## **NewsyBITS**



## **Travel Alberta Update:**

The Travel Alberta team recently attended RVC+ and connected with buyers from around the world, **Alberta Indigenous experiences** were top of mind for buyers. Acknowledging that Indigenous experiences are culturally rich, unique to the local community, authentic and immersive, here are a few of the new Indigenous experiences that Travel Alberta would like to showcase. For more information on Alberta's Indigenous experiences please visit <a href="https://indigenoustourismalberta.ca/">https://indigenoustourismalberta.ca/</a>

**Métis Crossing** - metiscrossing.com Métis Crossing offers visitors the opportunity to participate in guided cultural interpretive experiences, sharing the distinct Indigenous story of the Métis people in an interactive way. Visitors can enjoy Indigenous signature experiences which change with the seasons and include activities such as Walk in our Mocs, Paddle into the Past, and Meet the Métis. Metis Crossing is located about an hour and a half NE drive from Edmonton.

**Warrior Women** - <u>warrriorwomen.ca</u> Warrior Women, with Matricia and Mackenzie Brown, offer performance shows, workshops, tour shows, guided experiences, training and much more. If you are looking to be moved by the heartbeat of mother earth, hear the stories of the land and listen to legends of the Cree people that will stay with you forever, the Warrior Women is the group for you. Warrior Women offer drumming shows to those travelling across the globe. Having performed over 300 shows, Warrior Women will not leave you disappointed. Warrior Women operate in Jasper, Alberta.

**Mahikan Trails –** mahikan.ca It's an eye-opening experience when you take a walk in a mountain meadow or through the forest with Brenda Holder. She can point to and identify any plant, tree or bush and tell you how it can be used to make something crucial to survival – such as a fire cider for a cold, a food source or a fire starter. Mahikan Trails operates in Canmore, Alberta. Holder offers several workshops, including her medicine walks, designed to educate people about how her ancestors survived off the land for millennia.

**Painted Warriors** – paintedwarriors.ca Painted Warriors is an indigenous outdoor adventure company located one hour northwest of Calgary. We invite you to the foothills of the beautiful Rocky Mountains to reconnect with the outdoors in a new way — one that is rooted in Indigenous ways of knowing, learning, and experiencing the wilderness. Experience the traditional and modern day lifestyle of the Cree and Saulteaux people, skills such as animal tracking and snowshoeing, horse riding, archery and many others. Spend the night in authentic Metis style trappers tents, and wake up to the extraordinary view of the Rocky Mountains.

**Jasper Tour Company** - jaspertourcompany.com For thousands of years, indigenous people have traversed through the Rocky Mountains, creating routes used to trade between the different communities living on either side of the divide. The advent of the Fur Trade, saw them continue to do so, with many of them acting as guides to the European traders. The Jasper Tour Company will treat you to a memorable pioneering experience that will help you build more of your own excellent history!

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