National Trust Tours Presents:

Polar Bears of Churchill

October 21, 2024 - October 26, 2024









Churchill, Canada, is known as the polar bear capital of the world and for good reason. Each fall, about 1,000 of them congregate near this seaport town in Manitoba—not to hunt, but to leisurely "hibernate" while they wait for winter and for sea ice to form in Hudson Bay.

Be part of an extraordinary natural phenomenon and unforgettable adventure—a special opportunity to observe, photograph, and learn about the "Lords of the North." Aboard an Arctic CrawlerTM vehicle, you will be transported to stark and beautiful landscapes for the experience of a lifetime, viewing these endangered creatures as they anticipate the return of the ice and their upcoming hunt.

The quality guidance of an Orbridge Expedition Leader and exclusive educational experiences—including presentations by experts at Churchill's Northern Studies Centre and a local naturalist—make this program a singular experience.

Tour Highlights

- Begin in Winnipeg with a private reception and three-course welcome dinner at Assiniboine Park Zoo along with a presentation on polar bears.
- Learn about Churchill's unique ecosystem at the Churchill Northern Studies Centre.
- Enjoy two full-day expeditions aboard a custom-designed Arctic Crawler™—a specially designed trekking vehicle, featuring comfortable seating, on-board facilities with flush toilet, large windows that lower for better viewing, and a spacious, fully grated outside rear deck for optimal photography opportunities.
- Discover the cultural history of this region during a guided tour through the Itsanitaq Museum and a talk with a Parks Canada ranger.
- Meet an energetic team of sled dogs and their experienced handler, then bundle up for an exciting dog sled experience.

What's Included

- 5 nights in ideally-situated and comfortable accommodations
- Round-trip airfare between Winnipeg and Churchill
- 5 breakfasts, 3 picnic-style lunches, and 4 dinners, including a special welcome reception and dinner
- Full guiding services of an Orbridge Expedition Leader and a local naturalist
- · All excursion transportation and entry fees
- · All gratuities
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times

Itinerary

Oct 21: Arrive Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada

Oct 22: Winnipeg / Flight to Churchill / Northern Studies

Centre / Parks Canada Interpretive Centre

Oct 23: Churchill / Arctic Crawler™ Experience

Oct 24: Churchill / Cultural and Heritage Tour / Itsanitaq

Museum / Dog Sledding

Oct 25: Churchill / Arctic Crawler™ Experience / Flight to Winnipea

Oct 26: Depart Winnipeg

PLEASE NOTE: Participants must be in excellent health and able to participate in tour activities. Any physical condition that may require special medical attention must be reported at the time of your reservation.

ELIGIBILITY:

National Trust for Historic Preservation tours are open to members only. Memberships dues for 2023/2024 are \$30 for family and \$20 for individual membership.

*Special group rate; limited offer; subject to change. Rate is per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars. Single availability limited. Group airfare for the round-trip charter flight between Winnipeg and Churchill is included. Airfare otherwise not included.

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