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Tundra Lodge Adventure

Stay on the Tundra Among the Bears in the World's Most Remarkable Hotel

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Trip Details:

Days
6 Days / Oct–Nov

Price
From $15895 (+Air)

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Churchill's most exclusive polar bear adventure! A stay at the Tundra Lodge, situated far outside town on the vast expanse of tundra along Hudson Bay, puts you in the wild domain of the polar bear around the clock. Safe inside or on the elevated outdoor observation platform, enjoy matchless access to bear viewing. Our custom lodge on wheels features train-style "cars" of individual bedrooms, a dining room, and an observation lounge. Large sliding windows offer quick access for photography. Excursions in specialized Polar Rover vehicles take you farther afield for even more wildlife viewing on the surrounding tundra. You won't find a deeper immersion in the world of the polar bear!

Trip Highlights

Be with Polar Bears Around the Clock

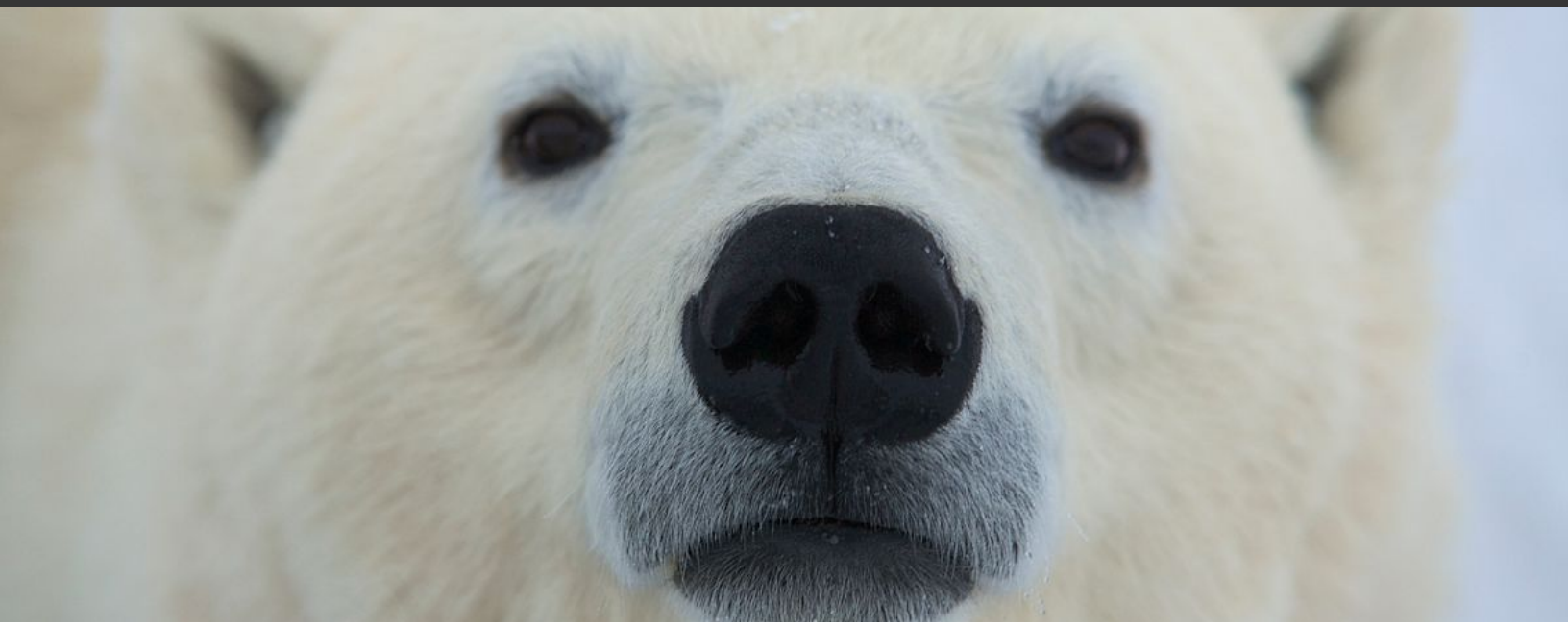
Stay at one of the world's truly unique lodges, designed for polar bear observation and optimally placed near the shore of Hudson Bay in the heart of the bears' habitat

