

12
DAYS

Ultimate Bear-Viewing Experience

INDEPENDENT WILDLIFE TOUR – WINNIPEG TO VANCOUVER

EST. 1989

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This is an exceptional opportunity to view both polar and grizzly bears on one holiday.

From June to late August, approximately 3,500 beluga whales visit the Churchill River basin and approximately 60,000 come into the Hudson Bay area, while polar bears are leaving the pan ice and hunting along the shore. In Churchill, 'The Polar Bear Capital of the World', you have the perfect base from which to see the polar bears in their natural habitat, before travelling to British Columbia to view the mighty grizzly bear as they roam wild and feast on berries, grasses and salmon.

Key Facts

- * 12 Days / 11 Nights
- * 2019 Departure Dates: Various departure dates are available between early July and the end of August. Please ask us for more details.



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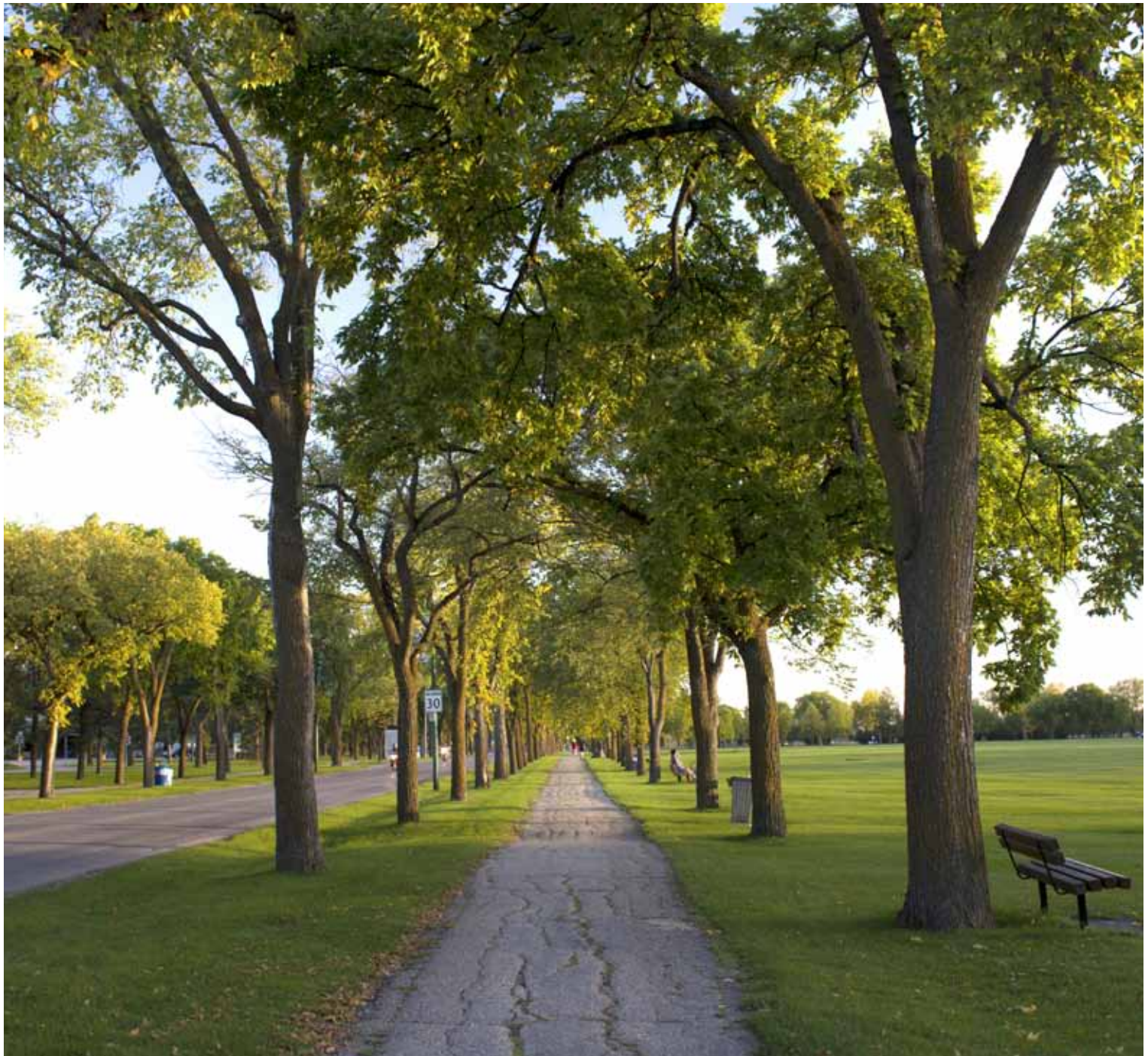
Arrival in Winnipeg

Upon arrival in Winnipeg, Manitoba you will be transferred to your overnight hotel for a restful evening and a good night's sleep in preparation for the adventure that awaits you over the next few days. You will overnight in Winnipeg at The Hilton Suites, or similar.

