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Polar Bears of Arctic Nunavut

Watch Polar Bears at Ground Level from a Private Wilderness Camp on Hudson Bay

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Trip Details:

Days
10 Days / Oct–Nov

Price
From $23895

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When you seek an encounter with polar bears that's as remote and powerful as possible, we've created this peerless adventure that takes you farther into the Canadian wild in supreme solitude. Like our other polar bear expeditions, it includes a visit to Churchill. But it doesn't stop there: on a private chartered plane, you'll fly north to the Territory of Nunavut—home to Canada's Inuit people whose ancestors have lived on this stark terrain alongside polar bears for more than 4,000 years. Our base is a rustic tundra camp on the northwest edge of Hudson Bay, set in isolation on the polar bears' fall migration route to the forming ice edge. Protected by an unobtrusive electric fence, we anticipate the bears' approach at eye level, often at thrilling close range. Relish silence and awe on this ultimate immersion in the primal realm of the polar bear.

Trip Highlights

View Polar Bears in Solitude from Our Fly-In Tundra Camp

With just eight guests, observe polar bears safely and up close from our private camp directly on the bears' migration route along Hudson Bay

Learn About Inuit Culture, Customs & Traditions

Join local Inuit guides on the tundra for ethical, insightful wildlife encounters, traditional storytelling, and an immersion in the region's cultural heritage

Experience Northern History & Adventures in Churchill

Go dog sledding with a local musher, explore Inuit heritage at the Itsanitaq Museum, and view the famous SeaWalls murals inspiring ocean conservation

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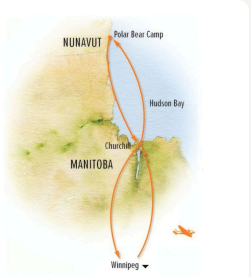


Polar Bears of Arctic Nunavut Itinerary

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Itinerary at a Glance

Day 1	Winnipeg
Day 2	Winnipeg / Churchill
Days 3–6	Nunavut
Days 7–8	Churchill
Day 9	Churchill / Winnipeg
Day 10	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

Our Canada polar bear adventure begins in the vibrant city of Winnipeg. Once an important Hudson's Bay Company fur-trading post and later a boomtown for the Canadian Pacific Railway on the eastern edge of the vast Canadian prairie, today Winnipeg is Manitoba’s cultural, commercial and provincial capital. Transfer on arrival to the historic Fort Garry Hotel, grande dame of Winnipeg hospitality and one of the city’s most prestigious landmarks. The hotel was built in 1913 by the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway to provide luxury accommodations for upper-class train travelers as part of an effort to lure them to the Canadian West. Meet your Guide at a welcome dinner at our hotel this evening. You'll also have a chance to visit our gear room to borrow a heavy parka and winter boots to use during your time on the tundra in Churchill and at Polar Bear Camp in Nunavut.

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Day 2

Winnipeg / Churchill

Fly north to the Polar Bear Capital of the World

- Reach Churchill by scheduled flight, crossing into a remote community accessible only by air or rail
- Base in a former Hudson's Bay Company fur-trading outpost on the edge of the tundra
- Learn about the town's history and northern ecology from your Expedition Leader

Transfer to the airport in Winnipeg this morning for our flight north to Churchill. This remote frontier town of fewer than a thousand residents was originally the site of a Hudson's Bay Company fort and fur trading post established in 1717. It is accessible only by air or rail, or, in summer when the sea ice has melted, via its seaport on Hudson Bay. Spend the day getting acquainted with the community of Churchill and the wildlife and northern ecosystems that surround it, with insights from our Expedition Leader along the way.

Days 3–6

Nunavut

Search for polar bears from an ultra-remote camp in Nunavut

- Fly by chartered Twin Otter to an isolated tundra camp reserved for just eight travelers
- Look for polar bears with your Expedition Leader and local Inuit guides along their route to Hudson Bay
- Watch for the northern lights above the tundra when skies are clear

Fly north from Churchill by a chartered small single-engine Otter plane to reach our ultra-remote camp on the northwest edge of Hudson Bay. A collection of four simple cabins and a shared lounge and dining space, the camp provides cozy, comfortable accommodations in the Arctic wilderness. Located directly on the bears' migratory route, the camp offers potential for exceptionally close, quiet polar bear encounters. The electric fence protecting the camp ensures we observe the bears in safety, yet it feels as if there is nothing between us and them as they move over the tundra, sometimes just yards away. They are headed toward the bay's edge where the sea ice forms first, signaling the start of their winter seal-hunting season once the saltwater expanse is frozen.