Scout for Bears from Custom Polar Rovers

Look for polar bears beyond the lodge aboard our custom Polar Rover vehicles, with steel-mesh outdoor viewing platforms for the closest encounters

Search for Arctic Wildlife on a Tundra Safari

From Arctic fox and Arctic hare and to snowy owl and willow ptarmigan, look for northern wildlife that thrives along Hudson Bay in the polar bear's realm



Tundra Lodge Adventure Itinerary

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Itinerary at a Glance

Day 1	Winnipeg
Day 2	Winnipeg / Churchill / Tundra Lodge
Days 3–4	Tundra Lodge
Day 5	Churchill / Winnipeg
Day 6	Winnipeg



Day 1

Winnipeg

Arrive in Manitoba's capital and gear up for the tundra

- Settle into the Fort Garry Hotel, a 1913 railway-era landmark in downtown Winnipeg
- Join your Expedition Leader and fellow travelers for a welcome dinner

Arrive in Winnipeg, the capital of Manitoba. Once a fur-trading post and boomtown for the Canadian Pacific Railway, today Winnipeg is the cultural and commercial center of the province, lying on the eastern edge of the vast Canadian prairie. Transfer to the historic Fort Garry Hotel, grande dame of Winnipeg hospitality and one of the city's most prestigious landmarks. Visit our gear room in the hotel to pick up your heavy Arctic parka and winter boots to use while you are in Churchill. This evening, join your Expedition Leader at a welcome dinner.

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Day 2

Winnipeg / Churchill / Tundra Lodge

Stay among polar bears at Nat Hab's remote Tundra Lodge

- Fly by private charter to Churchill, then travel by Polar Rover across the tundra to the lodge
- Learn about polar bear behavior and their seasonal return to Hudson Bay from your Expedition Leader
- Watch for polar bears passing the lodge windows and elevated observation decks during dinner

Fly to Churchill and transfer by Polar Rover to the Tundra Lodge, watching for Arctic wildlife against the expansive backdrop along the way. On arrival, a presentation on polar bears by our Expedition Leader provides an enlightening introduction to our northern adventure. Dinner this evening is prepared by our professional chef, who resides at the lodge during the season. Don't be surprised, though, if our meal is interrupted by a mad dash to the windows to watch a polar bear lumbering over the tundra around the lodge.

Days 3–4

Tundra Lodge

Encounter polar bears from your lodge on the open tundra

- Watch for polar bears approaching the lodge from elevated decks and rows of windows
- Search by Polar Rover for polar bears, Arctic foxes, Arctic hares, ptarmigans and snowy owls
- Look for the northern lights above the tundra when skies are clear

The Tundra Lodge is strategically placed in a spot that typically attracts the greatest number of polar bears in the area. Inquisitive bears often approach the lodge, with its rows of windows and elevated observation decks to accommodate our own curiosity. *Ursus maritimus* is so majestic up close, yet these giant bears, the largest land carnivores in the world, are charming and whimsical, too, and we are enthralled by their antics and rugged beauty. We may see mothers guiding their cubs, young males play-fighting, or massive adults patrolling the shore as they wait for the bay to freeze, which signals the start of their winter seal-hunting season.

The unique location of the Tundra Lodge in the heart of wild polar bear habitat, combined with excursions in our special all-terrain Polar Rover tundra vehicles, offers lodge guests the best possible wildlife encounters in the region. Along with polar bears, we may see caribou, Arctic fox, Arctic hare, ptarmigan and snowy owls. We typically split our time between a half-day Rover excursion trip and bear viewing from the lodge, allowing us to divide our 29 guests into two smaller groups. At the end of each exhilarating day, tuck back in to our cozy accommodations for dinner and presentations. And if we are fortunate to have a rare clear fall night, the northern lights may appear after darkness descends—Churchill has some of the world's most concentrated auroral activity.

