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Classic Polar Bear Adventure

The World's Most Coveted Small-Group Polar Bear Expedition



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Trip Details:

Days:
6 or 7 Days

Price:
From \$7295
(+ Air)

Physical Requirements:
Easy

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When you're standing on the outdoor platform of our Polar Rover, the chill Arctic air feels invigorating. But not as much as the sight of the huge polar bear ambling toward us. Sometimes they are silhouetted against the horizon, slowly moving shadows on the vast expanse of tundra. Other times, one may wander up directly below. Safely elevated, you're nonetheless just feet away as you look down on his shaggy, cream-colored bulk. Noticing us, he stops, sniffs and turns his face our way, curious. We grin with delight. The big bear rises on his haunches to peer at us more deliberately. We watch in wonder. Minutes go by, perhaps an hour, who knows? Out here among the bears, time stands still. It's nearly impossible to describe the feeling, but your photos will capture one of nature's most wondrous wildlife encounters!

Trip Highlights

In a small group led by an expert naturalist guide, meet the world's greatest concentration of polar bears as they wait for Hudson Bay to freeze

With huge windows and see-through steel grate flooring on the outdoor platform, our specialized Polar Rovers get you safely up close to polar bears

Meet a local musher and his team on an authentic dog sled ride through the boreal forest, and enjoy cultural presentations from Churchill residents



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Classic Polar Bear Adventure Itineraries

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Classic Polar Bear Itinerary

Spend 6 or 7 days exploring the Churchill area among the world's greatest concentration of polar bears, as they wait at the edge of Hudson Bay for the sea ice to form. 6 or 7 Days / Limited to 16 Travelers



Classic Polar Bear Photo Itinerary

Capture the King of the Arctic and other northern wildlife as we chase the best light and linger for the shots of a lifetime, guided by an expert naturalist guide who is a photography pro. 7 Days / Limited to 16 Travelers



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Itinerary At A Glance

- Day 1**
Winnipeg, Manitoba
- Day 2**
Winnipeg / Churchill
- Days 3 & 4**
Polar Bear Viewing
- Day 5**
Exploring Churchill / Evening on the Tundra
- Day 6**
Churchill—Dog Sledding / Winnipeg
- Day 7**
Winnipeg / Depart

Classic Polar Bear Adventure Classic Polar Bear Itinerary

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Day 1: Winnipeg, Manitoba

Our Churchill polar bear tour begins in Winnipeg, the capital of Manitoba. Once a center of fur trade and a Canadian Pacific Railway boomtown, Winnipeg today is a major cultural and commercial center on the eastern edge of the vast Canadian prairie. Overnight at the historic Fort Garry Hotel, grande dame of Winnipeg hospitality and one of the city's most prestigious landmarks, where we gather with our Expedition Leader for a welcome dinner this evening.





Day 2: Winnipeg / Churchill

Transfer to the airport to fly by chartered plane to Churchill this morning. This hospitable frontier town, originally a Hudson's Bay Company fur trading post, is our base for adventure. On the 6-day trip we head to the tundra this evening for our first glimpse of the bears, although we sometimes see them from the bus as we leave the airport, even before boarding our Polar Rover. The 7-day trip opens with an evening presentation on polar bears and the northern environment by our professional naturalist staff.

Days 3 & 4: Polar Bear Viewing

Custom-built Polar Rovers are our mobile means for spending time among the bears. Though they can accommodate more than 30 passengers, we take a maximum of 16, ensuring everyone has a window seat and plenty of space to move about. Our Expedition Leaders know the best places to observe polar bears, which congregate here each fall as they wait for Hudson Bay to freeze, signaling the start of the winter seal-hunting season. As we watch them interact, we're delighted by their antics and rugged beauty. We may see mothers with cubs, young males play-fighting, or a lone bear ambling over the silent tundra. Our Expedition Leader interprets all we observe, explaining the bears' behavior and how they thrive in such a harsh environment. In the evenings, we gather for dinner and presentations on wildlife and local cultures.

