

..... POLAR BEARS OF CHURCHILL

DETAILED ITINERARY

Feb 08/23



Our Polar Bear dventure starts and finishes in Winnipeg, Manitoba and includes return airfare to Churchill, a northern community with lots of character. Our hotel-based Adventures offer a well rounded program combining polar bear viewing with activities in and around the community of Churchill. This program is designed for those who wish to learn about the history and culture of Churchill and region, as well as experience incredible polar bears.

On days that have a Tundra Buggy® Adventure scheduled, participants will be transferred from town to the Tundra Buggy launch where they will board a Buggy and begin their search for wildlife. The Buggy meanders over a system of established trails, stopping at leisure to enjoy the scenery, search for wildlife, and take photos. When daylight begins to fade, we'll head back to the launch and be transferred back to our hotels in town.

FACTS & HIGHLIGHTS

- 6 days • Includes all meals in Churchill • Maximum 22 passengers • Charter flights included • Visit the premier location in the world for getting up close and personal to polar bears • Well-rounded experience on Tundra Buggy® and activities such as dog sledding, museum visits, cultural programs and a slide show of the seasons in Churchill • One year membership to Polar Bears International

DEPARTURE DATES & PRICE

\$7649 CAD p/p

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Single travelers may be matched up if there is another single willing to share. If not, there is a mandatory single supplement of \$1150 CAD
Prices do not include 13% sales tax.

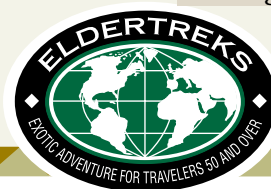
Activity Level: 1

Comfort Level:

Comfortable hotels and lodges throughout.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Standard tour: 2 nights in Winnipeg, 3 nights in Churchill Lodge.

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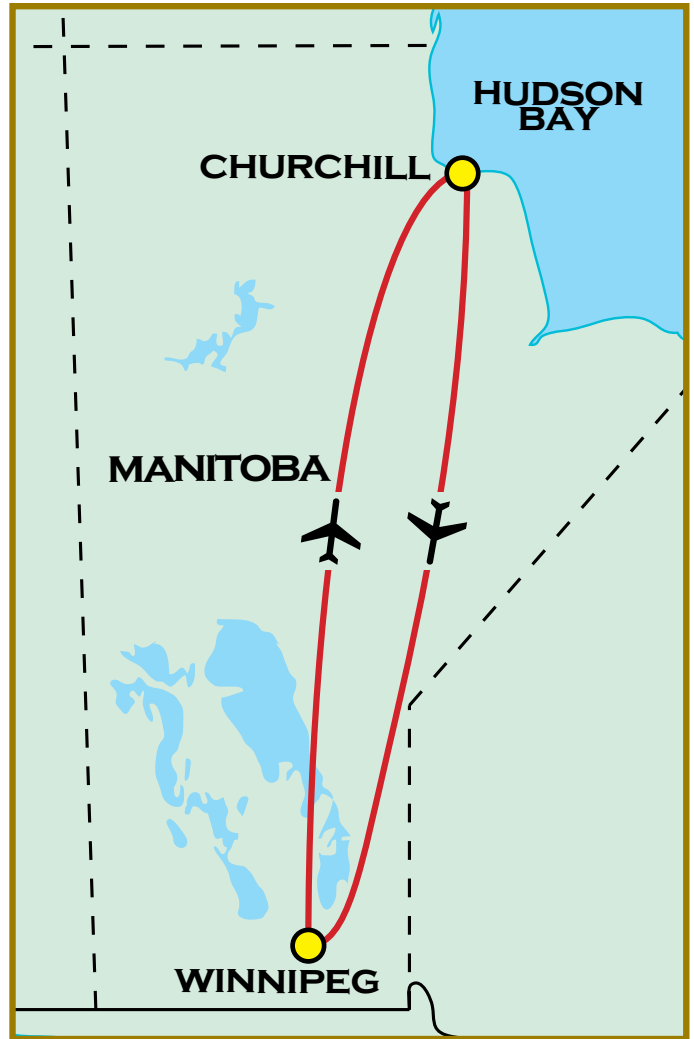
**SMALL GROUP
EXOTIC ADVENTURES
FOR TRAVELERS 50 PLUS**

DEPARTURE DATES

- Oct 11 - Oct 16, 2024
- Oct 14 - Oct 19, 2024
- Oct 20 - Oct 25, 2024
- Oct 24 - Oct 29, 2024
- Oct 25 - Oct 30, 2024
- Oct 27 - Nov 01, 2024
- Oct 28 - Nov 02, 2024
- Nov 03 - Nov 08, 2024
- Nov 06 - Nov 11, 2024
- Nov 09 - Nov 14, 2024
- Nov 12 - Nov 17, 2024

Prices do not include 13% sales tax.
*pre night in Winnipeg may be required at an additional cost depending on flight arrival times

This is not an ElderTreks operated tour. As such, participants on this tour are not exclusive ElderTreks clients and it may not adhere to ElderTreks' maximum size restrictions of our tours.



CHALLENGING ASPECTS

- Must be able to walk up 15 stairs to board Tundra Buggy at Launch site
- Will be walking on snow and sometimes ice around Churchill
- Must be able to walk from Churchill hotel to Gypsy's Bakery alone every am for breakfast
- Must be able/comfortable to walk form hotel to local restaurants in town daily
- Weather can be unpredictable, high winds, cold, snow, ice

DAY 1 ARRIVE AND OVERNIGHT IN WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

Upon arrival in Winnipeg, you are transferred to our airport hotel.

