



Classic Polar Bear Adventure

6 Days/5 Nights Program

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| Program Length: | 5 Nights (3 nights Churchill, 2 nights Winnipeg) |
| Meals: | All |
| Transportation: | Roundtrip air (Winnipeg/Churchill/ Winnipeg) and transfers in Churchill |
| Tour Capacity: | 22 guests (maximum) |

ACTIVITIES

Tundra Buggy Adventure

Search for polar bears in their native habitat on an authentic Tundra Buggy adventure in the Churchill Wildlife Management Area. (2 full days)

Churchill Area Tour

A guided bus tour of Churchill's most notable sites, including the Polar Bear Holding Facility (a.k.a. Polar Bear jail) and Inukshuk.

Dog Sledding

Learn about Métis culture, the history of dog sledding and enjoy an exhilarating dog sled ride.

Cultural Presentation: An evening presentation from a local resident on the culture, history, wildlife and/or lifestyle of Churchill.

Itsanitaq Museum

Tour one of Canada's finest Inuit collections dating from pre- Dorset, Dorset, Thule and modern Inuit times.

Polar Bears International (PBI)

Hear from a PBI representative and tour the center to learn about polar bear research and climate change.

Parks Canada Visitor Center

View incredibly detailed wildlife dioramas and fur trade exhibits that represent the history of Churchill.

Optional Heli-Tour

Get an unforgettable "birds-eye-view" of the rugged, remote Churchill countryside – from taiga, tundra and boreal forest. An optional helicopter flight over the area will provide you with a unique view of the landscape and wildlife.

Flight routes are adapted to the migration but generally run across the Hudson Bay shoreline out to the famous Cape Churchill where the largest males tend to congregate waiting for the ice to freeze. In addition to polar bears, you may also watch caribou, seals and a variety of other wildlife. Tour lengths run 60-minutes and originate from town.

Cregor Adventures will be happy to provide you with details on the costs of helicopter “safaris,” the length of the trips and what you are likely to see on your visit. Please contact our office for details.

DATES & PRICES

2024 Dates & Prices

Oct 11 – Oct 16
Oct 14 – Oct 19
Oct 20 – Oct 25
Oct 24 – Oct 29
Oct 25 – Oct 30
Oct 27 – Nov 01
Oct 28 – Nov 02
Nov 03 – Nov 08
Nov 06 – Nov 11
Nov 09 – Nov 14
Nov 12 – Nov 17

\$7,649 per person, based on double occupancy
\$1,150 single supplement

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Day 1: Winnipeg, Manitoba

Reservations have been confirmed for you at the Four Points by Sheraton, which is just across from the Winnipeg airport. This evening you will meet your guide and other tour participants. You’ll have an opportunity to ask last minute questions as well as learn more of the details for your departure.

Day 2: Winnipeg/Explore Churchill

You’ll fly by private, chartered plane early this morning to the polar bear capital of the world – Churchill! (The flight is about two and a half hours.) Upon arrival, we will immediately depart for a tour of the historic town and the surrounding area. Its location, on the northwest shore of Hudson Bay, in northern Manitoba and at the mouth of the Churchill River (where marine, tundra and taiga ecosystems converge,) makes Churchill a world-class natural phenomenon.

Beluga whales, migratory birds, and wildflowers draw visitors to Churchill during the summer, but it is the polar bears that congregate along these rocky shores that draw thousands of visitors each fall.

After lunch, we’ll visit the Parks Canada Museum. The visitor center offers a variety of programs and exhibits which highlight Wapusk National Park, the Prince of Wales Fort and York Factory National Historic Sites. Walk back in time as you view and learn about the history of Churchill through detailed wildlife dioramas and fur trade exhibits.

Day 3: A Day on the Tundra

You'll spend the full day on the tundra observing polar bears and other Arctic wildlife from the warmth and comfort of our authentic Tundra Buggy. Specifically designed for the northern landscape, these all-terrain vehicles enable us to take you to the best locations in the Churchill area to safely experience wildlife.

Venturing on a network of established trails in the Churchill Wildlife Management Area, the Tundra Buggy takes our guests to the heart of polar bear country where bears and other Arctic wildlife call home. Our exclusive permits allow us to venture along 20 miles of established trails within this protected area.

Our professional guides (and our drivers) know this area well. We may see a mother with her cubs digging in the kelp (bear butts!), young adult males play-fighting, or a lone male lumbering across the tundra, backlit by the warm glow of a Manitoba sunset.

Lunch and morning and afternoon snacks will be served.

This evening we will have a presentation by a local resident who will share his culture, history and way of life in the north.

Day 4: Explore Churchill and Its Northern Culture

Churchill is not just a wildlife mecca. It is also steeped in history. Archaeology in the area shows evidence of human presence dating back 4,000 years.

This morning we'll visit the Itsanitaq Museum. The Itsanitaq Museum has a collection of Inuit carvings and artifacts that are among the finest and oldest in the world, dating from Pre-Dorset (1700 B.C.) through Dorset, Thule and modern Inuit times. (This is also one of our favorite places for purchasing beautiful, Inuit artwork.)

This afternoon, life is going to the dogs! We'll visit a local musher and meet his friendly and lively team of sled dogs. He'll first explain the care and keeping of sled dogs. Afterward, he will introduce us to the "pack" and we will have the opportunity to hop in either a dogsled or dogcart (depending upon the ground conditions) for a ride through the boreal forest.

Today there will also be free time to explore Churchill on your own. One additional option is taking a one-hour helicopter tour (weather permitting.) A helicopter flight provides a different perspective of the tundra's vast expanse. From above, you'll appreciate its rugged beauty. You may also track migrating caribou, Arctic fox and of course, polar bears!

Day 5: A Second Day on the Tundra/Return to Winnipeg

Once again, you'll enjoy a second full day on the tundra. In addition to polar bears, our professional guide will help us keep a close eye out for Arctic Fox and Arctic Hare. They are not easy to spot as their brown coats, in the early part of the season, allows them to blend in with the low brush. Then, later into the season, their coats turn to a winter-white, offering excellent camouflage against the frozen white ground.

After our full day on the tundra, we will be transferred back to the Churchill airport for our return flight to Winnipeg. Reservations are again confirmed at the Four Points by Sheraton.

Day 6: Depart Winnipeg

You may depart Winnipeg at your leisure.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Churchill Hotels

Churchill is a small, northern community with a lot of character and warm hospitality. You won't find big-chain hotels here. However, you will find our hotels in town to be clean and comfortable with all of the amenities. (You will find them comparable to a good motel in other locations across North America.)

A hotel-based tour is for those who would prefer a little more comfort, enjoy spending a little more time on your own and appreciate privacy in the evenings. Staying in town will allow you to walk to and from the different places of interest, shops and restaurants. Perhaps even meet some of the locals!

Our hotels include the Bear Country Inn, Polar Inn, Aurora Inn, Seaport Hotel and the Tundra Inn.

During the day, you will be transferred from town to the Tundra Buggy Launch where you will board a Buggy and begin your tundra adventure. The Tundra Buggy meanders over a system of trails, stopping at leisure to enjoy the scenery, search for wildlife and take photos. When daylight fades, we'll head back to the Launch and our hotels.

Winnipeg Hotels

Our base hotel in Winnipeg is the Sheraton Four Points. It is located directly at the airport, so the convenience cannot be beat!

If you would prefer to spend additional time in Winnipeg, we recommend several downtown hotels including The Hotel Fort Garry and The Inn at the Forks. Please give us a call for more information.