

# 2023 SUMMER DUAL LODGE SAFARI



August - September



Seal River Heritage Lodge & Nanuk Polar Bear Lodge



## PACKAGE OVERVIEW

This safari is one of two dual-lodge itineraries that give you the opportunity to experience the best of what we have to offer. Spending time at two of our remote wildlife lodges will give you access to polar bears, beluga whales, black bears, wolves, northern lights and much more.

## 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.
- A marine tour of Hudson Bay to observe the thousands of beluga whales who feed in the waters near Seal River Heritage Lodge during the spring and summer.

## 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. Meet 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 on Calm Air. Upon arrival, be met by our expert staff who will explain how the charters to the Lodge will work.

Upon arrival, your hosts will provide a tour and show you to your room. Lunch will be served soon after, and before heading out on your first excursion, you'll be thoroughly debriefed regarding your stay in polar bear country.

Each morning after a hot breakfast, your guides will outline a plan for the day's excursions. Your days will typically include morning and afternoon excursions of the coastline in search of the "Great Ice Bear." Back at the lodge, enjoy appetizer hour followed by one of our signature tundra-inspired meals.

If there are bears near the Lodge, your scheduled tours may be delayed to take advantage of these photo and observation opportunities. The lodge is always staffed, so you also have the option to stay behind and take photos of the wildlife around the Lodge or just relax and enjoy the pristine view.

Evenings typically include an informative lecture or slide show presentation narrated by one of Churchill Wild's knowledgeable guides or staff. On clear nights, you may also have a chance to view one of the spectacular aurora borealis displays common at this latitude.

### DAYS 6 TO 9 - NANUK POLAR BEAR LODGE

Time to pack up and move to your new home, Nanuk Polar Bear Lodge. The property 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 our staff and given the opportunity to settle into your rooms.

Your days at Nanuk will be filled with more wildlife exciting encounters. The wildlife at Nanuk is incredibly diverse and includes polar bears, black bears, wolves, moose, and an abundance of migratory and shorebirds.

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, sharing photographs and enjoying informative presentations by your guides. Don't forget to let your guides know if you want to be woken up for the northern lights!

### DAY 10 - BACK TO WINNIPEG

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 Churchill and 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 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:** All accommodations, transfers required within the package dates and airfare between Winnipeg and our Lodges.

- Day 1: Dinner
- Day 2 to 10: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Day 11: None

**2023 RATE:** \$20,995 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.