Day 5

Churchill / Winnipeg

An exhilarating dog sled run through the boreal forest

- Ride behind a local musher's dog team through the boreal forest outside Churchill
- Opt for a helicopter flight over the tundra, scanning for polar bears from above
- Fly from Churchill to Winnipeg by private charter before a farewell dinner at the Fort Garry Hotel

Depart the Tundra Lodge this morning aboard our Polar Rover, leaving the coastline of Hudson Bay in the distance as we make our way back to Churchill. Our return flight to Winnipeg departs mid-afternoon, to offer plenty of time for exploring Churchill today. This rough-and-tumble town was once a Hudson's Bay Company fur trading post, and today it still retains its frontier character. A highlight this morning is a traditional dog sled ride. We'll meet a local musher and his team, learning about the heritage of dog sledding in the North and spending time with the enthusiastic huskies before being pulled through the boreal forest. Time permitting, pick up some northern handicrafts from the shops in town before we gather for our final lunch. We then board our chartered flight back to Winnipeg, where we have a farewell dinner at the Fort Garry Hotel before our adventure concludes.

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Day 6

Winnipeg

Depart Winnipeg after your Arctic adventure

- Enjoy a final breakfast before your airport transfer
- Connect with homeward flights from Winnipeg

After breakfast, a transfer to the airport is provided to meet homeward flights.

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

An important note on polar bear viewing: *Since 1989, we have run approximately 1,500 departures to Churchill to view polar bears, and we've missed seeing them on just a handful of occasions. Some of our sightings are up close, and 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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Tundra Lodge Adventure Accommodations

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Fort Garry Hotel

The grande dame of Winnipeg hospitality and one of the city's most prestigious landmarks, this historic downtown hotel provides a genteel welcome before and after our northern adventures in Churchill.



Tundra Lodge

Optimally stationed in prime polar bear habitat, this unique custom hotel accommodates 29 guests for unparalleled bear viewing and a remarkably comfortable Arctic immersion.

For detailed descriptions, visit nathab.com/polar-bear-tours/tundra-lodge-adventure/accommodations.

The Unmatched Experience of Our Tundra Lodge

Tundra Lodge Adventure

Our exclusive **Tundra Lodge**—an innovative accommodation with no peer in Churchill (or anywhere else)—is simply the most remarkable way to immerse yourself in the realm of the polar bear. A stay at the Tundra Lodge puts you directly in the bears' wild habitat around the clock—and since you're elevated above the ground, you get exceptional proximity in total safety.

1 **The Best Polar Bear Viewing Spot on the Planet**

The Tundra Lodge is strategically placed on a small spit of land that juts into Hudson Bay. This isolated spot is where the sea ice first begins to form, attracting polar bears at the beginning of the bear-viewing season. Tundra Lodge guests stay right in the midst of the most concentrated polar bear activity in the world!

2 **Close-Up Bear Viewing from Private Cabins & Shared Observation Areas**

At the Tundra Lodge, just 29 guests spend leisurely time observing polar bears. Aboard this unique hotel fashioned like a train with sleeper cars, each guest has a compact private cabin with individual sleeping berth and window through which to watch bears (and, if we're lucky, the northern lights!). Large elevated outdoor viewing platforms with steel-grate decking further enhance polar bear observation. At the Tundra Lodge, you won't miss a thing, since you're in polar bear terrain 24/7.

3 **Exclusive Permits Access the Best Bear-Viewing Area**

Not every polar bear tour operator possesses permits to access the entire Churchill Wildlife Management Area (WMA) where the best, and sometimes only, **polar bear viewing** occurs. Nat Hab, in tandem with our partner Great White Bear Tours, holds one of these permits. Other operators are confined to the paved and gravel road to Halfway Point—which, as the name suggests, is only halfway to the prime polar bear area. If you're coming to Churchill to get close to polar bears, be sure you get full access.

