



# **POLAR BEARS & BELUGA WHALES**

Animals of the Arctic | Summer Expedition



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# Polar Bears & Beluga Whales | Itinerary and Highlights *(subject to change)*

Daily activities will be determined by weather, opportunities to view wildlife, and other various elements that make up the diverse landscape. This itinerary is a general listing of activities and excursions that may happen during any part of the tour.

**Day 1: ARRIVE IN WINNIPEG, MANITOBA, CANADA | ASSINIBOINE PARK ZOO**  
After arriving at Winnipeg Richardson International Airport, transfer to the hotel. This evening meet with fellow travelers for a special reception in Assiniboine Park Zoo's underwater viewing tunnels. Adjourn to the Aurora Borealis Theatre for a three-course dinner and Northern Lights display.  
Overnight: Fort Garry Hotel & Spa (R,D)



**Day 2: WINNIPEG | FLIGHT TO CHURCHILL | CULTURAL AND HERITAGE TOUR** Take the group flight to Churchill and transfer to Lazy Bear Lodge. After lunch set off on a guided Cultural and Heritage Tour to visit the town's waterfront, Miss Piggy Plane Crash, Polar Bear "Jail" and Cape Merry.  
Overnight: Lazy Bear Lodge (B,L,D)

**Day 3: CHURCHILL | BOAT TOUR | PRINCE OF WALES FORT | DOG MUSHING** Board Zodiac boats for a three-hour tour of the Churchill River/Hudson Bay area to learn about the beluga whales living here. After lunch at the lodge, explore town independently or choose to join one of two optional excursions. This evening meet an energetic team of sled dogs and their handler for a dog mushing adventure.  
Overnight: Lazy Bear Lodge (B,L,D)

**Day 4: CHURCHILL | HUDSON BAY COASTAL TOUR** Today explore the Hudson Bay area during a full-day guided water excursion aboard a touring vessel custom designed for wildlife viewing. This shoreline of the Hudson Bay is a rich ecosystem of life, home to a diverse group of animals.  
Overnight: Lazy Bear Lodge (B,L,D)

**Day 5: CHURCHILL | ARCTIC CRAWLER™ EXPERIENCE | ITSANITAQ MUSEUM** Head out into the stark and beautiful landscape aboard Lazy Bear's Arctic Crawler™ for a guided wildlife excursion. After lunch visit the Itsanitaq Museum dedicated to Inuit culture, and learn about the native people of northern Canada. While downtown enjoy leisure time to explore on your own.  
Overnight: Lazy Bear Lodge (B,L,D)

**Day 6: CHURCHILL | FLIGHT TO WINNIPEG** Following breakfast visit the Churchill Northern Studies Centre for a tour and presentation led by a resident scientist. Have lunch, then transfer to the airport for the charter flight to Winnipeg. This evening gather for a farewell reception.  
Overnight: The Grand Winnipeg Airport Hotel (B,L,R)

**Day 7: WINNIPEG | DEPART FOR U.S.** After breakfast make the short walk from the hotel to the airport for flights home. (B)

(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner, R = Reception)

## Optional Excursions

### 3-Hour Kayaking Tour (\$185 per person)

An intermediate-level kayaking excursion (providing limited instruction) with an experienced guide. Not recommended for beginners. Includes a single or double kayak, paddles, wetsuit, life jacket and transfers.

### 3-Hour AquaGliding™ Tour (\$225 per person)

Climb atop an AquaGlider™ (a floating mat secured to a watercraft) for an exciting and unique tour around the bay to observe beluga whales—get up close and personal without being submerged underwater. Includes a dry suit and all necessary equipment.

*Optional excursions must be booked in advance through our Guest Services team. Availability is limited. Excursion options and pricing are subject to change and non-refundable within 90 days of departure.*



## What's Included

- 6 nights in ideally situated and comfortable accommodations
- Round-trip airfare between Winnipeg and Churchill
- 6 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 5 dinners (including a special private welcome reception and three-course dinner at Assiniboine Park Zoo) plus a farewell reception
- Full guiding services of an Orbridge Expedition Leader and a local naturalist
- All excursion transportation and entry fees
- All gratuities

## THE MATONABEE

The Matonabee is a 70-foot catamaran touring cruise vessel. It features comfortable seats, large windows, spacious viewing decks, and a fully serviced galley, complete with espresso machine. Don't miss the unique views from the Matonabee's 12 underwater windows. Enjoy the boat's ability to deploy rigid inflatable boats for exploration. Cruise along the coast of the Hudson Bay to places such as Seal River and Button Bay, a favorite gathering spot for polar bears.



## THE ARCTIC CRAWLER™

Get up-close access to the wildlife of the tundra aboard this specially designed trekking vehicle. The Arctic Crawler™ features 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. With the expertise of the driver and your Orbridge Expedition Leader, you will witness all the stunning natural beauty and diverse wildlife the tundra has to offer.



**Activity Level:** Guests should be sure-footed on stairs, ramps, and small vessels and able to walk on uneven ground without assistance. Skiffs provide the mode for much of the exploration on this program and guests should be sure-footed to enter/exit the vessel.

Enriched from the expertise provided by your Orbridge Expedition Leader, you'll bring home a deeper understanding of the flora, fauna, natural history and cultural narrative of the diverse Canadian Arctic.

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## Accommodations *(subject to change)*

### FORT GARRY HOTEL & SPA

This landmark property in the heart of downtown Winnipeg features high-tech amenities and a mix of contemporary style and Old World elegance.



### LAZY BEAR LODGE

A log house builder by trade, Wally Daudrich built Lazy Bear Lodge himself, literally. Drawn to the area by its sense of freedom, he and a partner dragged logs from the forest by snowmobile, crafting them first into a small café, then a small lodge and finally the two-story, modern lodge of today. Even the wood floors and windows were sustainably sourced. The flooring, made of Douglas fir, was recycled from the Canadian National Railway warehouse built in the early 1920s. The windows were once part of an 1800s Hudson Bay Trading Post.



### THE GRAND WINNIPEG AIRPORT HOTEL

Located next to the Winnipeg airport terminal, this boutique property provides beautifully appointed accommodations and thoughtful amenities.



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JULY 26 - AUGUST 1, 2025

Standard Rate: <b><del>\$8,334</del></b> \$10,834 Single	Special Rate: <b>\$7,830*</b> \$10,330 Single
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– includes \$835/person internal airfare –

Rate is per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars.

## Reserve by Credit Card:

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## GUEST INFORMATION:

Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation): \_\_\_\_\_

Guest #1 (as preferred on name badge): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Guest #2 (as preferred on name badge): \_\_\_\_\_

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## DEPOSIT:

# \_\_\_\_\_ guests joining program (\$850/person) = **TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

## OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS (added to your final invoice):

# \_\_\_\_\_ guests joining Kayaking Tour (\$185 per person)

# \_\_\_\_\_ guests joining AquaGliding Tour (\$225 per person)

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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Join fellow alumni and friends for a special opportunity to witness the diverse wildlife and pioneering spirit of the Canadian Arctic in summer.

During summer, visitors can spot polar bears along the local shores before they return to the pack ice when it forms in early winter. Summertime is also when the bears share the area with more than 60,000 beluga whales—who come to feed, mate and give birth in the shallow waters—as well as a wide variety of other wildlife.

This distinguished program features exclusive educational experiences including presentations from Assiniboine Park Zoo and Churchill's Northern Studies Centre.

To reserve visit [osu.orbridge.com](http://osu.orbridge.com), call (866) 639-0079 or return the attached reservation form.

All the best,

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