

# 2023 FALL DUAL LODGE SAFARI



October



Seal River Heritage Lodge & Nanuk Polar Bear Lodge



## PACKAGE OVERVIEW

Immerse yourself in the beauty of Hudson Bay with this dual-lodge safari. You'll visit both of our National Geographic Unique Lodges and spend your days trekking the coastline and photographing bears as the tundra and taiga vistas change from fall to winter.

## 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.

# ITINERARY

## DAY 1 - ARRIVE IN WINNIPEG FOR YOUR OVERNIGHT STAY

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.

## DAYS 2 TO 5 - SEAL RIVER HERITAGE LODGE

After a restful night in Winnipeg you will depart for Churchill. Upon arrival, be met by our expert staff who will explain how the charters to the Lodge will work. After a short flight over the Bay, arrive at Seal River Heritage Lodge where you'll be greeted by your guides and hosts who will show you to your room. After settling in, enjoy a delicious lunch before your guides provide you with an orientation on travelling safely in polar bear country and then you'll head out for your first wildlife hike!

The remainder of your days at Seal River will start with a hot breakfast followed by your morning excursion. After a few hours out on the tundra, seeking out polar bears and other Arctic wildlife, you'll head back to the Lodge for lunch.

Evenings start with appetizers, followed by one of our signature tundra-inspired meals. After dinner, relax in our lounge and enjoy a presentation by your photo leader or one of our knowledgeable guides.

Bedtime is at your leisure. We monitor the Lodge area all night so be prepared to have your sleep cut short by a nocturnal visit by one of the great ice bears (or by one of our dazzling displays of northern lights!)

## DAYS 6 TO 9 - NANUK POLAR BEAR LODGE

Time to head to the second stop of your dual-lodge experience! Nanuk Polar Bear Lodge is about 250 km southeast of Churchill and the 90-minute charter flight will include a fly over of York Factory, the hub of the historic fur trade. Upon arrival, you will once again be met by your host(s) and given the opportunity to settle into your rooms.

Your days at Nanuk will be filled with more exciting wildlife encounters. The wildlife at Nanuk is diverse and includes polar bears, wolves, moose, Arctic and coloured fox, and Arctic hare.

Daily outings typically include 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 abound in this unique environment.

Your evenings at Nanuk will be much the same as at Seal with plenty of time for visiting, relaxing around the fire, sharing photographs and enjoying informative presentations by your guides and/or photo leader.

## DAY 10 - BACK TO WINNIPEG

After one last 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, 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 11 - HOMEWARD BOUND

Today you will fly home on your own travel arrangements, marking the end of your adventure with Churchill Wild and the beginning of a lifetime of savoring the experiences of the Arctic.





## ABOUT THE LODGES

Discover the diversity of the Hudson Bay coast with visits to Seal River Heritage Lodge and Nanuk Polar Bear Lodge, two properties in the National Geographic Unique Lodges of the World collection.

Perched on the rugged coast of Hudson Bay, 60 km north of Churchill, is Seal River Heritage Lodge, a veritable oasis on the tundra. This property is in a prime location for observing polar bears as they wander the coast during summer and fall waiting for the Bay to freeze, and for viewing beluga whales in July and August.

Nearly 300 km southeast sits Nanuk Polar Bear Lodge. Surrounded by tidal flats stretching out to the Arctic Ocean and the rich Boreal Forest, it's another haven for nature lovers. Polar bears, wolves, black bears, moose and more call this area home and are frequent visitors to the Lodge.

In addition to in-field viewing and photography, our fenced-in compounds, viewing decks, and towers lend themselves to unique encounters as wildlife approach to check out the sights, sounds and smells of the Lodge.

Each property has eight guest rooms with en-suite washroom facilities, a spacious dining room overlooking the Bay, a cozy lounge complete with fireplace, and a small gift shop.

**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 10: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Day 11: None

**2023 RATE:** \$22,095 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.