4 **Travel with Two Naturalist Expedition Leaders**

With two guides, our 29 guests get the richest interpretive experience and exceptional personal attention. Our Expedition Leaders' in-depth knowledge and experience mean better, closer and more inspiring encounters with polar bears, the northern landscape and other Arctic wildlife.

5 **Our Polar Rovers Are the Most Impressive Vehicles in Churchill**

Our custom-built Polar Rovers have an advanced drive train that lets us safely cruise over the tundra with virtually no chance of breakdown, plus a custom-designed heavy-duty suspension system that steadies the ride over the uneven terrain. With huge picture windows, an angled front windshield (to look down on bears in front below), and onboard flush toilets, our guests enjoy a superior experience.

6 **Steel Mesh Decking Enhances Close-Up Bear Viewing**

Built into the rear observation platform of every Polar Rover—and into the platforms that separate the "cars" of our Tundra Lodge—is an exclusive feature that greatly enhances polar bear viewing: grated steel mesh decks that we can see through, enabling us to come within mere inches of curious bears that sometimes wander beneath the platforms!

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7 **The Smallest Groups for Superior Nature Adventures**

Natural Habitat Adventures is known for its small groups, including the smallest polar bear tours in Churchill. While it may cost us more, the benefits are worth it. Inside the Tundra Lodge, which accommodates just 29 guests, you'll have plenty of room to view bears through sliding windows and ample deck space. Our Polar Rovers hold 30 or more passengers, but we generally travel with no more than 16 per vehicle when we head out on excursions from the Tundra Lodge. Every guest has plenty of space to spread out, angle for photos, and enjoy watching wildlife without being bumped by other travelers.

8 **Private Chartered Flights Maximize Time with Polar Bears**

To achieve the most time on the tundra viewing polar bears, rather than waiting around airports and enduring the hassle of security screenings, we charter our own private aircraft to take us directly from Winnipeg to Churchill at a time most convenient for us. We know you'd rather spend your time with polar bears, rather than waiting in airports.

9 **We Provide Heavy Parkas & Winter Boots for Your Use**

No need to go spend a lot of money buying heavy outdoor gear you may use just once—we provide Arctic-style parkas and heavy-duty winter boots for your use in Churchill, at no cost.

10 **The Finest Naturalist Guides on the Planet**

Natural Habitat Adventures is known worldwide for employing the highest-quality guides in the industry. Our Churchill Expedition Leaders have been guiding polar bear trips for an average of 10 years each. They also receive additional training from WWF scientists. You won't find more knowledgeable guides! These congenial professionals meet you in Winnipeg and travel with the group the whole way. Our photo tour leaders are also professional photographers, with a passion and talent for sharing their knowledge. Our philosophy is simple: a nature adventure is only as good as the guide who leads it, so we provide the best. **See Expedition Leader bios** and traveler comments regarding the quality of our leaders.

11 **Our Quality-Value Guarantee Ensures Your Outstanding Polar Bear Adventure**

With Natural Habitat Adventures, you receive our exclusive guarantee that clearly states that we will meet the high expectations we set forth in our promotional materials. To our knowledge, this is the most ambitious guarantee made by any adventure travel company. **Read our important promise.**

12 **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.

13 **Natural Habitat Adventures is World Wildlife Fund's Travel Partner**

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



Dates & Pricing Summary:

Price
From $15895 (+Air)

Group Size
Limited to 29 Travelers

Tundra Lodge Adventure Dates, Pricing & Info

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2027 Departures

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Oct 7 - Oct 12, 2027	**$15895** +internal air	
Oct 10 - Oct 15, 2027	**$15895** +internal air	
Oct 13 - Oct 18, 2027	**$15895** +internal air	
Oct 16 - Oct 21, 2027	**$15895** +internal air	
Oct 19 - Oct 24, 2027	**$15895** +internal air	
Oct 22 - Oct 27, 2027	**$15895** +internal air	
Oct 25 - Oct 30, 2027	**$15895** +internal air	
Oct 28 - Nov 2, 2027	**$15895** +internal air	
Oct 31 - Nov 6, 2027	**$16895** +internal air	Photo Expedition