Overnight in Winnipeg.

DAY 2 EARLY MORNING FLIGHT TO CHURCHILL, TOWN TOUR AND PARKS CANADA VISITOR CENTER

Today there is an early morning flight to Churchill. Upon arrival you will be transferred into town where we will have a guided bus tour of local and historical points of interest surrounding Churchill, including such attractions as Cape Merry, Port of Churchill and Manitoba Conservation's Polar Bear Holding Facility (weather permitting). In the afternoon we will visit the Parks Canada Interpretive Center for a walk back in time, viewing detailed and exciting wildlife dioramas and fur trade exhibits. View a series of videos on the history, culture and wildlife of the area. Overnight in Churchill.

DAYS 3 TUNDRA BUGGY ADVENTURES

The best way to experience an intimate encounter with a wild polar bear is on an authentic Tundra Buggy. Today will be spent in a Tundra Buggy with your knowledgeable guide, viewing polar bears and

other Arctic wildlife. All of our Tundra Buggies are furnished with dual-pane frost-free windows and contain propane-heating systems that closely resemble a cozy fireplace, with real flame (behind glass). We depart early and board our world famous Tundra Buggies looking for polar bears and other wildlife out on the tundra. You will enjoy a picnic style lunch and refreshments while you are bear watching.

Overnight Churchill hotel in the evenings.

DAY 4 DOG SLEDDING AND ITSANITAQ MUSEUM

This morning you will have the opportunity to experience dog sledding. Hosted by a local resident and dog sledding expert, you will learn about the history associated with dog sledding in Northern Canada. Enjoy an exhilarating ride behind a strong team of huskies on a custom-made sled or cart (weather permitting). Join the mushers for hot chocolate and freshly made bannock after your ride and share their personal stories of their dog sledding adventures.

Overnight Churchill

DAY 5 FINAL TUNDRA BUGGY ADVENTURE

Today you have one last Tundra Buggy Adventure in the Churchill Wildlife Management Area. In the evening transfer to the airport for your return flight to Winnipeg.

Overnight in airport hotel, Winnipeg.

DAY 6 DEPARTURE

This day is at leisure for you to enjoy before departing Winnipeg.



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1. HOW BIG ARE THE GROUPS?

Each group is limited to 22 participants. Medium size groups are an important ingredient in adventure travel. This will size allow for more interaction and better viewing on the Tundra Buggy (22 guests on a 40 passenger buggy allows everyone to have a window seat) as well as more personalized service throughout the itinerary.

2. WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE?

All accommodations throughout; all meals in Churchill; all internal transportation; all airport transfers; and all day trips and entrance fees as outlined in the itinerary.

3. WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE?

International flights, tips to the tour leader, national guides, alcoholic drinks, and travel insurance.

4. ARE THESE “EDUCATIONAL” TOURS?

Yes, in the broadest sense of the word, “educational”. We visit the Northern Cultural Museum and Parks Canada Interpretive Centre, soak up a slide show presentation, experience an authentic dog sledding adventure (weather permitting) and a unique cultural arts program. You will also experience interesting discussions onboard the Tundra Buggy with regards to the life cycle of polar bears along with all the challenges they face in today’s world.

5. HOW DO WE TRAVEL DURING THE TOUR?

All land transportation is included in the land price of the trip. As you are in the far north, we use different modes of transportation from school buses to coaches depending on what is available at the time and let’s not forget the incredible experience of the journey inside the Wapusk National Park on a Tundra Buggy.

6. WHAT ARE OUR ACCOMMODATIONS LIKE?

We stay in comfortable hotels with private bathroom facilities. There is a very basic bathroom onboard the Tundra Buggy.

7. WHAT ABOUT THE WEATHER?

We travel to Churchill during the months of October and November. The average temperature varies between 0 and -20 degrees Celsius or the mid 30’s to 10 degrees Fahrenheit. To be prepared for the weather you are likely to encounter, you will need to take casual appropriate attire for the range of temperatures you may experience.

8. WHEN IS PAYMENT DUE?

A non-refundable deposit of \$1050 CAD (plus insurance if you desire it) is due as soon as you decide to go and will reserve your place on the tour. The balance of the land payment is due 150 days before departure. Cancellation charges are applicable and these are outlined in the “Terms & Conditions” section of our brochure.

9. IS INSURANCE REQUIRED?

Insurance coverage is not included in the cost of your trip. Please note that comprehensive insurance is mandatory for this adventure. ElderTreks offers comprehensive travel insurance and we are happy to provide you with a quote if you call our office. If you are purchasing insurance elsewhere, please ensure you provide the details to ElderTreks as soon as possible.

10. WHAT MEALS ARE INCLUDED?

All meals in Churchill are included.

11. WHAT SHOULD I TAKE ON THE TOUR?

There is a detailed “What to Take” list in our Trip Kit, which we will send to you after you have booked the trip.

12. CAN YOU ARRANGE MY FLIGHTS?

We would be happy to take care of your air arrangements. ElderTreks offers personalized flight itineraries to and from Winnipeg, the flight from Winnipeg to Churchill return is part of your tour cost. We do not arrange group flights. If you wish to stop over enroute, come in a few days early, or extend your stay. Call us for a customized itinerary.

13. WHAT IF I WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION?

If you have any further questions about the adventure, please call our office for more details.

A Trip Specialist will be happy to answer your questions. A Trip Kit containing further details on the destination will be sent to you once you have booked the trip.





