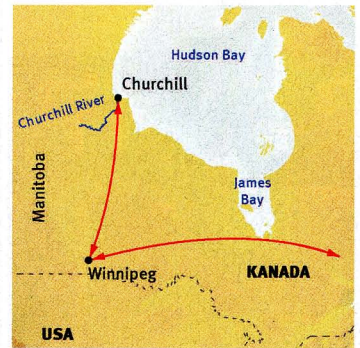


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EISBÄREN IN DER HUDSON BAY

Alljährlich spielt sich im Nordosten der kanadischen Provinz Manitoba, am Westufer der Hudson Bay, im Herbst eines der faszinierendsten Naturschauspiele der Erde ab. An fast keinem anderen Ort auf der Erde können Eisbären in freier Wildbahn besser beobachtet werden.

Jedes Jahr im Oktober und November versammeln sich über die Sommermonate ausgehungerte Eisbären nahe Churchill, Manitoba, darauf wartend, dass die Bucht über den Winter zufriert, damit sie sich auf den Weg in ihr Winterquartier machen können, um dort Seehunde zu jagen. Zwar können die Tiere ohne Mühe 100 Kilometer weit im eisigen Wasser schwimmen, um jedoch zu den Jagdgründen auf der anderen Seite der Hudson Bay zu gelangen bedarf es einer tragfähigen Eisfläche.

Charakteristik / Komfort: Die Tour zu den Eisbären insgesamt 7-, bzw. 8-tägig. Die An- und Abreise nach Churchill ist in Relation zur je nach Tourvariante - 3- bis 5-tägigen Aufenthaltsdauer in Churchill gewiss sehr aufwändig. Doch die Saison zur Beobachtung der

Eisbären ist naturgegeben zeitlich begrenzt und die weltweite Nachfrage ungebremst und so möchte man so vielen Naturliebhabern wie möglich dieses einzigartige Erlebnis näher bringen.

Alle dieser Touren bieten hochkarätige Landschafts- und Natur-Eindrücke und faszinierende Tierbeobachtungen. Eine einmalige Begegnung, „Auge in Auge“ mit den vielleicht größten Raubtieren der Erde. Von Winnipeg aus Flugreise ins abgelegene Churchill, dort zwei ganztägige Exkursionen am Kap Churchill zur Eisbärenbeobachtung an Bord der „Tundra Buggies“. Diese extrem geländegängigen Spezial-Fahrzeuge für ca. 20 Personen (meist umgebaute Schulbusse) sind mit ihren überdimensionalen Reifen sehr hoch, wodurch eine gute Sicht und ein hoher Grad an Sicherheit erreicht wird. Zwei bzw. drei Übernachtungen in einem einfachem aber ordentlichen Motel in Churchill, bei einem Tourtermin eine besondere Variante: Übernachtung in der „Tundra Buggy Lodge“, in mehreren miteinander verbundenen Tundra Buggies, mit Schlafwagen und Restaurantwagen, hier bietet sich die Übernachtung in der Wildnis, außerhalb Churchills inmitten der Tundra Manitobas.

7-TAGE-TOUR: ÜBERN. IN CHURCHILL

1. Tag: Hinflug – Winnipeg

Linienflug tagsüber von Frankfurt oder München nach Toronto. Am späten Nachmittag oder Abend Weiterflug nach Winnipeg. Transfer zum ***HOTEL FORT GARY (oder gleichwertig) in Eigenregie.

2. Tag: Winnipeg – Churchill **FA**

Vormittags Zeit für einen kleinen Spaziergang in Winnipeg, vielleicht für einen kurzen Besuch des Manitoba Museums oder der Winnipeg Art Gallery. Mittags Transfer und ca. zweieinhalbstündiger Flug nach Churchill. Nach der Ankunft Begrüßung und Transfer zum ***CHURCHILL MOTEL oder gleichwertig (3 Übern.). Abends Welcome-Dinner und erste Einweisung und Informationen über die Tagesabläufe von unserem Naturführer.

