

# British contest winners find Manitoba unforgettable



*Above: The lucky couple experiences the beauty of Grand Beach*



*Above: Greg catches his first catfish.*



*Above: Travel Manitoba's Michel LaRivière (left) and Dené Sinclair (far right) bid farewell to their new friends.*

Travel Manitoba staffers Michel LaRivière and Dené Sinclair recently hosted U.K. residents Greg Taylor and Kim Piggott for a three-day tour of Manitoba experiences. The pair were the lucky winners of the Challenge Canada contest offered by GapYear.com and Via Rail Canada.

The prize package offered the winners the chance to spend a month travelling through Canada by rail, with a stop in each province. In exchange, the couple were asked to write a blog entry about each stop.

Greg and Kim's Manitoba-stop included dinner at Corydon's Fresh Café, where Greg enjoyed his first taste of Manitoba bison. The couple also had a chance to fish the Red River and Greg was stunned to reel in a 32-inch catfish.

Fishing was followed by a visit to Grand Beach for some volleyball and sun-worshipping. The following day was spent travelling to Manitoba's Crow Duck Lake by floatplane.

Once back in Winnipeg, Greg and Kim were treated to a relaxing couples massage, courtesy of the Riverstone Spa at the Inn at The Forks. After a quick visit to the Assiniboine

Park Zoo, the couple toured The Forks market, before bidding farewell to their new Travel Manitoba friends.

Since completing their trip to Manitoba, Greg and Kim have completed a travel blog, which includes a great article on their experiences. To read their impressions visit <http://www.gapyear.com/challengecanada>.

Travel Manitoba thanks all the partners who helped make the trip memorable, including: Via Rail, The Inn at the Forks, City Cats Outfitters, Cloverdale Bed and Breakfast, Assiniboine Park Zoo and Northern Soul Wilderness Adventures.