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Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Nov 4 - Nov 10, 2027	**$16895** +internal air	Photo Expedition
Nov 8 - Nov 13, 2027	**$15895** +internal air	
Nov 11 - Nov 16, 2027	**$15895** +internal air	

2028 Departures

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Prices and dates not confirmed for 2028		
Oct 7 - Oct 12, 2028	**From $15895** +internal air	
Oct 10 - Oct 15, 2028	**From $15895** +internal air	
Oct 13 - Oct 18, 2028	**From $15895** +internal air	
Oct 16 - Oct 21, 2028	**From $15895** +internal air	
Oct 19 - Oct 24, 2028	**From $15895** +internal air	
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Oct 28 - Nov 2, 2028	**From $15895** +internal air	
Oct 31 - Nov 6, 2028	**From $16895** +internal air	Photo Expedition
Nov 4 - Nov 10, 2028	**From $16895** +internal air	Photo Expedition
Nov 8 - Nov 13, 2028	**From $15895** +internal air	
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See https://www.nathab.com/polar-bear-tours/tundra-lodge-adventure/dates-fees for the latest pricing details.

Included

Trip price includes: Accommodations in Winnipeg and on our private Tundra Lodge, services of Nat Hab's professional Expedition Leaders and assistants, Polar Rover excursions, dog sledding excursion, evening wildlife and cultural presentations, all meals from

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dinner on Day 1 through breakfast on final day, some alcoholic beverages, **cold-weather gear** including a parka and boots during your trip, some gratuities, airport transfers, all activities and entrance fees, all taxes, permits and service fees.

Not Included

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

Internal air: Round-trip private charter flights from Winnipeg to Churchill (this will be listed separately on our invoicing).

Important Information About This Trip

A stay at our exclusive Tundra Lodge offers guests the true feel of the Far North, with polar bears ambling across the tundra right outside the windows. Despite its isolation, the facility is remarkably comfortable, with private bedrooms and a common lounge. A trained chef prepares fine meals in the onboard kitchen that are served in the spacious dining room. The Polar Rover vehicle located on site provides transportation for half-day excursions over the tundra. Each Tundra Lodge guest will travel on the Polar Rover for one half-day excursion each day; the second half of each day is spent viewing the bears from the comfort of the Tundra Lodge. As the bears approach us, we are able to observe their interactions in the natural environment around the lodge.

Our Tundra Lodge Photo Expedition is designed specifically for avid photographers who want to spend their days shooting. Our Expedition Leaders will impart their expertise in both nature interpretation and photography techniques, helping guests capture outstanding images of the Arctic environment and its resident wildlife, with a focus, of course, on polar bears.

Polar bears are typically found in the Churchill area year-round. The highest concentration occurs in October and November as the bears mass in anticipation for the freeze-up of Hudson Bay. Sometimes the best bear viewing is at the beginning of the season, sometimes in the middle, and sometimes at the end—we never know for sure. Once Hudson Bay freezes, many of the bears depart and head far out onto the ice. Historically this happens in early December, but an unusually early cold spell can occur, hastening their departure.

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 while on the adventure. If you have a very restricted diet, we recommend bringing some of your preferred snacks along with the appreciation that certain foods are limited in this part of the world.

Mandatory Insurance

Since the areas we travel to are remote and wild (that's why we go there!), we require that all guests have, at minimum, medical evacuation insurance for this program. This is for the safety of all guests. We require that your chosen independent insurance plan includes at least $250,000 in medical evacuation coverage.