3. Tag: Churchill **FM**

Ganztg. Besichtigungstour mit dem Tundra Buggy zur Beobachtung der Eisbären. Unser erfahrener naturalistischer Reiseleiter hat einen geschulten Blick, um Eisbären in der im Oktober oft schon verschneiten Tundra zu entdecken. Mit etwas Glück sehen wir

auch Polarfüchse, Rentiere und Schnee-Eulen. Die offene Beobachtungsplattform am hinteren Ende unseres Tundra-Buggies ermöglicht uns aus sicherer Entfernung eine uneingeschränkte Sicht auf die Eisbären. Kleines Mittagessen (Box-Lunch) in unserem Fahrzeug, so dass der ganze Tag zur Eisbärenbeobachtung genutzt werden kann. Mit Einbruch der Dämmerung kehren wir nach Churchill zurück.

4. Tag: Churchill **F**

Vormittags Orientierungsfahrt in Churchill und in die nähere Umgebung. Wir sehen das alte Fort am Cape Merry und fahren am Frachthafen von Churchill entlang. Nachmittags Zeit zur freien Verfügung. Vielleicht für einen Besuch bei John Stetson, einem berühmten Hundeschlittschuhführer. Gelegenheit zum Besuch des Eskimomuseums mit Schnitzereien, Kanus und Gebrauchsgegenständen der Inuit. Optional (zahlbar vor Ort) die Möglichkeit zu einem Helikopterflug über die Region oder, bei gegebenen Schneeverhältnissen, zu einer Hundeschlittentour.

5. Tag: Churchill – Winnipeg **FMA**

Ein weiterer, kompletter Tag an Bord eines unserer Tundra Buggys zur Beobachtung der

Eisbären in ihrer natürlichen Umgebung. Kleines Mittagessen (Box-Lunch) an Bord. Spätnachmittags Abschiedsessen, danach Transfer zum Flughafen, Flug zurück nach Winnipeg. Transfer zum ***HOTEL FORT GARY (oder gleichwertig).

6. Tag: Rückflug **F**

Vorm. individ. Transfer zum Flughafen, Rückflug über Toronto nach Frankfurt.

7. Tag: Ankunft **F**

Vormittags Ankunft in Frankfurt.

7-TAGE-TOUR: TUNDRA - BUGGY - LODGE

1. Tag: Hinflug - Winnipeg

Tagesflug von Frankfurt oder München nach Toronto. Spätnachmittags oder abends Weiterflug nach Winnipeg. Übernachtung im ****FOUR POINTS SHERATON direkt am Flughafen, in Laufweite vom Terminal.

2. Tag: Churchill **FA**

Kurzer Fußweg vom Hotel zum Check-In. Flug nach Churchill. Transfer zur Tundra Buggy Lodge. Drei Übernachtungen inmitten der Tundra.

3.-4. Tag: Tundra Buggy Lodge **FMA**

Zwei komplette Tage in der Wildnis mit ausreichend Zeit, von Bord unserer Tundra Buggies die Eisbären zu beobachten.

5. Tag: Churchill - Winnipeg **FM**

Erneut fast ein ganzer Tag zur Beobachtung der Polarbären. Nachmittags Transfer zum Flughafen Churchill und Flug nach Winnipeg. Eine weitere Übernachtung im komfortablen Flughafenhotel ****FOUR POINTS SHERATON.

6. Tag: Winnipeg - Rückflug **F**

Zeit zur freien Verfügung in Winnipeg bis zum Abflug. Rückflug über Toronto nach Frankfurt oder München.

7. Tag: Ankunft **F**

Vormittags Ankunft in Frankfurt oder München.

Abweichende Zahlungs- und Stornobedingungen bei allen Eisbären-Touren:

Anzahlung € 500,- zahlbar bei Erhalt der Buchungsbestätigung. Restzahlung bis 60 Tage vor Reisebeginn. Rücktrittskosten: bei Rücktritt bis 30 Tage vor Reisebeginn 50%

Eisbärenbeobachtung in der Hudson Bay



► Faszinierendes Naturschauspiel an der Hudson Bay

► Sieben- bzw. Acht-Tage-Tour zu den Eisbären im Norden Kanadas im Oktober und November

► Alternativ die Tourvariante mit zwei Übernachtungen an Bord der Tundra Buggies

► einzigartige Wildnis, unvorstellbare Tierwelt in der Tundra des nördlichen Manitoba

Tourleistungen:

- Linienflüge mit LUFTHANSA/AIR CANADA/CALM AIR ab/bis Frankfurt oder München
- Übernachtungen in Hotels entspr. Standard (Landeskategorie) lt. Tourverlauf
- Mahlzeiten s. Tourverlauf (F = Frühstück, M = Mittagessen, A = Abendessen)
- Transfers, Besichtigungs-, Rundfahrten- und Erlebnisprogramm einschl. Eintrittsgelder lt. Tourverlauf
- Reiseleitung örtl., englischspr.