Day 5: Exploring Churchill / Evening on the Tundra

On the 7-day trip, tour historic Churchill today, then head out to the tundra for evening bear viewing and dinner aboard the Polar Rover. During the day we follow the coastal road on a drive to Cape Merry, often spying Arctic fox and Arctic hare. Look closely for them, as their winter-white coats offer excellent camouflage later in the season when the ground is covered with snow. If the skies are clear, our nighttime tundra excursion might reveal one of nature's most exhilarating experiences—a chance to view the northern lights away from town. Though never predictable, the auroral display typically starts as a pale glow in the northern sky. The lights often begin to undulate in shimmering curtains of color, most typically green but occasionally red or violet. On the 6-day trip (during which your nighttime tundra outing takes place on Day 2), there is free time in Churchill, or choose an optional helicopter excursion over the vast expanse of frozen tundra before boarding our flight back to Winnipeg.

Day 6: Churchill—Dog Sledding / Winnipeg

Our return flight to Winnipeg is scheduled to depart mid- to late afternoon, offering as much time as possible for exploring Churchill today. A highlight this morning is an authentic dog sled ride. We meet a local musher and his team, spending time with the lively and affectionate dogs before taking turns riding behind them on an exhilarating trot through the boreal forest. If time permits, you may be able to pick up some locally made handicrafts or take an optional helicopter tour over the tundra before we depart. We'll have a farewell lunch together before flying back to Winnipeg, where a final reception concludes our adventure together.



Day 7: Winnipeg / Depart

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for flights home.

Please note: Itineraries may vary slightly and activities may happen at times different from what is listed, but inclusions are the same. On the 6-day trip, our sled dog excursion typically takes place on Day 5 with a return to Winnipeg that afternoon, and flights home are scheduled for Day 6. On the 7-day trip, the nighttime tundra trip occasionally alternates between Day 4 and Day 5. An important note on polar bear viewing: Since 1989, we have operated approximately 1,500 departures to Churchill to view polar bears, and we've missed seeing them on only a handful of occasions. Some of our sightings are up close while others are from afar, or even from a helicopter. It's important to remember that while there is no better opportunity to see polar bears in the wild than our Churchill trips offer, the experience is weather-dependent. That means viewing polar bears—and the distance at which we may see them—is unpredictable and not guaranteed. Check out more details on the ebbs and flows of the Churchill polar bear viewing season.



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Itinerary At A Glance

- Day 1**
Winnipeg, Manitoba
- Day 2**
Winnipeg / Churchill
- Days 3-5**
Polar Bear Photography on the Tundra
- Day 6**
Churchill—Dog Sledding / Winnipeg
- Day 7**
Winnipeg / Depart
- Please note**
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Day 1: Winnipeg, Manitoba

Our polar bear photo tour begins in Winnipeg, the capital of Manitoba, a former fur-trading post and Canadian Pacific Railway boomtown. Today, Winnipeg is the commercial and cultural hub of Canada's eastern prairie region. A transfer is included from the airport to the historic Fort Garry Hotel, a prestigious Winnipeg landmark built in 1913. Meet your Expedition Leader and fellow photographers at a welcome dinner this evening.





Day 2: Winnipeg / Churchill

Transfer to the airport where we board our chartered aircraft to fly to the small town of Churchill this morning. This subarctic frontier outpost, originally a Hudson's Bay Company fur-trading post, is our base for northern adventure. After lunch in town, we settle in to our hotel and begin to get acquainted with this small community of hardy, hospitable residents. This evening, enjoy an orientation to Arctic photography by our Expedition Leader, who is both an accomplished photographer and expert naturalist guide.

Days 3–5: Polar Bear Photography on the Tundra

Each day we rise early for breakfast, then board our custom Polar Rover to head out to the tundra in search of polar bears. Although each vehicle can accommodate more than 30 passengers, we take a maximum of 16, ensuring that everyone has a window seat, plenty of room for camera gear, and space to shoot comfortably. For three full days, we focus on photographing polar bears roaming the edge of Hudson Bay as they wait for the ice to freeze and seal-hunting season to begin. We may see mothers with cubs, young adult males play-fighting, and lone males roaming the tundra. Occasionally, a bear will approach us within mere feet, even lifting its paws onto the side of the vehicle to peer up at us. The elevated outdoor observation platform offers an exhilarating vantage point, and with its steel-mesh grated floor, we are able to observe the bears that sometimes wander beneath just inches away.

