

2023 POLAR BEAR DEN EMERGENCE QUEST



February - March



Nanuk Polar Bear Lodge



PACKAGE OVERVIEW

The goal of this expedition is to find and observe female polar bears and their newborn cubs in the area of Cape Tatnum on Manitoba's Hudson Bay coast. This experience is undoubtedly the most rugged of our adventures and not for the faint of heart or weak of knee as the physical participation level is very high.

When Sir Ernest Shackleton (greatest explorer of the 20th century) advertised for potential members to join him on his quest for the South Pole he stated, "Needing a few hardy souls to venture into the unknown, promise long days, minimal food, spartan accommodations, grueling conditions AND safe return doubtful!" Thanks to our rustic luxurious ecolodge, we can deliver an experience high in adventure without the extreme physical discomforts that Shackleton and his men endured. Instead of struggling for survival in leaky old tents at -70°F, you'll be ensconced in the comforts of our lodge while enjoying tundra-inspired cuisine and select Canadian wines. Our state-of-the-art expedition quality Arctic clothing, daily electronic communication with the outside world and use of modern aircraft for transportation will ensure that our return will be a safe and successful one.

The base of operations will be Nanuk Polar Bear Lodge located 250 kilometers southeast of Churchill, Manitoba. Your trip begins and ends in Winnipeg, Manitoba and includes commercial flights to Thompson and/or Churchill and private air charter access to the lodge. Travel on location will be via snowmobiles, on foot and by snowshoes.

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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. Your winter gear fitting and collection will take place at 5 pm prior to meeting the rest of your group at an orientation dinner hosted by a Churchill Wild representative.

DAY 2 - ARCTIC FRONTIER ARRIVAL

Fly to Thompson or Churchill, where you will be met by our staff, and then on to Nanuk Lodge. After settling in at the Lodge, you'll head out on the first of your expeditions to search for dens.

DAY 3 TO 12 - YOUR ADVENTURE BEGINS!

Your days will start with a hearty, full-course breakfast to fuel your daily activities which will consist of guided expeditions to search out wildlife encounters, primarily of mothers and newborn cubs.

Guides and/or scouts will patrol the area daily to seek out dens and bears traversing the coastline with their newborn cubs. These guides will always be in radio contact to coordinate viewing/photography opportunities either at den sites when they are found or of bear families as they make their way from the den sites to the coast and onto the sea ice.

Other activities may include igloo building, wolf howls, soapstone carving and snowshoeing expeditions.

DAY 13 - BACK TO WINNIPEG

After breakfast it's time to say goodbye to the Lodge and the wildlife whose home you've shared over the last 10 days.

DAY 14 - HOMEWARD BOUND

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



ACCOMMODATIONS: You'll be in the Canadian Arctic, completely "off grid." 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.

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

The eight guestrooms with en-suite bathrooms are housed in two guest wings connected to the main dining room/lounge area, each with cozy sitting areas overlooking 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.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to EXTREME weather conditions (i.e. very low temperatures) there may be times when it's difficult to maintain running water under the mid-winter conditions. There will be no laundry facilities.

MEALS: Chef on site, tundra-inspired cuisine served family style

GUIDES & EQUIPMENT: Expedition is fully guided with all related transportation and safety equipment provided.

CLOTHING: Temperatures will range from -20 to -40C, likely with high wind chills, blowing snow and/or blizzard conditions. Only the very best winter clothing is acceptable and for this reason we will provide you with insulated boots, pants and parka for this expedition.* For your own safety and comfort, we will provide you with an additional list of what to bring.

* Boot sizes larger than a men's size 13 would be considered a custom size that we do not provide. Additionally, guests over 6'4" may be required to bring their own gear as we may not have clothing sizes to fit.

ADDITIONAL PHOTO OPS: This coastline has the highest concentration of moose in the province and a very strong "attending" wolf population, so sightings of these animals can be very common. Foxes, wolverine and pine marten also frequent the coast and might be seen. Aurora borealis sightings are some of the best in the world here, so be prepared for a few sleepless nights! Many viewing and photo ops take place near the lodge so it is not always necessary to venture further abroad for wildlife encounters should we have what we call a very blustery day.

Due to the extremely customized nature of this safari and the extreme weather that may be encountered, please allow for flexibility in daily activities and flight times. Expedition is limited to just 8 participants to ensure a very high level of personal service. There will be professional guides and photo leader(s) to assist us in our quest for polar bear mothers and cubs in this very exclusive adventure.

YOUR ADVENTURE INCLUDES: Your safari includes all air and ground transfers between Winnipeg and our lodge, winter pants, boots and parka and accommodations.

- Day 1: Dinner
- Day 2 to 13: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Day 14: None

2023 RATE: \$17,895 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.