Mindestgruppengröße: 6 Personen
Max. Gruppengröße: 38 Personen

Änderungen im Tagesablauf der Reisen sind möglich. Diese Reise führen wir in Kooperation mit anderen Reiseveranstaltern durch (s. S. 10).

TERMINE & PREISE Preise pro Pers. in EUR

Tourcode	Datum	Preis
241101-01	11.10.12-17.10.12	4.170
241101-02	17.10.12-24.10.12	4.280
241101-03	18.10.12-24.10.12	4.880
241101-04	24.10.12-30.10.12	4.170
241101-05	27.10.12-03.11.12	4.210
241101-06	31.10.12-06.11.12	4.090
241101-07	04.11.12-11.11.12	4.210
241101-08	08.11.12-14.11.12	4.090
241101-09	11.11.12-18.11.12	4.210

Touren 241101-01, -04, -06 und -08:
7-Tage-Tour mit 3 Motelübern. in Churchill
Touren 241101-02, -05, -07 und -09:
8-Tage-Tour mit 4 Motelübern. in Churchill.
Ein Tag zusätzlich in Churchill
Tour 241101-03:
7-Tage-Tour mit 3 Übern. in der Tundra Buggy Lodge

Einzelzimmerzuschläge:

Touren -01, -04, -06 und -08: + 470

Touren -02, -05, -07, -09: + 610

Tour -03 (Tundra Buggy Lodge): + 170

Anschlussflüge mit LUFTHANSA ab/bis versch. deutschen Flughäfen: + 50

Anschlussflüge mit LUFTHANSA/AUSTRALIA/SWISS ab/bis

INDIVIDUELLE ARRANGEMENTS

**Reise ab/bis internationalem
Ausgangspunkt**

Polar Bear Odyssey to Cape Tatnum

For those who wish to view Polar bears and other Arctic wildlife in their natural environment

Duration:	7 days/ 6 nights
Dates:	August 22 - 28, 2012 August 26 - Sept 1, 2012 Aug 30 - Sept 5, 2012 Sept 18 - 25, 2012* Sept 24 - Sept 30, 2012
Cost:	\$6,395 CAD, plus tax (tax - 6% non-resident and 8.5% Canadian residents) *Sept 18 - 25 departure is one day longer. Rate is \$6995 CAD, plus tax (tax - 6% non-resident and 8.5% Canadian residents) Single Supplement is \$1,500, plus tax

Located 140 miles east of Gillam, Manitoba, the Hudson Bay Nanuk Lodge, within the Cape Tatnum Wildlife Management Area, offers visitors unique opportunities to view polar bears and other sub-arctic wildlife. In addition to planned daily excursions, opportunities to photograph bears no more than three feet away from the fence surrounding the lodge are common.

During your stay you will have unlimited access to the Hudson Bay coastline, which showcases sow and cub polar bear, moose, caribou, seal, walrus, arctic hare, ptarmigan, black bear, vole, muskrat, beaver, a variety of geese, owl, shore birds, raptors, and fox, as well as fabulous displays of northern flora.

Lodge facilities include four large cabins (with private bedrooms and baths) and a central lounge and dining room situated to maximize the unlimited skyline and spectacular views of Hudson Bay. Throughout your stay you will enjoy gourmet meals prepared and served with unique arctic flare. A well-stocked library, with local maps and information, gift shop and satellite phone are at your disposal. While the lodge boasts many modern conveniences, it is heated by wood and natural gas so electricity is only made available eight hours a day, giving an entirely new meaning to "lights out." Yet this mandatory call for "lights out" may turn your eyes skyward to partake of a dynamic dance of color as the flames of the Aurora Borealis swirl and wave above you. At the Lodge at Nanuk, Arctic Odysseys continues its tradition and commitment to providing high quality, multi-day excursions of variety and intrigue throughout the world.

Day 1 - Anticipation builds during your overnight in Winnipeg!

