

# 2028 HUDSON BAY ODYSSEY

 September

 Nanuk Polar Bear Lodge



## PACKAGE OVERVIEW

Taking place in the heart of polar bear denning territory, this safari provides guests with opportunities for ground-level encounters with polar bears, black bears, wolves, moose, and myriad of migratory and shore birds during Arctic summer and early fall. During later dates of this safari, the trees of the Boreal Forest start to turn from green to yellow and orange—a stunning backdrop for photography.

## 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 - 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 at an orientation dinner hosted by a Churchill Wild representative.

### DAY 2 - THE ADVENTURE BEGINS!

You will depart Winnipeg for Churchill early in the morning. Upon arrival in Churchill, you'll be met by our expert staff and transferred to a private charter for your one-hour flight to Nanuk Polar Bear Lodge. Keep your eyes open and your cameras ready for wildlife sightings en-route to the lodge.

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.

Your first day includes an afternoon of exploring 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. 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.

### DAY 3 TO 5 - NATURE TREKKING, POLAR BEARS AND MAGNIFICENT PHOTOGRAPHY

Each morning after a hot breakfast, your guides will outline a plan for the day's excursions. If there are bears near the Lodge, your morning tour 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. Daily outings may include the following, depending on weather and ground conditions:

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 live in this unique environment.

An exploration of the river deltas and vast beach ridges of this pristine area or staying close to the Lodge to take advantage of opportunities to photograph the polar bears and other wildlife.

Churchill Wild staff will monitor the skies after dark and provide a gentle wake-up call if the northern lights make an appearance.

### DAY 6 - 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 7 - HOMEWARD BOUND

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



## ABOUT NANUK POLAR BEAR LODGE

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. The diverse ecosystem surrounding this cozy wilderness lodge is home to Canadian icons such as polar bears, black bears, wolves, and moose.

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

Nanuk's eight guestrooms with en-suite bathrooms are housed in two guest wings connected to the main dining room/lounge area, each with a private sitting area that overlooks 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.

**YOUR ADVENTURE INCLUDES:** All accommodations, transfers required within the package dates and airfare between Winnipeg and our Lodge.

- Day 1: Dinner
- Day 2 to 6: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Day 7: None

**2028 RATE:** \$19,945 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.