Not only is the experience thrilling, it's peaceful, too, as we have sole occupancy of the camp for just eight guests. We are alone in the polar bears' natural habitat, away from crowds, vehicles, roads or other infrastructure. The sense of genuine wilderness is palpable, and we are aware that very few people on the planet will have this opportunity to be in the polar bear's realm in such profound solitude. Other northern wildlife is occasionally found here, too, and we keep an eye out for Arctic fox and Arctic hare.

Each day, join our Expedition Leader and local Inuit guides to search for polar bears, called "Nanuq" in the Inuktitut language. At the top of the Arctic food chain, the polar bear is the largest bear species, with males reaching 10 feet tall and weighing up to 1,500 pounds. We may see lone males ambling over the tundra, mothers carefully stewarding cubs, or juvenile males sparring playfully with one another. Each day, we watch and wait, eager to see what encounters nature will offer up to us.

On occasion, when safety permits, we may go outside the camp compound in the company of our guides to look for tracks and signs of smaller northern wildlife, such as Arctic fox and Arctic hare. Once darkness falls, we also keep an eye on the sky for a chance to see the northern lights when the weather is clear. This region is one of the best on the planet for viewing the aurora, and we may get lucky with a dramatic celestial display.

Through our relationships with our local hosts, learn not only about polar bears and wildlife of Nunavut, but also the history, culture, traditions and contemporary subsistence lifestyle of Canada's Indigenous Arctic people. Nunavut—their ancestral Inuit homeland—was created when the map was redrawn in 1999, dividing the Northwest Territories into two. The newly named eastern sector was given to the Inuit, along with the right to self-government. In their language, Nunavut means "our land." Today's Inuit, once called Eskimos by European explorers, are the descendants of the Dorset and Thule peoples who crossed the Bering Strait. Their knowledge of this land and its wild inhabitants extends back millennia, and our time among the polar bears is deeply enriched by their stories and insights.

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Days 7–8

Churchill

Explore Churchill's Indigenous heritage and northern life

- Ride behind a local Metis musher's dog team through the boreal forest outside Churchill
- Tour Churchill to learn about its 4,000-year Indigenous heritage and fur-trading past
- View the town's 18 large-scale public art murals and meet local residents

On Day 7, make the 45-minute flight back to Churchill by private chartered plane. Even though Churchill has just 900 residents, we've clearly returned to civilization, after having spent the last several days utterly alone on the tundra with the polar bears. But more adventures await over the next two days as we discover the rich history, unique cultures and contemporary lifestyles of this vibrant small town that lies where the Canadian North Woods meets the tundra and ocean.

Churchill's people are a melding of cultures, descended from Cree, Dene, Inuit, Metis and European ancestors. On a tour of the town, we learn about its Indigenous heritage, extending back 4,000 years, as well as its significant history in the opening of the Canadian West. Euorpean contact began with Henry Hudson's arrival in 1610, and the Hudson's Bay Company established a fur trading post in 1689, rebuilt in 1717 as Fort Churchill. More than two centuries later, the Hudson Bay Railway was completed in 1929, transforming Churchill into a key northern seaport and facilitating the movement of grain from the prairie provinces.

Northern traditions persist in Churchill, and we'll meet a renowned Metis dog musher who introduces us to his avid team of huskies. Get to the know the dogs, then take a brisk ride through the boreal forest powered by paws, as they pull and yelp with enthusiasm. Throughout our exploration of Churchill, enjoy the town's impressive murals, created through SeaWalls: Artists for Oceans, a 2017 project that commissioned 18 artists from around the world to paint giant scenes that would educate and inspire local people and visitors to protect our wild seas. Today, Churchill residents take great pride in the public art that has revitalized the town's identity.

Day 9

Churchill / Winnipeg

A final morning in polar bear country

- Opt for a helicopter flight over the tundra, scanning for polar bears from above
- Browse Churchill's locally owned shops for handmade mukluks, caribou-hair sculptures and other Indigenous crafts
- Fly from Churchill to Winnipeg via a scheduled flight before a final dinner

With one last morning to enjoy Churchill, 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 final lunch together in town before flying back to Winnipeg on a scheduled flight.