Arrive in Winnipeg on your own travel arrangements. Overnight at the Four Points Sheraton located at Winnipeg International Airport.

Day 2 - The adventure begins!

You will depart Winnipeg for Gillam early in the morning on Calm Air International. Upon arrival in Gillam you will transfer to a private charter for a one hour flight to Nanuk Polar Bear Lodge. Your charter flight takes you over the Northern Taiga Forest and down the mighty Nelson River to the plains and tidal flats of Hudson Bay. You will also fly over York Factory, the original Hudson Bay Company Post, which dates back 300 years to the beginning of Canada's fur trading industry. Stay alert for a chance to see Beluga Whales in the mouth of the Nelson & Hayes Rivers.

Lunch is served shortly after your arrival, coupled with an orientation on your stay in polar bear country. This day includes an interpretive walk on the inland Palsa Bogs, Tundra Ponds and Taiga Forest. Appetizers and cocktails are served at 6:00

pm, followed by a gourmet dinner at 7:00. After dinner there will be an informative lecture or slide show presentation. Lights are out at 10:00 pm – this is when the generator is turned off. If it is a clear night you will have the chance to view the Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights).

Days 3, 4, 5 - Nature trekking, Polar bears, and magnificent photography!

During the rest of your stay a gourmet breakfast will be served at 08:00 and outings will begin at about 09:30. If Polar bears are near the lodge, which happens often, the tour may be delayed to take advantage of the photo and observation opportunities. Participants always have the option to stay behind to take photos of the wildlife around the lodge and relax. Daily outings rotate through the following;

#1 – An ATV coastal tour to the tidal flats and Hudson Bay Shoreline, including a visit to the historic beached vessel 'Mooswa'. Lunch and tea will be served around a campfire.

#2 A full day photo tour along the coast of the Hudson Bay to photograph the Polar Bears and other abundant wildlife in their unique landscape. Lunch and tea will be served around a campfire. After lunch you will explore the river deltas and coastal eskers.

#3 Staying close to the lodge to take advantage of the opportunities that present themselves as the day unfolds, including photographing Polar bears. Visitors are encouraged to immerse themselves in the sub-Arctic environment. Lunch is served at the lodge on this day.

Appetizers and cocktails are served at 6:00 pm and a gourmet dinner is served at 7:00 pm. After dinner there will be an informative lecture, slide show presentation, or informal visiting. Conditions permitting, view the Aurora Borealis after dark.

Day 6 - Last minute wildlife viewing and reminiscing in Winnipeg!

This morning you will take advantage of last minute photo opportunities, pack your gear and get ready to return home. Lunch will be served at the lodge today. Your charter flight to Gillam will depart around 13:30. You will depart Gillam for Winnipeg on Calm Air at 17:15. You arrive in Winnipeg at 18:55 and again overnight at the Four Points Sheraton at the airport.

Day 7 - Homeward Bound!

Today you will fly home on your own travel arrangements.

Package Inclusions – All accommodations and transfers required within the package dates are included in the cited price.

Meal inclusions are as follows:

Day:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Meals:	N/A	L,D	B,L,D	B,L,D	B,L,D	B,L	B

IMPORTANT NOTES

Price is inclusive, per person, double occupancy, from Winnipeg Manitoba (2 nights accommodations Winnipeg, 4 nights accommodations at Nanuk Lodge). The required deposit is \$1,500 and is non-refundable. Full payment is due 120 days prior to departure.

Price does not include: Airfare to Winnipeg, clothing, alcoholic beverages, gratuities, insurance, and items of a personal nature are not included in the price. Price is subject to change as conditioned by such variables as the number of participants, fuel costs, and the monetary exchange rate (USD:CAD) up to 30 days of departure. Participants are supplied with a clothing and equipment list. Souvenirs and some other miscellaneous purchases bear the GST, which can be rebated to the individual traveler either by mail or at Duty Free stores en route home.

Notes: This is unique program at a special destination. The owners and staff routinely deal with particular situations that arise from having Polar Bears in such close proximity with humans. It is common during the season to record over 400 bears passing by the lodge. Our daily record from 2005 is 17 bears around the lodge in just 9 hours. Photo opportunities present themselves often from inside the 8 foot buffalo fence, with bears as close as 3 feet away. Come and join us on what is sure to be an adventure to remember.

