

WILDLIFE TOUR - ROUND-TRIP FROM WINNIPEG





#### It's summertime in Churchill and the wildlife are coming out to play!

With 60,000 Beluga Whales filling the Hudson Bay and Polar Bears leaving the melting sea ice, summer is an amazing time to visit Churchill. Over the course of this adventure, our experienced guides will take you to beautiful wild places that offer the very best opportunities to see Polar Bears, Beluga Whales, Arctic Sik Siks, over 200 nesting or migrating bird species, seals, Arctic Hare, Arctic Fox, and more. The Arctic Summer Adventure is a round-trip from Winnipeg and combines unforgettable wildlife with the cozy comfort of the Lazy Bear Lodge.

#### **Key Facts**

- \* 7 Days / 6 Nights
- 2020 Departure Dates: Various dates available between 11th July — 24th August. Please ask us for more details.







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#### DAY 1

#### Arrival in Winnipeg

Upon arrival in Winnipeg, Manitoba, transfer (not included) 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 Inn at the Forks, or similar.

#### DAY 2

#### Winnipeg to Churchill

This morning, after breakfast, you will transfer (included) 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 you hosts for the next four nights. Breakfast is included. You will overnight at the Lazy Bear Lodge.



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#### DAYS 3, 4 & 5

#### Wildlife Viewing

Our 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. Our 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. We will also go ashore for a walking tour of the historic Prince of Wales Fort. AquaGliding and kayaking with the whales are available as optional extras. Next, you may hop on a bonus summer Tundra Tour in our Arctic Crawlers<sup>TM</sup> to view the beautiful landscape. This tour will be on the same vehicles we use for our autumn Tundra Tour. Later that evening after a delectable supper, depending on weather and cloud coverage, it may be possible to 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 jail, 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.

#### 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 hotel for a restful night's sleep. Breakfast is included. You will overnight in Winnipeg at the Inn at the Forks or similar.

# DAY 7 End of Tour

Today your arrangements end with check-out from your hotel.









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#### What's Included?

- Return airfare between Winnipeg & Churchill
- \* 2 nights of accommodation in Winnipeg
- \* 4 nights of accommodation at the Lazy Bear Lodge
- \* 4 breakfasts in Churchill
- \* 2 breakfasts in Winnipeg
- \* 1 dinner at Lazy Bear Café
- \* Services of a naturalist tour guide
- \* 6-8-hour Hudson Bay Coastal Tour
- \* 3-hour beluga whale boat tour with tour of Prince of Wales Fort
- 3-hour Cultural & Heritage Tour in Churchill
- \* Bonus Summer Tundra Tour on Arctic Crawler™ (3-4 hours)
- \* Transfers between Churchill airport & Lazy Bear Lodge
- Baggage handling in Churchill (please note that baggage handling in Winnipeg is not included)

#### **Optional Activities**

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

AquaGliding through the Churchill River is the ultimate water adventure and a truly thrilling experience. However, it is not recommended for those who would not want to experience being on an AquaGlider when it is approached by one of the thousands of friendly and curious Beluga Whales in their natural habitat.

This expedition is approximately 3 hours (inclusive of transfers) and is recommended for ages 12+ (exceptions may be made on a case by case basis). You have a choice between wet or dry suits. We provide all equipment including the wet or dry suits, neoprene boots, gloves and lifejackets (with wet suits). It is best that clothing be close-fitting under the wet suits. Many people choose to wear bathing suits or thermal clothing. Under the dry suits, adding sweatpants and a sweatshirt is ideal.

#### Beluga Whale-Viewing

There is also a 5-day Beluga Whale-Viewing Tour available. Please contact us for further information.

#### The Next Step?

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

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



