

Great Bear Rainforest

Read the text about a rainforest and do true/false below.

The Great Bear Rainforest is on an island on British Columbia's central coast, in Canada. The rainforest is the largest remaining piece of unbroken rainforest in the world and is full of interesting plants, birds and animals, including the Spirit Bear. It is thought that there are more than 400 of these bears in the whole of the Great Bear Rainforest - and they don't exist anywhere else in the world.



The island is a fantastic place to go bear and whale watching. It is also a great place to go diving, snorkeling and fishing. Even better, tourism is encouraged by local people and conservationists, as it shows that money can be made from the island without changing it, and this helps to protect the rainforest.

One of the best times to visit the island is mid-September. This is when salmon return in great numbers from the Pacific Ocean to the streams and rivers of British Columbia's west coast. It is also when the bears come out to hunt them!

Knight Inlet is a place well known for its population of grizzly bears. It is on the southern edge of the Great Bear Rainforest. There can be up to 40 bears within a few miles during autumn when the fish are swimming up the river. Guests who stay at Knight Inlet start their adventure with a boat ride. They then board a small bus and travel through the northern rainforest to the river. They can go to five different viewing platform, in three different areas, which are specially built to provide a safe and comfortable place to watch the bears from. It is not uncommon to see 10-15 bears on the river at a time.

Autumn isn't the only season that grizzly bears go to the area. Starting in April, when they've woken from their winter sleep, both black and grizzly bears arrive to feed on the new spring growth. Even in mid-summer, when many of the bears have moved into the forests for their food, you can see several bears each day.

Knight Inlet offers wildlife viewing holidays ranging from one to seven nights for our spring, summer and autumn bear viewing. All their holidays begin at Campbell River and include one night in one of the two hotels there. This is essential because the plane journey to Knight Inlet starts very early in the morning.

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| 1 The Great Bear Rainforest is divided into several parts. | YES | NO |
| 2 Spirit Bears can only be found in the Great Bear Rainforest. | YES | NO |
| 3 You can have various kinds of holiday on the island. | YES | NO |
| 4. People who live in the area welcome tourists. | YES | NO |
| 5 The bears appear when the fish are returning to the Pacific. Ocean. | YES | NO |
| 6 Knight Inlet is in the middle of the rainforest. | YES | NO |
| 7. Guests at Knight Inlet travel straight to the river by boat. | YES | NO |
| 8. There is a choice of places to see the bears from. | YES | NO |
| 9 Tourists can watch the bears all year round. | YES | NO |
| 10. All tourists must sleep more than one night at Campbell River. | YES | NO |