Polar bears in the area are completely wild and their prevalence at any given time is dependent upon the weather and other natural factors. While we cannot guarantee Polar bear sightings, this trip is scheduled during the time period that typically maximizes the opportunity. To see just one Polar bear in its natural environment is an exhilarating and indescribable experience.

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2011 Fall Polar Bear Odyssey to Churchill & Hudson Bay

For those who wish to view Polar bears and other Arctic wildlife in their natural environment

Duration:	7 days/ 6 nights
Dates:	Oct 26 - Nov 1, 2012 Oct 29 - Nov 4, 2012 Nov 1 - 7, 2012 Nov 5 - 8, 2012 Nov 7 - 13, 2012 Nov 10 - 16, 2012
Cost:	\$7,995 (CND) pp. plus tax including roundtrip airfare between Winnipeg, Churchill, and wilderness lodge

- Deluxe remote fly-in Lodge featuring private rooms with private washrooms.
- Ground level walking excursions with in season wildlife, including polar bears.
- Significant potential for wolf encounters.
- Inuit and/or Dene cultural experiences with First Nations peoples, a fascinating look into our heritage in the north.
- Aurora dome for inspiring displays of northern lights viewed from the warmth of a custom built glass domed tower.
- Fine wines and best cuisine in the Arctic, featured in best selling Blueberries & Polar Bears cook books created by renowned chefs Helen Webber & Marie Woolsey.
- Churchill shops, historical/cultural sites & dog sledding options.
- World famous Tundra Buggy day trip adventure.

Churchill, Manitoba is rightfully known as the Polar Bear Capital of the World. The natural conditions of Hudson Bay and the Cape Churchill region attract roughly 1,200 of these awesome creatures as they await the winter and freeze of the "Vast Inland Sea." The waters in the vicinity of Churchill are among the first of Hudson Bay to ice over, due in part to significant freshwater dilution caused by the inflow of many rivers, including the massive Churchill and Seal Rivers. As the bay freezes, substantial tides crack and move the ice, creating large open leads, channels, and ideal habitat for seals within ten to fifty miles of shore. These are the conditions that create optimum opportunities for viewing and photographing Polar bears.

Our Dymond Lake naturalist lodge on the coast of Hudson Bay, approximately 25 miles northwest of Churchill, offers significant other wildlife viewing opportunities, which in addition to Polar bears, can include snowy owl, gyrfalcon, ptarmigan, seal, fox, pine martin, snowshoe hare, and possibly wolverine and wolf. The intimate small group character of this program enables meaningful and photograph-worthy encounters with rare Arctic and sub-Arctic species such as these, in solitude and free of the regimentation. This site is inaccessible to the numerous tundra buggies, large and small, which congregate at Churchill proper, and in October and November, can only be reached by bush-plane or helicopter. This program is limited to 16 participants, resulting in an enhanced quality experience.

Program dates have been chosen to optimize opportunities to encounter Polar bears and other wildlife, as well as to witness the Aurora Borealis at night. At this time of year and latitude, the incidence of auroras is relatively consistent from year to year and our remote lodge is far from the city lights of Churchill, which obscure the Aurora.

ITINERARY

Day 1 - Arrive in Winnipeg – Overnight at Airport Hotel

At 6:00 pm a dinner will be held at the hotel where you will meet other participants and your adventure specialist. Your flight to Churchill will depart early in the morning. (D)

Day 2 - An Arctic Arrival and Aerial Tour

Your flight to Churchill provides an excellent opportunity to view the immensity of the vast Barren Lands that stretch from Hudson Bay on the east to the MacKenzie River to the west. You be greeted in Churchill by one of our expert staff who will provide a tour orientation and clothing check. Transfer will be provided by helicopter or fixed wing aircraft to Dymond Lake Lodge at approximately 11:30 a.m. This flight takes you out over the historic Churchill River, and then northwest up the rugged Hudson Bay coast to one Canada's most exclusive Polar Bear viewing properties. En route, be on the lookout for caribou, moose, seals, wolves, and of course, the great Ice Bears.

