

The Polar Bear Experience Tour Dossier

7 days

This is our most popular Polar Bear tour! For over twenty years we have been introducing travellers to the community of Churchill, and its extraordinary wildlife lying 600 miles north of Winnipeg on the shores of Hudson Bay.

You know you have reached quite a different location as you arrive at their small airport. The vehicles all bear license plates from "remote Area" signifying that there is no way out of town by road at all, and we are on our own!

Although the flight and meal times may differ from year to year, the itinerary will be as follows:

ITINERARY

Day 1: Upon arrival in Winnipeg you will take a taxi on your own to your downtown Winnipeg hotel. Following check-in you will be given a package containing your travel documents.

Day 2: Breakfast is in the hotel restaurant this morning. The remainder of your time is free until your transfer for your flight to Churchill. Before check out at noon baggage will be picked up from your room and stored. As rooms are fully booked you will be required to check out of your room by 12:00. Meet the Great Canadian Travel representative in the hotel lobby for your transfer to the Winnipeg Airport for your Calm Air flight to Churchill. Upon arrival in Churchill you will be met by our naturalist guide and transferred to the hotel. A dinner and welcome orientation are planned this evening. (B,D)

Day 3: Breakfast will begin at 6:30am in the hotel dining room. At 7:45am you will meet in the hotel lobby and be transferred to the Tundra Buggy launch site. Please be on time, as the bus will not wait for stragglers!

Once aboard the heated, washroom-equipped buggy, you will travel onto the tundra in search of the magnificent polar bears. The day's viewing will end at sundown, approximately 5:00 p.m. Lunch is served on the buggy. (B,L)

Note: There is an optional helicopter tour available from town or from the Tundra Buggy. Prices vary and this is payable by cash or VISA. Arrangements should be made with the guide.

Day 4: Meet for breakfast in the hotel restaurant. At 9:30am you will be picked up from the hotel and taken on a tour of Churchill and the surrounding area. (B)

Day 5: Another full day with the Polar Bears! Breakfast begins at 6:30am, and then at 7.45am you will depart for the Tundra Buggy, and a second day of polar bear viewing. You will return to the hotel in late afternoon. In the evening, you will meet in the lobby and walk to a local restaurant where you will be served a traditional northern dinner. (B,L,D)

Day 6: Breakfast will be at your leisure in the hotel restaurant this morning. Following breakfast and depending on the flight departure time you may have time for last minute souvenir shopping, dog sledding, helicopter tours or a visit to the Eskimo Museum. You will be informed in plenty of time to make any special arrangements and your guide will be more than happy to assist you. As hotel rooms in Churchill are fully booked you will be required to check out of your room by 11:00 a.m. They will store your baggage until it is time to return to the airport for the flight south to Winnipeg. Your departure from Churchill may be in the early afternoon or in the early evening. Once back into Winnipeg, you will be met and transferred to your Winnipeg Hotel for one final overnight (B)

Day 7: Your tour ends following breakfast at the hotel. (B)

Note: All of the flight times between Winnipeg and Churchill are determined by the airline close to the departure dates.

TOUR DETAILS

Price: CA\$3019 (US\$2609) per person twin share. Single supplement CA\$775 (US\$670).
CA\$ pricing add 7% GST US\$ pricing add 3.5% GST.

Included: Round-trip airfare between Winnipeg and Churchill. Round-trip transfer from hotel to airport in Winnipeg and Churchill. Five nights hotel accommodation. Tours as indicated. Services of a naturalist guide.

Not Included: Applicable government, airport and/or transportation taxes. Alcoholic beverages, gratuities, insurance, or expenses of a personal nature.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Clothing Requirements: As temperatures are at the freezing level, full winter attire is recommended. Layered clothing is best. Hats, mittens and winter boots are suggested. At this time of the year there will be little or no snow, but the winds can be very cold.

Hotel Accommodation: (typically used but not always)

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