On the wide-open expanse of the tundra, we may spot other northern wildlife, too, including Arctic fox, Arctic hare, snowy owl, ptarmigan and gyrfalcon. In addition to sharing photography advice, our Expedition Leader provides a captivating interpretation of the animal behavior and natural phenomena we observe. By late afternoon, if the weather is relatively clear, we often enjoy vivid sunsets that linger a long time at this latitude, offering stunning photo opportunities. As dusk descends over the austere northern landscape, we return to town for dinner and presentations on photography, wildlife and local cultures. And if we have a clear night and are especially lucky, the northern lights might make an appearance.

Day 6: Churchill—Dog Sledding / Winnipeg

Our return flight departs mid-afternoon in order to provide time to explore more of Churchill today. A highlight this morning is an authentic dog sled excursion. Meet a local musher and his team, and spend time with the frisky dogs before being pulled in a sled or wheeled cart through the boreal forest. If time permits, there may be a chance to visit nearby Cape Merry, a promising spot for photographing Arctic fox, Arctic hare and willow ptarmigan. Or stay in town to shop for some last-minute local handicrafts and souvenirs. Another option is a helicopter flight offering dramatic aerial photo opportunities over the tundra, Hudson Bay, and even polar bears far below. We'll have a farewell lunch in Churchill before we depart, followed by an evening reception back at the Fort Garry Hotel in Winnipeg.

Day 7: Winnipeg / Depart

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for flights home.



Please note:

While all activities will be included, they may not happen in the exact order described above, depending on weather conditions or other scheduling logistics. Your Expedition Leader will let you know the specifics for each day.

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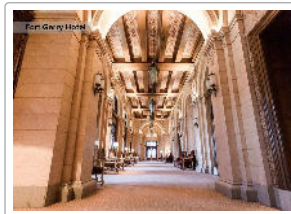
Accommodation Details:

Winnipeg & Churchill Hotels

For detailed descriptions, visit nathab.com/polar-bear-tours/classic-polar-bear-expedition/accommodations/

Classic Polar Bear Adventure Accommodations

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Winnipeg & Churchill Hotels

In Winnipeg, stay at the historic Fort Garry Hotel, an elegant landmark built by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway in 1913. In remote Churchill, our simple hotels are clean, comfortable and centrally located.



There is a Difference in Polar Bear Tours—Choose Wisely!

We know that most travelers who come to see the polar bears of Churchill will do so just once in their lives. For that reason, we promise you will enjoy the highest-quality polar bear trip available! Here's why our polar bear adventures are the very best:

1 We Hold Exclusive Permits for the Best Bear Viewing Area

Just two polar bear tour operators in Churchill hold exclusive permits to access the full range of the Churchill Wildlife Management Area where the best—and often only—polar bear viewing occurs. Naturally, the Nat Hab/Great White Bear team possesses one of these permits. Those who don't can only offer trips aboard school-bus-style vehicles along the road to Halfway Point, which is, as the name implies, only halfway to the prime polar bear-viewing area. If you're going to Churchill just once in your life, make it a complete experience!

2 Our Polar Rovers are the Most Impressive Vehicles in the North

The original tundra buggy designed for polar bear viewing was invented in the 1980s, an innovative concept that has since been substantially improved upon. Our partner in Manitoba, a world-renowned specialty vehicle designer, has created the world's premier tundra vehicle—the Polar Rover—which we operate exclusively in Churchill. Its innovative drive train allows us to traverse the tundra with virtually no chance of breakdowns. With the advanced elite suspension system that smooths the ride, plus on-board flush toilet facilities, our guests enjoy a superior level of comfort and safety.

3 Steel Mesh Flooring Offers Close-Up Bear Observation

Built into the rear viewing platform of every Polar Rover is an innovative and exclusive feature we've pioneered for optimal polar bear viewing—corrugated steel-mesh floors that facilitate remarkably close encounters with curious bears that sometimes wander beneath our vehicles!