Upon arrival, your hosts will provide a tour of the Lodge and get you settled in your room. A thorough orientation on travel in polar bear country will be provided prior to any outings. This day includes a guided hike on our rugged and starkly beautiful coastline, an interpretive slide show featuring the wildlife of Hudson Bay, and hopefully, a clear night for viewing the Aurora Borealis. The lodge has a viewing dome, allowing you to experience the Northern Lights in comfort. During your gourmet lunch and dinner, your hosts and guides will regale you with tales of life and adventures in Canada's Arctic. We will also have local presenters on hand to provide insight into the local cultures and traditions. (L, D)

Days 3 & 4 - Tundra Trekking, Polar Bears, and Priceless Photography!

In the coming days, a gourmet breakfast will be served at 8:00 am and the first walking tour generally departs at 9:30. Should there be a polar bear in camp (this happens frequently), the walking tour is delayed for picture taking. Led by our professional and knowledgeable guides, walks are comfortably paced, geared towards plenty of viewing and photo opportunities. Obviously we cannot allow the bears to approach too closely, and your guides are expert in keeping bears at a safe distance without sacrificing exciting viewing. Dymond Lake Lodge is the only remote lodge in the world where you can experience the spectacular wild of the Boreal forest, remote tundra, and the Arctic sea ice all in the same day.

Polar bears are also known to saunter by the lodge on a regular basis, so you can often view them from the warmth and comfort of one of our lounges through the massive picture windows. Lunches will be enjoyed at the lodge with some relaxation time to follow. We head back out around 2:30 pm and typically return to the lodge by 5:00 pm for hot or cold drinks and appetizers. Full course delectable dinners are served at 7:00 pm, after which the fireplace is almost always central. Your guide team will give informative lectures and beautiful slide presentations, as well as initiate a discussion about the activities for the following day. Bedtime is at your leisure. The entire Lodge area is patrolled for Polar bears throughout the night by one of our night watchmen, so be prepared to have your sleep cut short by a nocturnal Polar bear visit (or by a dazzling Northern Lights display). (BLD both days)

Day 5 - Goodbye to the Lodge...Churchill Visit

After another hearty breakfast, it is time to pack, say goodbyes, and snap a few more pictures! Enjoy another aerial tour en route to Churchill. We will store your bags until you can check into your hotel later in the day. Following transfer to the town center, you will be free to explore this frontier community at your leisure. Your time in Churchill is independent, allowing you to look and linger at a variety of small shops and art galleries, which offer a wide range of Inuit carvings, paintings, prints, and other items unique to the region. Other recommended highlights include the Port Churchill (Canada's only Arctic grain terminal), the Eskimo Museum, which is renowned for its collection of ancient, historic, and contemporary Inuit art, the Parks Canada Interpretive Center, and "Polar bear Jail," where problem bears (those that threaten the safety of town residents) are kept prior transfer to more remote areas. Dog sledding fits nicely into this afternoon. If you would like a dog sledding excursion, we are happy to arrange one for you as an add-on. You will be provided a \$30 dinner voucher for participating Churchill restaurants. Rest well for your 6th and final day with the bears. (BD)

Day 6 - Churchill Bears by Tundra Buggy

Today you will travel across the tundra in the world famous Tundra Buggies® for more polar bear viewing. Transportation by bus to and from the Tundra Buggies® is provided at 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., respectively, so remember to grab some breakfast beforehand. Lunch “with the bears” will be prepared and served to you on the tour. At the completion of the Tundra Buggy tour, you will be provided transfer to the airport for return flight to Winnipeg. Your accommodations for the night are at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel Winnipeg Airport. (L)

Day 7 - Return Home

Enjoy a breakfast at the hotel before your return flight home. (B)

If you are looking for more “Bear action,” ask about our Bears & Belugas adventure which takes place in July and August annually. We also offer a Black bear viewing program, which can be undertaken either before or after your Fall Polar Bear program.

