

# 2021 POLAR BEAR PHOTO SAFARI



October - November



Nanuk Polar Bear Lodge



## 8 DAY PACKAGE OVERVIEW

Building on the success of our Seal River photo safari, this package is another must-do for photographers. Polar bears, wolves, and a host of other Arctic wildlife, all amidst wintry landscapes, lend themselves to spectacular photos. Pristine northern skies provide excellent aurora viewing opportunities to round out the adventure.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Daily, guided hikes across the tundra to view polar bears and other Arctic wildlife, up-close-and-personal, in their natural habitat.
- Indulging your taste buds with our tundra-inspired cuisine, complemented by select Canadian wines.
- Sky gazing! Our geographical location beneath the Aurora Oval offers the opportunity to enjoy the greatest light show on earth from within the lodge or out in our secure compound.
- Educational evening presentations by our lodge managers or naturalist guides about our Arctic ecosystems, landscape and lifestyle.
- Sunrises, sunsets and blue hour—our photo safaris give you ample opportunity to photograph the wildlife and landscapes of the Hudson Bay coast during the best light.

## **ITINERARY**

### **DAY 1 - ANTICIPATION BUILDS DURING YOUR OVERNIGHT STAY IN WINNIPEG**

Arrive in Winnipeg where you will enjoy a relaxing stay at our choice hotel, The Grand by Lakeview at the Winnipeg Airport. Meet the rest of your group at an orientation dinner hosted by a Churchill Wild representative. You'll also pick up your winter gear if you've opted to rent items from us.

### **DAY 2 - THE ADVENTURE BEGINS!**

Arrive in Churchill by air where one of our expert staff will meet you at the airport and provide you with instructions of the morning transfer. You will then be transferred by fixed wing aircraft to Nanuk Polar Bear Lodge. This exciting 60-minute flight takes you over Wapusk National Park as well as the historic York Factory. Keep a sharp eye en-route for wildlife including the 'Great Ice Bears'.

Upon arrival, your hosts will provide a tour of the Lodge and get you settled into your room. A thorough orientation on travelling in polar bear country will be provided prior to any outings. Then it's time to assemble your cameras, hard drives, and tripods and start shooting.

### **DAY 3 TO 6 - NATURE TREKKING, POLAR BEARS AND MAGNIFICENT PHOTOGRAPHY**

Each morning after a hot breakfast, your guides will outline a plan for the day's excursions. Note that to maximize photography time and opportunities, your daily schedule may be adjusted. Our Nanuk Polar Bear Lodge is a wildly rugged and remote location catering to the photographer willing to spend long hours in the field getting up close and personal, at ground level, with Arctic wildlife. The shoreline location of the lodge is ideal for photographing bears on snow and ice, and on clear nights offers excellent chances for northern lights photography.

After appetizers and another one of our signature meals, 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 and you can rest easy knowing you won't miss out on anything. Our staff monitor the compound and skies and will rouse you if the aurora or a nocturnal polar bear make an appearance.

### **DAY 7 - LAST MINUTE WILDLIFE VIEWING!**

After another hearty Lodge breakfast, we will begin air transfers back to Churchill. Have your cameras ready for the return flight as it affords excellent opportunities for great aerial shots.

Back in Churchill, you'll spend the day with one of our tour guides exploring the town and surrounding area and learning about its rich history as a seaport and ex-military base. Your tour will include stops such as the Parks Canada exhibit, the Itsanitaq Museum, and the Polar Bear Jail. Along the way, your guide will point out murals that were commissioned in 2016 as part of the SeaWalls mural festival. Before a group dinner, your guide will give you free time to shop for last-minute souvenirs at the unique gift stores in Churchill.

Your flight south to Winnipeg will take place this evening. Upon arrival, collect your bags, head out of the arrivals doors and back to The Grand Hotel.

### **DAY 8 - HOMEWARD BOUND**

After a restful sleep you will pack your bags in preparation for your flight home.



## ABOUT NANUK POLAR BEAR LODGE

Situated next to pristine Arctic waters on Hudson Bay, with Canada's Boreal Forest as its backyard, sits Nanuk Polar Bear Lodge, one of the National Geographic Unique Lodges of the World. The diverse ecosystem surrounding this cozy wilderness lodge is home to Canadian icons such as polar bears, black bears, wolves, and moose.

From the safety of the fence surrounding the Lodge, view the northern lights or get up-close-and-personal with the polar bears and other wildlife that meander past, as curious about you as you are about them.

Nanuk's eight guestrooms with en-suite bathrooms are housed in two guest wings connected to the main dining room/lounge area, each with a private sitting area that overlooks the Bay.

After a long day trekking the tundra, kick back in front of our lounge's fireplace and enjoy an informative presentation by our guides, or simply relax and enjoy conversations with new friends.

**YOUR ADVENTURE INCLUDES:** All accommodations, transfers required within the package dates and airfare between Winnipeg and our Lodge.

- Day 1: Dinner
- Day 2 to 7: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Day 8: None

**2021 RATE:** \$14,495 CAD per person plus tax (based on double occupancy)

Prices are subject to taxes of 8.5%.

Single guests can sign up to share a room with another person of the same gender at the regular rate per person based on double occupancy.

