



## POLAR BEAR PHOTO SAFARI ITINERARY AT SEAL RIVER HERITAGE LODGE

### FEATURES OF YOUR POLAR BEAR PHOTO SAFARI

Wildly rugged and remote – this tundra coastal lodge provides the discerning photographer the ability to dedicate long days in the field getting up close and personal with Arctic wildlife. Your journey of exploration and adventure will take place at our fly-in only Seal River Heritage Lodge located in the heart of polar bear country.

This adventure offers ground level photo opportunities for Arctic wildlife, including polar bears, in a pristine untrammelled wilderness setting.

Polar bears, caribou, and Arctic fox can frequently be photographed in a backdrop of stunning sea and landscapes. Our Lodge's shore location is ideal for photographing bears on ice and snow.

Seal River Heritage Lodge is located on the shoreline of the Hudson Bay where we experience an exceptional number of clear nights for northern light photography. We have the highest number of sunshine days on the coast with the best morning and evening light opportunities. You can

also look forward to the finest food and wine in the Arctic! Mealtimes will be adjusted or delayed as required to ensure maximum photo opportunities.

Our Polar Bear Photo Safari can offer custom adventures for singles to small groups. We can tailor your trip to your group's needs. We can also arrange professionally led instructional photo safaris upon request.



### DAY 1 - ANTICIPATION BUILDS DURING YOUR OVERNIGHT STAY IN WINNIPEG

Arrive in Winnipeg where you will enjoy a relaxing stay at our choice hotel - The Grand by Lakeview at the Winnipeg Airport. At 7:00 pm a dinner will be held at the hotel where you will meet your group and your adventure specialist. You will need your rest for your early morning departure to Churchill.

### DAY 2 - THE ADVENTURE BEGINS!

Arrive in Churchill by air where one of our expert staff will meet you at the airport and will provide you with instructions of the morning transfer. You will also pick up winter gear if you are renting. You will then be

transferred by fixed wing aircraft to our Seal River Heritage Lodge. This exciting flight takes you out over the historic Churchill River, and then northwest up the rugged Hudson Bay coast to Canada's most exclusive polar bear viewing properties. Keep a sharp eye enroute for caribou, seals, wolves and of course the "Great Ice Bears".

Upon your arrival, your hosts will provide a tour of the Lodge and get you settled into your room. A thorough orientation on travelling in polar bear country will be provided prior to any outings. Then it's time to assemble all those priceless cameras, hard drives, and tripods and start burning some serious gigabytes!





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### DAY 3 TO 5 - NATURE TREKKING, POLAR BEARS AND MAGNIFICENT PHOTOGRAPHY

Our Seal River Heritage Lodge is a wildly rugged and remote location catering to the dedicated wildlife photographer willing to spend long hours in the field getting up close and personal with the arctic wildlife. Ground level photo opportunities are offered for arctic wildlife including polar bears in a pristine wilderness setting. We ARE in the heart of polar bear country! Your photos will have

stunning backdrops with the sea and or landscapes surrounding the Lodge. Its shoreline location is ideal for photographing bears on snow and ice. Furthermore we have an exceptional number of clear nights for northern lights photography.

As we mentioned in the features our full service meal times will be adjusted to accommodate photo opportunities which are the priority so expect many a meal to be interrupted. Generally breakfast is served at 8:00 am, lunches typically held at

the Lodge with appetizers at 6:00 pm followed by a veritable feast for the palate at 7:00 pm. Evenings are spent near the fireplace downloading images, sharing the day's adventures, or taking in an informative lecture or slide show. Bedtime is at your leisure. The entire Lodge area is patrolled for polar bears all night by one of our night watchmen so be prepared to have your sleep cut short by a nocturnal visit by one of the Great Ice Bears (or by one of our dazzling displays of northern lights!).

### LIFE-DEFINING EXPERIENCES ON YOUR POLAR BEAR PHOTO SAFARI



#### Photo Presentations and Lectures

From lectures on "Travelling in Bear Country" to "Wildlife of the Arctic" our own northern adventurers will regale you with photos and stories. These conversations provide you the opportunity to learn about the arctic wildlife, landscape, and people.

#### Photographing the Mighty Polar Bear

Your daily itineraries for the Polar Bear Photo Safari are heavily customized to full advantage of lighting conditions and polar bear action to optimize the potential for award winning photographs. The arctic backdrop during the season of our photo safari provides a stunning frame for those extraordinary moments you will encounter with the bears of the Hudson Bay. There are plenty of other unique arctic inhabitants besides the lords of the arctic to complement your portfolio with as well: from the scurrying Arctic foxes to the iconic barren lands caribou that may be sauntering by.

#### Fine Northern Cuisine

The Churchill Wild culinary experience provides the metaphorical icing on the cake for your life defining experiences during your stay! Your taste buds will delight, whether your are indulging in some of our appetizer specialties or dining on one of our many exquisite entrees accompanied by our hand selected Canadian wines.

Our menu is drawn from the Canadian best-selling cookbook series, "Blueberries and Polar Bears" which offers the best northern cuisine found anywhere north of the 59th parallel.

#### Rest and Relaxation

Should you decide that curling up by the fireplace with a good book or enjoying a hot drink and sharing stories with your fellow adventurers is what you need, our comfortable lounge area provides you with the perfect setting.



#### Aurora Watching

You can enjoy the greatest light show on earth from the comfort of the lounge or dining room, or even your bedroom! The northern skies are a perfect ballroom for the aurora but remember, the lights are best photographed with a tripod so if you have one, bring it along.

Excursions during the safari will typically involve hiking on foot to those areas providing the best opportunities, and to ensure ground-level access for those eye-to-eye photographs that capture the intensity of the experience in the astonishing images you will capture during the safari.





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### DAY 6 - LAST MINUTE WILDLIFE VIEWING!

After another hearty breakfast it's time to pack for the flight back to Churchill, say good-byes and snap a few more pictures. After another exciting aerial tour, you'll arrive in Churchill where your bags will be stored for you until your flight back to Winnipeg later in the day. You are then free to explore and wine & dine in this frontier community at your leisure. We recommend local places such as Cape Merry, the Port of Churchill, the Eskimo Museum, as well as the Parks Canada exhibit which are all of great interest. Dog sledding and helicopter charters fit nicely into this afternoon if you're so inclined. If you are interested in a dog sledding or a heli-tour please book through us so we can ensure you arrive in Churchill in time for your tour departure.

You will be provided with a \$30.00 meal voucher. For tonight you will need to plan an early dinner. The participating restaurants will be outlined on the voucher. After dinner you will meet up with our expeditor and you will be transferred to the airport in preparation for your flight back to Winnipeg. Upon arrival, collect your bags, head out of the arrivals doors and look to your right. The Grand Hotel is located across the way only a two minute walk.

### DAY 7 - HOMEWARD BOUND

After a restful sleep you will pack your bags in preparation for your flight home. You will also enjoy a breakfast at your hotel before your trip back to reality. If you've not had enough bear action for one lifetime, ask us about our Birds, Bears & Belugas adventure which takes place in July and August annually.

### YOUR ADVENTURE INCLUDES

All accommodations, transfers required within the package dates and airfare between Winnipeg and our Lodge.

Meal Inclusions are as follows:

- Day 1: Dinner
- Day 2 to 5: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Day 6: Breakfast, Dinner
- Day 7: Breakfast

7 Days, 6 Nights trip to our Seal River Heritage Lodge  
\$10,395 CAD per person plus tax  
(based on double occupancy)