**Price is inclusive, per person, double occupancy. The required non-refundable deposit is \$1,500 CND. If you are traveling alone and would like for us to arrange a suitable roommate for you, we will make every effort to do so. If a roommate is not available or you wish single accommodations (where available), the single supplement is \$1,500 CND, plus tax. The price does not include GST/PST tax, meals in Churchill, alcoholic beverages, and items of a personal nature. Participants are supplied with a clothing and equipment list. Price is subject to change as conditioned by such variables as the number of participants, fuel costs, and the monetary exchange rate (USD:CND) at time of payment.*

Notes: Polar bears and other Arctic and sub-Arctic wildlife in the Churchill and west Hudson Bay region are completely wild and their prevalence at any given time is dependent upon the weather and other natural factors. While we cannot guarantee specific sightings, this trip is scheduled during the time period that typically maximizes the opportunity for many species, including, but not limited to Polar bears. Lodge accommodations are luxurious by Arctic standards. Beautifully decorated viewing lounges are complimented by well-appointed bedrooms. The lodge is equipped with private bathrooms, hot and cold running water, and solar electricity, with a generator backup. Towels and bedding are supplied. Meals are gourmet, meeting special needs as required.

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2012 Fall Polar Bear Odyssey to Hudson Bay Photo Safari

Wildlife viewing - Expert guides - Aerial tours - Tundra treks - Ground level photography

Duration:	7 days/ 6 nights
Dates:	Oct 21 - 27, 2012 Oct 25 - 31, 2012 Oct 29 - Nov 4, 2012 Nov 2 - 8, 2012 Nov 6 - 12, 2012 Nov 10 - 16, 2012
Cost:	\$8,495 (CND) pp. plus tax including roundtrip airfare between Winnipeg and Churchill

INTRODUCTION

Churchill, Manitoba is rightfully known as the Polar Bear Capital of the World. The natural conditions of Hudson Bay and the Cape Churchill region attract large numbers of these awesome creatures as they await the winter and freeze of the "Vast Inland Sea." The waters in the vicinity of Churchill are among the first of Hudson Bay to ice over, due in part to significant freshwater dilution caused by the inflow of many rivers, including the massive Churchill and Seal Rivers. As the bay freezes, substantial tides crack and move the ice, creating large open leads, channels, and ideal habitat for seals within ten to fifty miles of shore. These are the conditions that create optimum opportunities for viewing and photographing Polar bears.

Wildly rugged and remote, this tundra coastal lodge near the mouth of Seal River provides the discerning photographer the ability to dedicate long days in the field getting up close and personal with Arctic wildlife. In this pristine wilderness, ground level photo opportunities are offered for Polar bears, caribou, Arctic fox, and other sub-Arctic wildlife in a backdrop of stunning sea and landscapes and on ice and snow. Custom polar bear photo adventures are available for singles to small groups.

This program offers:

- Extensive photography time, best light;
- Exceptional number of clear nights for Aurora photography;
- Highest number of sunshine days on the coast, best morning and evening light conditions;
- Finest food and wine in the Arctic. Mealtimes will be adjusted or delayed as required to ensure maximum photo opportunities;
- Professionally led instructional photo safaris on request.

Dates for this program have been chosen to optimize opportunities to encounter Polar bears and other wildlife, as well as to witness the Aurora Borealis at night. At this time of year and latitude, the incidence of auroras is relatively consistent from year to year and our remote lodge is far from the city lights of Churchill, which obscure the Aurora display.

ITINERARY

Your journey of exploration and adventure will take place at our Seal River Lodge. Our lodges are the first and only fly-in eco-lodges on the Hudson Bay coast north of Churchill in the heart of polar bear country.

Day 1 - Arrive in Winnipeg - Overnight Stay

Arrive in Winnipeg and stay at the Four Points Sheraton Airport Hotel. At 6:00 pm a dinner will be held at the hotel where you will meet other participants and your adventure specialist. Your flight to Churchill will depart early in the morning. (D)

Day 2 - An Arctic Arrival and Aerial Tour

Depart Winnipeg early morning. The flight north to Churchill provides an excellent opportunity to view the immensity of the vast Barren Lands that stretch from Hudson Bay on the east to the MacKenzie River to the west. You be greeted in Churchill by one of our expert staff who will provide an orientation and clothing check. Transfer will be provided by helicopter or fixed wing aircraft to Seal River Lodge at approximately 11:30 a.m. This flight takes you over the historic Churchill River, and then northwest up the rugged Hudson Bay coast to one of Canada's most exclusive Polar Bear viewing properties. En route, be watchful for caribou, moose, seals, wolves, and of course, the great Ice Bears.