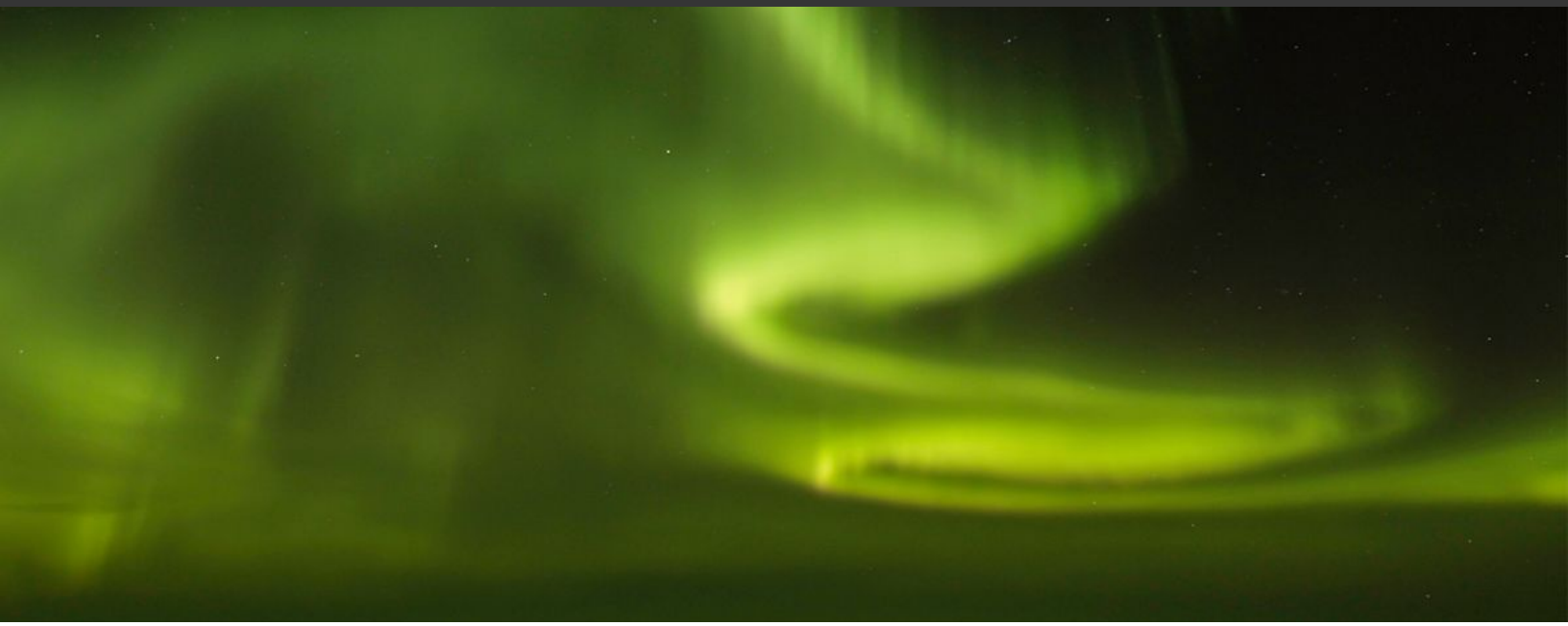
To protect your investment and to provide peace of mind while you travel, we also strongly recommend purchasing comprehensive travel insurance. Plans may cover everything from medical treatment to trip cancellations and delays and lost luggage. Please contact our office if you would like more information about the medical evacuation and comprehensive travel insurance policies we offer by calling 800-543-8917.

Getting There & Getting Home

This trip begins and ends in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Because weather delays are possible, **we recommend that you arrive at least one night prior to Day 1** to rest from your travels and begin the trip refreshed. For guests who come in early, our recommended hotel will be included in your pre-departure materials. If you plan to arrive on Day 1, you must arrive in Winnipeg by 5 pm in order to attend the 7 pm orientation dinner.

You are free to depart Winnipeg at any time on the final day.

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Tundra Lodge Adventure Extensions

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Northern Tundra Helicopter Adventure

Our exclusive helicopter flight over the tundra is an exhilarating way to view northern wildlife. Track migrating caribou, Arctic fox and the mighty polar bear from an exciting aerial perspective.

$690

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