Day 10

Winnipeg

Depart Winnipeg after your Arctic adventure

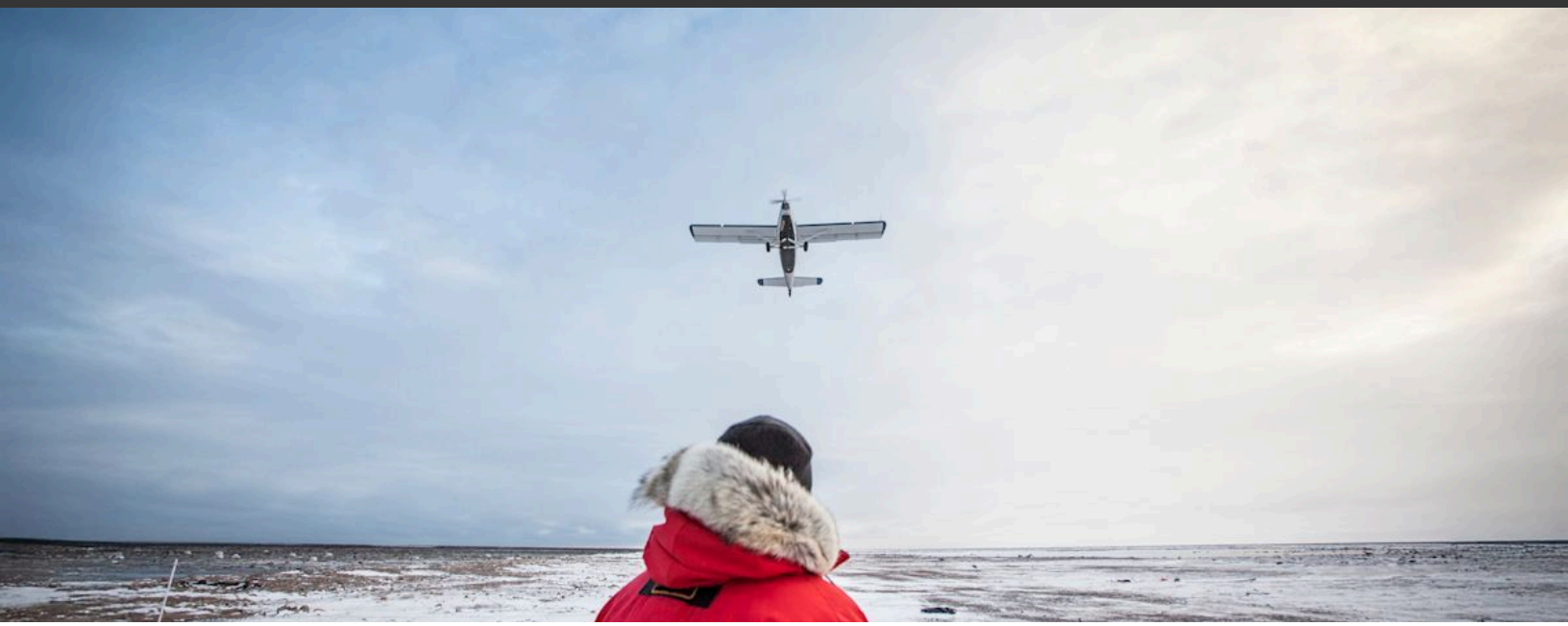
- Enjoy a final breakfast before your airport transfer
- Connect with homeward flights from Winnipeg

Enjoy breakfast at the Fort Garry Hotel in Winnipeg.

Then, transfer to the airport for flights home.

Please note: Itineraries may vary slightly and activities may happen at times that are different from what is listed, but all inclusions are the same.

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Polar Bears of Arctic Nunavut Accommodations

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Nunavut Polar Bear Camp

This fly-in Arctic camp sits in prime polar bear territory, offering warmth and comfort through cozy cabins, hearty meals and a protective safety fence amid the vast tundra.



Sleepy Owl Lodge

A renovated cedar-and-pine guest house with warm wood interiors, spacious mudroom, cozy living and dining areas, self-serve coffee station, and shared modern bathrooms.

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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.

For detailed descriptions, visit nathab.com/canada-northern-nature-travel/nunavut-polar-bear-adventure/accommodations.

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

Polar Bears of Arctic Nunavut

Whether you've seen the polar bears of Churchill before and long to be among them again, or you seek a first encounter that's as wild and remote as it gets, this trip offers a unique experience you won't find elsewhere. When you choose our far-flung adventure to Nunavut, you'll get all these outstanding features:

1 **A Truly Remote Destination for Polar Bear Viewing**

Most polar bear tours take place in Churchill, and while these adventures offer exciting encounters with the bears, they also occur in settings where there are plenty of people, vehicles and developed infrastructure. In contrast, this experience gets you completely away from other humans, via a 50-minute flight to the northwest edge of Hudson Bay where we are totally alone in the wild. Very few people will ever view polar bears in such a genuinely natural habitat, in complete solitude.

2 **The Ultimate Small-Group Setting: Just 8 Guests**

Our Arctic adventure is limited to eight participants, housed in four private cabins at our remote tundra camp. You're accompanied by our Expedition Leader and local guides, plus the small camp staff, but that's it—our small coterie is alone in the wilderness, just us and the polar bears. You won't find a more intimate context in which to watch the majestic King of the Arctic in its native terrain.