4 The Smallest Groups Ensure the Best Nature Adventures

A fundamental element of the best polar bear expedition is a small group. It may cost a little more, but considering the hugely superior experience, we know it's well worth it. By limiting our groups to approximately 16 guests (even though our Polar Rovers hold more than 30 passengers), we ensure plenty of space aboard our vehicles, room to angle for the best photos, and a window seat for all.



5 Private Chartered Planes Maximize Time with the Bears

So we don't waste time dealing with airline schedules and airport security screenings, we charter our own aircraft to fly directly between Winnipeg to Churchill at a time that's most convenient for us. We know you'd rather spend your time watching polar bears rather than sitting around airports.

6 Sled Dog Experience Included on Every Departure

Every one of our Churchill tours includes a personal visit with a local dog musher and his team, and a ride through the boreal forest behind a team of sled dogs. Earlier in the season, if there isn't sufficient snow cover, the dogs pull us in a wheeled cart. But whenever you come to Churchill, this authentic northern adventure is part of your experience.

7 Special Photography Departures Spend Three Full Days on the Tundra

If you're especially interested in polar bear photography, choose a Photo Tour: Our custom Polar Rovers get us in prime range of our subjects, and photo departures spend three full days roving the tundra in search of bears and other Arctic wildlife, with expert photography coaching from our Expedition Leader.

8 The Finest Naturalist Guides on the Planet

Natural Habitat Adventures is known for employing the highest-quality guides in the industry. Our Polar Bear Expedition Leaders—who have been guiding bear tours for an average of more than 10 years each—receive additional training and resources from WWF's top scientists, ensuring a superlative interpretive experience. Expedition Leaders meet you in Winnipeg and travel with the group the entire way, sharing their wealth of knowledge and insight at every turn. On our special photo departures, guides are professional photographers with extensive experience photographing polar bears and other Arctic wildlife—and they're constantly by your side to share their knowledge. Our philosophy is pretty simple: a nature adventure is only as good as the guide, so we simply must provide the best!

9 Local Cultural Interactions Enhance Our Adventures

Through years of developing close relationships with local people, we are able to offer our guests exclusive opportunities to meet revered elders of First Nations, Inuit and Metis cultural groups in Churchill. These storytellers are some of the most senior in their communities, passing on their knowledge of the past to younger generations and also to our travelers.

10 Our Quality-Value Guarantee Ensures Your Special Polar Bear Experience

Natural Habitat Adventures offers an exclusive guarantee, clearly stating that we will meet the lofty expectations we set in our promotional materials. To our knowledge, this is the most ambitious guarantee made by any adventure travel company.



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11 Feel Good About Your Carbon-Neutral Journey

We care deeply about our planet, as we know you do. When you travel with us, the carbon emissions from your trip are 100% offset—including your round-trip flights from home. Natural Habitat Adventures has been the world's first carbon-neutral travel company since 2007.

12 Natural Habitat Adventures is WWF's Travel Partner

Because of our commitment to environmentally friendly travel, as well as the exceptional quality of our adventures, World Wildlife Fund, the world's leading environmental conservation organization, has named Natural Habitat Adventures as its worldwide travel partner, a designation that makes us exceedingly proud!





Make It Private with Your Family or Friends

Travel privately, exclusively with your immediate family, multi-generational family or group of friends. And when you choose a private departure, you're assured the most exclusive and authentic polar bear adventure on offer. Here are some of the advantages when you Make It Private:

- 1 Your private group of family or friends, with special activities for kids**
- 2 Your own private naturalist guide**
- 3 Private polar bear viewing excursions on our custom-built Polar Rovers**
- 4 Private bus transportation within Churchill**

This **Make It Private** option is available on nearly every Nat Hab trip for family and friend groups. Call an Adventure Specialist at 800-543-8917 or look for the "Make It Private" icon in the **pricing section** of a trip online at nathab.com to see prices based on your specific group size.



