

# 2023 ARCTIC DISCOVERY

 July - August  Nanuk Polar Bear Lodge



## PACKAGE OVERVIEW

Kayak with beluga whales in Churchill and discover the history of the town and nearby historic sites. Then, head down to our most remote property for polar bear viewing with opportunities to also see black bears, wolves, moose and an abundance of bird species.

## 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.
- Kayaking with beluga whales in the Churchill River.
- Exploring the historic port of Churchill, meeting local characters, and uncovering its charms.

## 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. To start off your northern Manitoba experience, you'll be shuttled to the Manitoba Museum for a tour of the Arctic Gallery.

### DAY 2 TO 3 - HISTORICAL AND MARINE EXCURSIONS

You will depart for Churchill early in the morning and be greeted in Churchill by our expeditor who will take you to one of our preferred hotels, your home base for the next couple of days. After settling in, you will enjoy a hearty brunch while your local guide introduces you to the itinerary for your time in Churchill.

During your two days in this historic port town you will be scheduled for multiple marine excursions. These will include a combination of kayaking with beluga whales in the Churchill River, estuary tours and touring the Prince of Wales Fort while beluga watching from the boat. Excursion times for your Churchill adventures will vary with the tides in order to maximize your time with the belugas.

One of your days will conclude with a relaxing dinner at a favoured local dining spot while another will include a dinner hosted by local resident Helen Webber in her home. Helen has a multi-generational connection with this northern community, going back to the fur trade, and you will enjoy her culinary talent firsthand while also taking home your meal in the form of a cookbook from her bestselling series, Blueberries and Polar Bears.

### DAY 4 TO 7 - NATURE TREKKING AND POLAR BEARS!

Day four begins with a scenic flight from Churchill over the coastal flats of the Bay before arriving at Nanuk Polar Bear Lodge.

Hot breakfasts will be served daily and your outings will begin soon after. Lunch will either be served at the Lodge or enjoyed out on the land. Daily outings may include the following, depending on weather and ground conditions:

Coastal exploration to the tidal flats and Hudson Bay shoreline using a combination of people power (walking!) and our specially outfitted all-terrain vehicles. Routes will vary but ample time will be provided to photograph polar bears and the other wildlife that live in this unique environment.

An exploration of the river deltas and vast beach ridges of this pristine area or staying close to the Lodge to take advantage of opportunities to photograph the polar bears and other wildlife.

Wind down from the day's excitement during appetizer hour and after one of our signature dinners enjoy an informative lecture, slide show presentation, or free time.

Churchill Wild staff will monitor Aurora Borealis after dark and will provide a gentle wake-up call to ensure you don't miss any opportunities to witness and photograph this spectacular Arctic phenomenon.

### DAY 8 - BACK TO WINNIPEG

After another hearty Lodge breakfast, you'll be transferred back to Churchill. Have your cameras ready for the return flight as it affords excellent opportunities for great aerial shots.

Back in town, you'll spend the day with one of our tour guides exploring Churchill and surrounding area and learning about its rich history as a seaport and ex-military town. 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 9 - 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 8: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Day 9: None

**2023 RATE:** \$14,895 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.