3 **Learn About Inuit Culture in Nunavut**

On this journey, we leave Manitoba and fly north to the Territory of Nunavut, the Indigenous homeland with autonomous rule established for Canada's Inuit people in 1999. With our local Inuit guides, gain insight into their millennia-old history, traditions and contemporary lifestyles in an authentic cultural setting few will experience. While polar bears may be the top attraction, our local hosts deeply enrich our experience.

4 **Comfortable Arctic Wilderness Accommodations**

We spend four nights in the true "back of beyond," an isolated camp on the tundra edging the shore of Hudson Bay. But we don't want for comfort: individual cabins have excellent insulation, individual heat controls, warm bedding, hot showers and en suite dry toilets. And you'll enjoy surprisingly gourmet meals served in the communal dining room, plus a comfortable lounge space with big windows offering a view on passing polar bears.

5 **Relaxed Pace & Flexibility—No Need to Conform to a Schedule**

Since we're based at our tundra camp surrounded by wild polar bear terrain, we don't have to go anywhere. We're in the bears' territory 24/7—just hanging out as they come to us. No need to depart hotels, board vehicles, return to town for meals, or otherwise disturb our focus on bear viewing. The bears determine our priorities, and we adapt to whatever they are doing at any given moment.

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6 **Churchill Highlights Including Dog Sledding**

Just because we fly you far afield to Nunavut to view polar bears doesn't mean you'll miss out on the appealing town attractions in Churchill. We've added two days to explore its history and northern traditions, including a dog sled ride in the boreal forest, the dramatic SeaWall murals designed to inspire ocean conservation, and the outstanding Inuit artifact collection at the Itsanitaq Museum.

7 **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 and Nunavut, at no cost.

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 have been guiding bear tours for an average of more than 10 years each, ensuring a superlative interpretive experience. From your arrival in Winnipeg through to your return, you are guided by our team every step of the way. Our philosophy is pretty simple: a nature adventure is only as good as the guide, so we simply must provide the best! **See Expedition Leader bios** with traveler comments regarding the quality of our leaders.

9 **Our Quality-Value Guarantee Ensures Your Outstanding Polar Bear Adventures**

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. **Read our important promise.**

10 **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.



Dates & Pricing Summary:

Price
From $23895

Group Size
Limited to 8 Travelers

Polar Bears of Arctic Nunavut Dates, Pricing & Info

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2027 Departures

Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Oct 10 - Oct 19, 2027	**$23895** +internal air	
Oct 14 - Oct 23, 2027	**$23895** +internal air	
Oct 18 - Oct 27, 2027	**$23895** +internal air	
Oct 25 - Nov 3, 2027	**$23895** +internal air	
Oct 29 - Nov 7, 2027	**$23895** +internal air	
Nov 2 - Nov 11, 2027	**$23895** +internal air	
Nov 9 - Nov 18, 2027	**$23895** +internal air	

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Departure – Return	Pricing	Notes
Nov 13 - Nov 22, 2027	**$23895** +internal air	

See https://www.nathab.com/canada-northern-nature-travel/nunavut-polar-bear-adventure/dates-fees for the latest pricing details.

Included

Trip price includes: Accommodations in comfortable hotels and lodges, services of Nat Hab's professional Expedition Leaders, local guides and camp staff, all ground transportation to and from trip activities, all meals from dinner on Day 1 through breakfast on final day, some alcoholic beverages, some gratuities, airport transfers, all activities and entrance fees, all taxes, permits and service fees.

Not Included

- **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), required medical evacuation insurance, optional travel protection insurance.

Internal air: Scheduled flights between Winnipeg and Churchill and charter flights between Churchill and Nunavut.

Important Information About This Trip

Our Nunavut Polar Bear Camp is located in a remote Arctic setting with limited access to outside resources. Guests should be prepared for the realities of traveling in such an isolated environment, including the possibility that poor weather may significantly delay medical care.

Flight Delays

Flights to and from camp may be delayed or canceled due to inclement weather. In these cases, we provide alternate activities and accommodations during the trip.

Meals

Please note that camp meals, while hearty and tasty, are specially planned and prepared well in advance. We can meet dietary requirements due to serious medical conditions or strict personal restrictions with ample notice, but you must adhere to them while on the trip. If you have a restricted diet, such as vegetarian, gluten-free, vegan or dairy-free, we recommend bringing some of your preferred snacks, with the understanding that certain foods are limited in this part of the world and options in Churchill may also be limited.

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.

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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. **You must arrive at the Winnipeg International Airport no later than 5 pm on Day 1** in order to receive your loaner cold weather gear and make it to the welcome orientation dinner that evening.

You will meet a Nat Hab representative in the arrivals hall (outside customs) of the Winnipeg Airport if you are staying at the group hotel.

You may depart from Winnipeg at any time on the final day.

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Polar Bears of Arctic Nunavut 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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