DAY 2

Winnipeg to Churchill

This morning, after breakfast, you will transfer from your hotel to the airport and check in early for your flight to Churchill, Manitoba which is renowned as the 'Polar Bear Capital of the World'. Upon arrival in Churchill you will be met by a guide from the Lazy Bear Lodge who will escort you to the lodge where you will check in and meet your hosts for the next four nights. Breakfast is included. You will overnight at the Lazy Bear Lodge.



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Wildlife Viewing

Guides will take you in the Sam Hearne – a coastguard-certified custom-built boat – on an adventure to experience one of the more remote polar bear viewing areas on the west side of Hudson Bay. You will have the opportunity to view polar bears in their summer environment, swimming and walking around the rocks and wildflowers. Weather and wildlife permitting, you will disembark the boat and walk with polar bears.

Along the same shoreline, hundreds of Beluga Whales come to feed, mate and give birth in the warm, shallow near-coastal waters. The Beluga Whale Boat/Fort Tour will focus on viewing the beautiful beluga whales in their natural habitat in the Churchill River and into the Hudson Bay area as they feed on schools of caplin, arctic char and brook trout. You will also go ashore for a walking tour of the historic Prince of Wales Fort. Snorkelling and kayaking with the whales are available as optional extras.

Next, you will tour the Tundra in Arctic Crawlers™ to view the beautiful landscape and varied wildlife in the area. (These are the same vehicles used for the autumn Tundra Tour.) You may see over 200 nesting and migrating birds, fields of wild flowers so colorful that they don't seem real, seals, small mammals such as the Arctic Hare and Arctic Fox. Back at the Lodge, after a delectable supper, you will possibly see the Northern Lights.

The Cultural and Heritage Tour takes you to Churchill and the surrounding area where you will be exploring various historic sites. These include Cape Merry, an outside tour of the polar bear holding facility, the wreckage of the famous plane, 'Miss Piggy', and many other historic sites that make Churchill the town it is today. You may walk around and take pictures or stay on the bus if you prefer.



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DAY 6

Churchill to Winnipeg

Today your stay at The Lazy Bear Lodge comes to an end. After saying your goodbyes to the staff and other guests you will be transferred back to Churchill airport for your return flight to Winnipeg. Upon arrival in Winnipeg you will be transferred to your overnight hotel for a restful night's sleep. Breakfast is included. You will overnight in Winnipeg at The Hilton Suites or similar.

DAY 7

Vancouver

Today an onward flight takes you to Vancouver where you'll be met and taken to your downtown hotel for a 2-night stay. You will overnight in Vancouver at the Georgian Court Hotel or similar.

DAY 8

Vancouver

Today is yours at leisure to explore this Pacific coastal gem. Granville Island, Stanley Park, the harbour area and Gastown are all places that we strongly recommend visiting.



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DAY 9

Knight Inlet Lodge Package

Today you will transfer (included) to Vancouver Airport's South Terminal for your flight to Campbell River where you'll be met and taken to the Comfort Inn & Suites for an overnight stay. This is part of your 3-night Grizzly Bear-Viewing package.

DAY 10

Knight Inlet Lodge

This morning you will transfer to the floatplane dock for a scenic flight to Knight Inlet, your eco-adventure destination. Upon arrival you'll receive a welcome orientation followed by a cruise and then bear-viewing. Lunch and dinner are included today.

DAY 11

Bear-Viewing

Today you will embark on a further bear-viewing excursion and other activities around the lodge. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are included today.

DAY 12

Return to Vancouver

After breakfast you will travel by floatplane to Campbell River then by mini-van to the airport for your flight to Vancouver Airport (south terminal) where your tour arrangements end.



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What's Included?

- * 6-night / 7-day Arctic Summer Adventure Package
- * Transfer from Vancouver Airport to hotel
- * 2 nights' accommodation in Vancouver
- * Transfer to Vancouver Airport
- * Pacific Coastal Airline flight from Vancouver to Campbell River
- * 3-night / 4-day Knight Inlet Lodge Package
- * Pacific Coastal Airlines flight from Campbell River to Vancouver

What's Not Included?

- * Flights other than those specified
- * Meals other than those specified
- * Transfers other than those specified
- * Gratuities
- * Any activities or excursions other than those specified

The Next Step?

Speak to Denise or one of our expert team and get your holiday off to the perfect start!

Please Note

Optional activities such as snorkelling and kayaking may be offered, these are not included in the package price and would be payable locally.

All details and inclusions are correct at the time of producing this document but may be subject to change without notice.



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