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Dates & Pricing Summary:

Prices:
From \$7295
(+ Air)

Location:

Group Size:
Limited to 16
Travelers

Physical Requirements:
Easy

Classic Polar Bear Adventure Dates, Pricing & Info

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2022 Departures

Departure	Return	Notes
Oct 12, 2022	Oct 18, 2022	7-Day Trip
Oct 13, 2022	Oct 19, 2022	7-Day Trip
Oct 14, 2022	Oct 20, 2022	7-Day Trip
Oct 15, 2022	Oct 20, 2022	6-Day Trip
Oct 16, 2022	Oct 21, 2022	6-Day Trip
Oct 16, 2022	Oct 22, 2022	7-Day Trip
Oct 17, 2022	Oct 23, 2022	7-Day Trip
Oct 18, 2022	Oct 23, 2022	6-Day Trip
Oct 18, 2022	Oct 23, 2022	p>6-Day Trip Women-Only Departure/p>
Oct 19, 2022	Oct 24, 2022	6-Day Trip



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Departure	Return	Notes
Oct 20, 2022	Oct 26, 2022	7-Day Trip
Oct 21, 2022	Oct 27, 2022	7-Day Trip
Oct 21, 2022	Oct 26, 2022	6-Day Trip
Oct 22, 2022	Oct 28, 2022	7-Day Trip
Oct 22, 2022	Oct 27, 2022	6-Day Trip
Oct 23, 2022	Oct 29, 2022	7-Day Trip
Oct 24, 2022	Oct 30, 2022	7-Day Trip
Oct 24, 2022	Oct 29, 2022	6-Day Trip
Oct 25, 2022	Oct 31, 2022	7-Day Trip Special Photo Departure
Oct 26, 2022	Nov 1, 2022	7-Day Trip
Oct 27, 2022	Nov 2, 2022	7-Day Trip
Oct 28, 2022	Nov 3, 2022	7-Day Trip Special Photo Departure
Oct 28, 2022	Nov 2, 2022	6-Day Trip
Oct 29, 2022	Nov 4, 2022	7-Day Trip Special Photo Departure
Oct 30, 2022	Nov 5, 2022	7-Day Trip
Oct 30, 2022	Nov 4, 2022	
Oct 31, 2022	Nov 5, 2022	6-Day Trip
Nov 1, 2022	Nov 7, 2022	7-Day Trip
Nov 2, 2022	Nov 8, 2022	7-Day Trip
Nov 2, 2022	Nov 7, 2022	6-Day Trip
Nov 3, 2022	Nov 8, 2022	6-Day Trip
Nov 3, 2022	Nov 9, 2022	7-Day Trip Special Photo Departure
Nov 4, 2022	Nov 10, 2022	7-Day Trip Special Photo Departure



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Group Size:
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Travelers

Physical Requirements:
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Departure	Return	Notes
Nov 5, 2022	Nov 10, 2022	6-Day Trip
Nov 5, 2022	Nov 11, 2022	7-Day Trip Special Photo Departure
Nov 6, 2022	Nov 12, 2022	7-Day Trip
Nov 6, 2022	Nov 12, 2022	7-Day Trip
Nov 7, 2022	Nov 13, 2022	7-Day Trip
Nov 8, 2022	Nov 14, 2022	7-Day Trip
Nov 9, 2022	Nov 14, 2022	6-Day Trip Women-Only Departure
Nov 9, 2022	Nov 15, 2022	7-Day Trip Special Climate Change Trip
Nov 10, 2022	Nov 16, 2022	7-Day Trip
Nov 10, 2022	Nov 16, 2022	7-Day Trip Special Photo Departure
Nov 10, 2022	Nov 16, 2022	7-Day Trip
Nov 11, 2022	Nov 17, 2022	7-Day Trip Special Photo Departure
Nov 12, 2022	Nov 18, 2022	7-Day Trip Special Photo Departure
Nov 12, 2022	Nov 18, 2022	7-Day Trip
Nov 13, 2022	Nov 18, 2022	6-Day Trip

