

# 2023 JOURNEY TO THE FLOE EDGE



April - May



Seal River Heritage Lodge



***Discover the magic of the Canadian Arctic during this incredible adventure, taking place on and off the Hudson Bay sea ice.***

This rugged, small-group expedition will engage and challenge all your senses as you explore the floe edge where land fast ice meets the open waters of Hudson Bay. Witness the evolution of the sea ice as the tide ebbs and flows, shifting and breaking down towering ridges.

The Arctic is a destination that conjures up images of long sunny days, icy landscapes, and endless sunsets. It's a place so untamed, so boundless, and so alluring that your inner explorer can't help but be awakened.

Hop in a sea kayak and glide through the frigid waters, navigating around ice floes and ridges. Take a fat-tire bike for a ride along the floe edge or settle into a dogsled for an authentic Arctic experience.

As you stand at the threshold of open water, you may even experience the visual phenomenon known as a Fata morgana. This very rare type of mirage occurs when light rays bend when passing through the space where cool ocean water meets the warmer air above.

After rounding out the day with happy hour at the water's edge, head back to the inviting warmth and comfort of Seal River Heritage Lodge. Here, you'll enjoy personalized service, the finest tundra-inspired cuisine, and cozy accommodations.

This safari, limited to 12 intrepid guests, offers the perfect blend of adventure-fuelled days and restorative downtime.

Let nature show off some of her greatest work during our Journey to the Floe Edge.

## 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. 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 Churchill, where you will be met by our staff, and then on to the lodge. Travel from Churchill to the lodge, conditions permitting, will be by snowmobile. An adventure in itself, this will be an incredible introduction to the subarctic tundra and seascape.

Our location beneath the auroral oval, combined with spring's clear skies, offer exceptional opportunities for northern lights viewing. Before you drift off to sleep, make sure your camera is ready to capture the aurora if they show up during the night. If that happens, one of our staff will gently rouse you so you don't miss the show.

### DAYS 3 TO 7 - 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 the floe edge or along the rugged Hudson Bay coastline. You'll have opportunities for dogsledding, sea kayaking, fat-tire biking, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, and snowshoeing.

What does "downtime" at the lodge include? Modelled after many traditional indigenous activities you may find yourself building igloos, carving soapstone, and even building your very own set of snowshoes that you will later use! Award winning recipes blossoming into tasty reality are never far away.

The floe edge is ever changing with the tides and prevailing winds of the day. Keep your eyes peeled for bearded, ringed, and harbour seals bobbing in the water or napping on the ice.

The ice itself is almost like a living organism, morphing and shifting with some of the highest tides in the world.

### DAY 8 - OVERNIGHT IN CHURCHILL

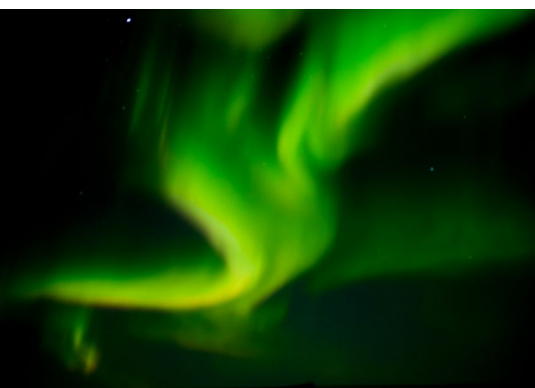
After breakfast it's time to say goodbye to the Lodge and the vistas that have taken your breath away for the last 6 days. Embark on your guided snowmobile adventure back to the town of Churchill in time for dinner and a good nights sleep.

### DAY 9 - BACK TO WINNIPEG

After a morning in Churchill pack your bags in preparation for your flight back to Winnipeg where you can spend one final night at the Grand Lakeview, or continue on home if flights allow and you're not too tuckered out

### DAY 10 - HOMEWARD BOUND

We bid you farewell – until your next Churchill Wild adventure!



**ACCOMMODATIONS:** Perched on the rugged coast of Hudson Bay lies Seal River Heritage Lodge, one of the National Geographic Unique Lodges of the World. Located near the Seal River Estuary, this Lodge 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 viewing beluga whales in July and August.

The fenced-in compound, viewing platforms and tower lend themselves to unique photography opportunities for northern lights and the wildlife that approach to check out the sights, sounds and smells of the Lodge.

Accommodations are eight, double guest rooms each with an en-suite bathroom. The guest wing is away from the lounge and dining room, allowing you to enjoy quiet time as needed.

Our cozy lounge, outfitted with massive picture windows overlooking the Bay, is complete with a natural stone fireplace and is the perfect place to relax with a glass of wine, sharing photos or talking 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, but don't worry! We know how to handle this! There will be no laundry facilities.

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

**CLOTHING:** Temperatures could range from +5 to -30C, likely with high wind chills, and blowing snow and/or blizzard conditions can be experienced at any time. 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 NOTES:** Due to the customized nature of this safari and the extreme weather that may be encountered, please allow for flexibility in daily activities and flight times. This expedition is limited to only 12 participants to ensure a very high level of personal service. There will be professional guides and photo leader(s) on this very exclusive adventure, to assist us in our quest for polar bears alive and well in the Arctic environs.

**YOUR ADVENTURE INCLUDES:** All air and ground transfers between Winnipeg and our lodge, winter pants, boots and parka, accommodations, guide services and excursions, and meals, as follows:

- Day 1: Dinner
- Day 2 to 9: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Day 10: None

**PLEASE NOTE:** There may be slight modification to transfer time lines when heading to, or leaving the lodge, due to unforeseen schedule changes by our regional air carrier.

**2023 RATE:** \$14,395 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.

