Development Officer, Assiniboine Park Conservancy. "This is an incredible opportunity for people to support the Park and see it in new and wonderful ways!"

The online auction includes over 100 items with bidding starting at \$25. Items up for bid include:

- A 12-day Tanzanian safari adventure courtesy of Dashir Lodge & Safaris.
- A private cocktail reception at the gibbon pavilion and a Q&A with an animal care professional.
- Zoo-inspired rain barrels, hand-painted by art students from École Stanley Knowles School.
- A tour of the Zoo hospital and morning in the life of a Zoo veterinarian.
- Gorgeous outdoor holiday arrangements crafted with care by our expert horticulturists.
- One-of-a-kind artwork featuring the creative talents of some of the Zoo's most charismatic creatures including polar bears, meerkats, and Percheron draft horses.

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

The online auction can be accessed at assiniboineparkauction.ca. Bidding opens today at 6:00 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 of the Garden Party and online experience auction will support the gardens at Assiniboine Park and The Leaf – Canada's Diversity Gardens.

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