2023 Departures

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Oct 11, 2023	Oct 17, 2023	7-Day Trip
Oct 13, 2023	Oct 19, 2023	7-Day Trip
Oct 14, 2023	Oct 20, 2023	7-Day Trip
Oct 15, 2023	Oct 20, 2023	6-Day Trip
Oct 16, 2023	Oct 21, 2023	6-Day Trip
Oct 16, 2023	Oct 22, 2023	7-Day Trip



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Physical

Requirements:

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Oct 17, 2023	Oct 23, 2023	7-Day Trip
Oct 18, 2023	Oct 23, 2023	6-Day Trip Women-Only Departure
Oct 19, 2023	Oct 24, 2023	6-Day Trip
Oct 21, 2023	Oct 27, 2023	7-Day Trip
Oct 21, 2023	Oct 26, 2023	6-Day Trip
Oct 22, 2023	Oct 27, 2023	6-Day Trip
Oct 22, 2023	Oct 28, 2023	7-Day Trip
Oct 23, 2023	Oct 29, 2023	7-Day Trip
Oct 24, 2023	Oct 30, 2023	7-Day Trip
Oct 24, 2023	Oct 29, 2023	6-Day Trip
Oct 25, 2023	Oct 31, 2023	7-Day Trip Special Photo Departure
Oct 25, 2023	Oct 30, 2023	6-Day Trip
Oct 26, 2023	Nov 1, 2023	7-Day Trip
Oct 27, 2023	Nov 1, 2023	6-Day Trip
Oct 27, 2023	Nov 2, 2023	7-Day Trip
Oct 28, 2023	Nov 3, 2023	7-Day Trip Special Photo Departure
Oct 28, 2023	Nov 2, 2023	6-Day Trip
Oct 29, 2023	Nov 4, 2023	7-Day Trip Special Photo Departure
Oct 30, 2023	Nov 5, 2023	7-Day Trip
Oct 30, 2023	Nov 4, 2023	6-Day Trip
Oct 31, 2023	Nov 5, 2023	6-Day Trip
Nov 1, 2023	Nov 7, 2023	7-Day Trip
Nov 2, 2023	Nov 8, 2023	7-Day Trip



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Departure	Return	Notes
Nov 2, 2023	Nov 7, 2023	6-Day Trip
Nov 3, 2023	Nov 9, 2023	7-Day Trip Special Photo Departure
Nov 3, 2023	Nov 8, 2023	6-Day Trip
Nov 4, 2023	Nov 10, 2023	7-Day Trip Special Photo Departure
Nov 5, 2023	Nov 11, 2023	7-Day Trip Special Photo Departure
Nov 5, 2023	Nov 10, 2023	6-Day Trip
Nov 5, 2023	Nov 11, 2023	7-Day Trip
Nov 6, 2023	Nov 12, 2023	7-Day Trip
Nov 7, 2023	Nov 13, 2023	7-Day Trip
Nov 8, 2023	Nov 14, 2023	7-Day Trip Special Climate Change Trip
Nov 10, 2023	Nov 16, 2023	7-Day Trip Special Photo Departure
Nov 10, 2023	Nov 16, 2023	7-Day Trip
Nov 11, 2023	Nov 17, 2023	7-Day Trip Special Photo Departure
Nov 12, 2023	Nov 18, 2023	7-Day Trip Special Photo Departure
Nov 12, 2023	Nov 18, 2023	7-Day Trip
Nov 13, 2023	Nov 18, 2023	6-Day Trip

2024 Departures

Departure	Return	Notes
Oct 25, 2024	Oct 31, 2024	7-Day Trip



Pricing

2022 Prices

➤ **Trip Price**

6-Day Itinerary: \$7295 (+internal air)

7-Day Itinerary: \$7995 (+internal air)

7-Day Photo Itinerary: \$8995 (+internal air)



Internal Air Cost: \$995 per person (this will be listed separately on our invoicing)

Single Occupancy: For a single room add \$995 on 6-day trips or \$1095 on 7-day trips.

Deposit: \$500 per person

or **7-Day Itinerary.**

Trip prices are per person based on double occupancy and are given in U.S. dollars.

2023 Prices

We're still in the process of confirming 2023 pricing, which we plan to announce soon.

Contact an Adventure Specialist for more details: 800-543-8917.