Upon arrival, your hosts will provide a tour of the Lodge and get you settled into your room, followed by a gourmet lunch. A thorough orientation on travel in polar bear country will be provided prior to any outings. This day includes a guided hike on our rugged and starkly beautiful coastline, an interpretive slide show featuring the wildlife of Hudson Bay, and hopefully a clear night for viewing the Aurora Borealis. All this will be topped off with a gourmet lunch and dinner where your hosts and guides will regale you with tales of life and adventures in Canada's Arctic. (L, D)

Day 3 - 5 - Tundra Trekking, Polar Bears, and Priceless Photography!

The location of Seal River Lodge is wildly rugged and remote, and a superb for discerning photographers. We are able to dedicate longer hours in the field to enable up-close and personal encounters with the Arctic wildlife, including Polar bears. Ground level photo opportunities are offered in a pristine wilderness setting. The heart of Polar bear country offers stunning seascapes and landscapes for backdrops. The shoreline is ideal for photographing bears on snow and ice. Polar bears are also known to saunter by the Lodge on a regular basis so you can often view them from the warmth and comfort of one of our lounges through the massive picture windows. We also have an exceptional number of clear nights for Northern Lights photography.

Meal service times will be adjusted to accommodate the priority of photo opportunities, so expect meals to be interrupted. Generally, breakfast is served at 8:00 am, lunch as required, with appetizers at 6:00 pm, followed by a veritable feast for the palate at 7:00 pm. Evenings are spent near the fireplace downloading images, sharing the day's adventures, or taking in an informative lecture or slide show. Bedtime is at your leisure. The entire Lodge area is patrolled for Polar bears throughout the night by one of our night watchmen, so be prepared to have your sleep cut short by a nocturnal Polar bear visit (or by a dazzling Northern Lights display). (BLD all days)

Day 6 - Goodbye to the Lodge...Churchill Visit

After another hearty breakfast, it is time to pack, say goodbyes, and snap a few more pictures! Enjoy another aerial tour en route to Churchill. We will store your bags until your flight back to Winnipeg later in the day. Following transfer to Churchill's town center, you will be free to explore this frontier community at your leisure. Your time in Churchill is independent, allowing you to look and linger at a variety of small shops and art galleries, which offer a wide range of Inuit carvings, paintings, prints, and other items unique to the region. Other recommended highlights include the Port Churchill (Canada's only Arctic grain terminal), the Eskimo Museum, which is renowned for its collection of ancient, historic, and contemporary Inuit art, the Parks Canada Interpretive Center, and "Polar bear Jail," where problem bears (those that threaten the safety of town residents) are kept prior transfer to more remote areas. Dog sledding fits nicely into this afternoon. If you would like a dog sledding excursion, we are happy to arrange one for you as an add-on. You will be provided a \$30 dinner voucher, which will outline Churchill's participating restaurants. After dinner, you will be collected by our expeditor for transfer to the airport and your return flight to Winnipeg. Your accommodations for the night are at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel

Winnipeg Airport. (BD)

Day 7 - Return Home

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before your return flight home. (B)

If you are looking for more "Bear action," ask about our Bears & Belugas adventure which takes place in July and August annually. We also offer a Black bear viewing program, which can be undertaken either before or after your Fall Polar Bear program.

**Price is inclusive, per person, double occupancy. The required non-refundable deposit is \$1,500 CAD. If you are traveling alone and would like for us to arrange a suitable roommate for you, we will make every effort to do so. If a roommate is not available or you wish single accommodations (where available), the single supplement is \$1,500 CAD, plus tax. The price does not include GST/PST tax, meals in Churchill, alcoholic beverages, and items of a personal nature. Participants are supplied with a clothing and equipment list. Price is subject to change as conditioned by such variables as the number of participants, fuel costs, and the monetary exchange rate (USD:CAD) at time of payment.*

Notes: Polar bears and other Arctic and sub-Arctic wildlife in the Churchill and west Hudson Bay region are completely wild and their prevalence at any given time is dependent upon the weather and other natural factors. While we cannot guarantee specific sightings, this trip is scheduled during the time period that typically maximizes the opportunity for many species, including, but not limited to Polar bears. Lodge accommodations are luxurious by Arctic standards. Beautifully decorated viewing lounges are complimented by well-appointed bedrooms. The lodge is equipped with private bathrooms, hot and cold running water, and solar electricity, with a generator backup. Towels and bedding are supplied. Meals are gourmet, meeting special needs as required.

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