

2024 BIRDS, BEARS & BELUGAS



July - August



Seal River Heritage Lodge



PACKAGE OVERVIEW

Combine the thrill of walking with polar bears and the exhilaration of beluga whale watching for an Arctic summer experience like no other! Also keep your eyes open for Arctic and coloured fox, Arctic hare, sik-siks and a variety of migratory and shorebirds.

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.
- Educational evening presentations by our lodge managers or naturalist guides about our Arctic ecosystems, landscape and lifestyle.
- Travelling further afield on one of our half or full-day ATV tours. Our low-impact tundra vehicles give you access to areas up and down the coast.
- Viewing beluga whales near the mouth of the Seal River estuary where they congregate by the thousands in the summer months.

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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. Meet the rest of your group during an orientation dinner hosted by a Churchill Wild representative.

DAY 2: WINNIPEG TO CHURCHILL TO THE LODGE

Arrive in Churchill by air where one of our expert staff will meet you at the airport and provide you with instructions for the morning transfers. Your adventure begins with an aerial flight over the winding Hudson Bay coast en-route to your home for the next six days, Seal River Heritage Lodge. Watch out for pods of whales, birds, and of course, the magnificent Ice Bears. The Seal River Estuary is a summer favorite for these goliaths, and they are regularly seen swimming or basking near the water's edge.

Upon your arrival, your hosts will provide a tour of the Lodge and get you settled into your room. A thorough orientation on travel in polar bear country will be provided prior to any outings.

After a tundra-inspired lunch, you'll experience the coast for the first time. Ensure your camera batteries are charged!

Back at the lodge, enjoy appetizer hour followed by another of our signature meals. Evenings typically include an informative lecture or slide show presentation narrated by one of Churchill Wild's knowledgeable guides or staff.

DAY 3 TO 6 - TUNDRA TREKKING, POLAR BEARS AND PRICELESS PHOTOGRAPHY

After breakfast, head out for either a marine tour or hike. Lunch will typically be back at the lodge, unless your guides take you on an ATV excursion further down the coast. Marine tours are tide-dependent, so scheduled mealtimes may be adjusted to accommodate whale watching.

Relive the excitement of the day during daily appetizer hour before sitting down to dinner, then top up your glass of wine and settle in for the evening's presentation.

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 from one of the great ice bears (or by one of our dazzling displays of northern lights!)

DAY 7 - 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 8 - HOMEWARD BOUND

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



ABOUT SEAL RIVER HERITAGE LODGE

Perched on the rugged coast of Hudson Bay lies Seal River Heritage Lodge, a veritable oasis on the tundra and one of the National Geographic Unique Lodges of the World. Located near the Seal River Estuary, 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.

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.

Seal River has eight, double guestrooms in a quiet guest wing, each with an en-suite bathroom.

Our cozy lounge, complete with fireplace and large picture windows overlooking the Bay, is the perfect place to relax with a glass of wine, sharing photos or talking 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 7: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Day 8: None

2024 RATE: \$15,695 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.