Group Size

Limited to 16 Travelers An important feature of our Churchill polar bear expeditions is the limited group size. Nature is always best experienced in smaller groups, and it is particularly important on this expedition to ensure that our guests have plenty of room on board the tundra vehicles, for comfort and easy access for photos.

Take this trip on a private basis, traveling exclusively with your immediate family, multi-generational family or group of friends. for details and pricing.

Included

- **Trip price includes:** Accommodations, services of Nat Hab's professional Expedition Leader(s) and assistants, Polar Rover excursions, dog sledding excursion, evening wildlife and cultural presentations, all meals from dinner on Day 1 through breakfast on final day, **cold-weather gear** including a parka and boots during your trip, most gratuities, airport transfers on Day 1 and final day, all activities and entrance fees, all taxes, permits and service fees.
- **Internal air cost includes:** Round-trip private charter flights from Winnipeg to Churchill (this will be listed separately on our invoicing).

Not Included

Travel to and from the start and end point of your trip, alcoholic beverages, some gratuities, passport and visa fees (if any), optional activities, items of a personal nature (phone calls, laundry and internet, etc.), airline baggage fees, airport and departure taxes (if any), optional travel protection and medical evacuation insurance.



Physical Requirements

Easy

A polar bear tour with Natural Habitat Adventures requires very little walking. Travelers must be able to walk up/down stairs. Our Polar Rover vehicles, designed to travel over the tundra for polar bear observation, can sometimes offer a bumpy ride. Travelers must be prepared for below-freezing temperatures and slippery surfaces.

On custom or private departures with smaller groups, our ability to accommodate varying levels of physical abilities or interests is limited, since these trips are staffed with a single Expedition Leader who may be assisted, pending availability, by local guides.

Important Information About This Trip

This flagship polar bear tour has been our most popular adventure for more than two decades. Its longstanding success is due to the outstanding bear viewing opportunities in Churchill, the Polar Bear Capital of the World, as well as the broad introduction the trip offers to the natural and cultural history of the Hudson Bay region and daily life in the Canadian North. The trip includes two day trips by Polar Rover and a nighttime Rover excursion, complemented by time spent exploring the frontier outpost town of Churchill. All activities are enhanced by expert interpretation and personalized attention from our affable naturalist Expedition Leaders.

Our **special photo departures** include three full days photographing bears and exploring the tundra by Polar Rover. In the evenings, our guides share their knowledge of the tundra ecosystem, polar bears and other local wildlife while coaching guests in how to best capture varied subjects in their photos

Regarding polar bears: They are typically in the Churchill area year-round. The highest concentration occurs in October and November as the bears gather to await freeze-up on Hudson Bay and the beginning of their winter hunting season. But bear viewing is never predictable. Sometimes the best viewing happens at the beginning of the season, sometimes it occurs in the middle, and sometimes it's at the end—we never know for sure. Once the bay freezes, many of the bears depart. Historically, this has happened in early December, but an unusually early cold spell can sometimes occur, hastening their departure to the ice. Please be aware that conditions vary, and polar bears here live wild and free: we can never guarantee that you will see them or promise exactly what your experience will be.

Meals

Please understand that the meals in Churchill are specially planned and prepared for well in advance. With ample notice, dietary requirements due to serious medical conditions or strict personal restrictions can be met but must be adhered to during the trip. If you have a very restricted diet, we recommend bringing your own preferred snacks along with the understanding that certain foods are limited in this remote part of the world.

Getting There & Getting Home

In case of flight or weather delays, we recommend that you arrive a day early and either participate in our Extra Day in Winnipeg program or stay on your own. Please schedule your flights to arrive by 5 pm



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in order to attend a 7 pm orientation dinner on Day 1 of your program. You are free to depart at any time on the final day.



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Since 2003, Nat Hab has donated more than \$4.5 million to WWF's global conservation efforts and will continue to give 1% of gross sales plus \$150,000 annually through 2023 in support of WWF's mission to conserve nature and reduce the most pressing threats to the diversity of life on Earth. WWF® and ©1986 Panda Symbol are owned by WWF. All rights reserved.