



# GREAT ICE BEAR ADVENTURE

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<b>Country</b> Canada	<b>Travel Departs</b> Winnipeg	<b>Travel Ends</b> Winnipeg	<b>Travel Periods</b> 20 Oct 22 - 10 Nov 22	<b>Experience</b> Wildlife	<b>Travel Style</b> Independent Holiday Packages
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Two types of polar bear viewing await you on this safari! During your three-night stay at the lodge, you'll see them on foot during daily guided hikes. You'll also spend a day and night in Churchill where you'll enjoy a chartered Tundra Buggy® tour for a whole new vantage point!

The traditional polar bear season encompasses the months of October and November. During this time, the polar bears congregate on the coast in large numbers while waiting for the Hudson Bay to freeze. This allows them passage onto the Bay where they will feast on seals until the spring. Our Great Ice Bear Adventure takes place during this period of abundance.

You will fly 30 km north of Churchill to this exclusive polar bear lodge along the Hudson Bay coastline. The remote location allows for a much wider range of wildlife viewing than would be possible in the town-based tours. Beyond the majestic ice bears, you may also see wolves, moose, Arctic foxes, ptarmigans (a furry footed grouse), and snowy owls, to name a few. After your time at the Lodge you will be transferred back to Churchill to for a private Tundra Buggy® tour where you'll enjoy more time with the beautiful white bears.

## Included

- 🏠 2 nights in Winnipeg
- 🏠 3 nights at Dymond Lake Ecolodge
- 🏠 1 night in Churchill
- ✈️ Return airfare from Winnipeg to Churchill and Dymond Lake Lodge
- 🍴 All meals while in Churchill and at the Lodge
- 📷 All excursions while in Churchill and at the Lodge
- 📷 Guide services while in Churchill and at the Lodge
- 📷 Winter clothing rental while at the Lodge (winter pants, boots and parka)

## Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package

## Itinerary

### Day 1 Winnipeg

Arrive in Winnipeg where you will enjoy a relaxing stay at our choice hotel. Your winter gear fitting and collection will take place at 5:00pm prior to meeting the rest of your group at an orientation dinner hosted by a Churchill Wild representative.

Overnight in Winnipeg at **The Grand Winnipeg Airport Hotel**.

🍴 Dinner



### Day 2 Winnipeg → Churchill → Dymond Lake Ecolodge

Arrive in Churchill by air where expert staff will meet you at the airport and will provide you with instructions of the morning transfers. You will then be transferred by fixed wing aircraft to Dymond Lake Ecolodge. This short flight takes you out over the historic Churchill River and then northwest up the rugged Hudson Bay coast. Keep a sharp eye en route for possible sightings of moose, wolves, and of course, the 'Great Ice Bears'.

Upon arrival, your hosts will provide a tour and show you to your room. Lunch will be served soon after, and before heading out on your first excursion, you'll be thoroughly debriefed regarding your stay in polar bear country. This day includes a guided hike on our rugged and starkly beautiful coastline, an interpretive slide show featuring the wildlife of Hudson Bay, and hopefully a clear night for viewing the Aurora Borealis.

Dymond Lake Ecolodge features an Aurora viewing tower for northern lights observation. All this will be topped off with a lunch and dinner where your hosts and guides will regale you with tales of life and adventures in Canada's Arctic.

Overnight stay at the **Dymond Lake Ecolodge**

🍴 Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



### Day 3 - 4 [Dymond Lake Ecolodge](#)

Each morning after a hot breakfast, your guides will outline a plan for the day's excursions. If there are bears near the Lodge, your morning tour may be delayed to take advantage of these photo and observation opportunities. The walks are comfortably paced as they are geared towards plenty of viewing and photo opportunities.

Back at the lodge, enjoy appetizer hour followed by one of our signature tundra-inspired meals. Evenings typically include an informative lecture or slide show presentation narrated by one of Churchill Wild's knowledgeable guides or staff. On clear nights, you may also have a chance to view one of the spectacular aurora borealis displays common at this latitude.

Bedtime is at your leisure and you can rest easy knowing you won't miss out on anything. The staff monitor the compound and skies and will rouse you if the aurora or a nocturnal polar bear make an appearance.

Overnights at **Dymond Lake Ecolodge**

🍴 Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner





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## Day 5 [Dymond Lake Ecolodge → Churchill](#)

After another hearty Lodge breakfast, we will begin air transfers back to Churchill. Have your cameras ready for the return flight as it affords excellent opportunities for great aerial shots.

Back in Churchill, you'll spend the day with one of our tour guides exploring Churchill and area and learning about its rich history as a seaport and ex-military town. Your tour will include stops such as the Parks Canada exhibit, the Itsanitaq Museum, and the Polar Bear Jail. Along the way, your guide will point out murals that were commissioned in 2016 as part of the SeaWalls mural festival. Before a group dinner, your guide will give you free time to shop for last-minute souvenirs at the unique gift stores in Churchill.

Overnight in Churchill at one of the hotels or B&B's

🍴 Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



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## Day 6 [Churchill → Winnipeg](#)

Today you will travel across the tundra in a **Tundra Buggy®** for more polar bear viewing. Transportation by bus to and from the launch

site is provided pre- and post-tour. You'll have lunch out on the tundra during your tour.

Your flight south to Winnipeg will take place this evening. Upon arrival, collect your bags, head out of the arrivals doors and back to The Grand Hotel.

Overnight in Winnipeg at **The Grand Winnipeg Airport Hotel**.

🍴 Breakfast, Lunch



## Day 7 Winnipeg

After a restful sleep you will pack your bags in preparation for your flight home.

## Additional information

**Official language**  
French & English

**Local currency**  
Canadian Dollars