



GREAT ICE BEAR ITINERARY AT DYMOND LAKE ECO-LODGE

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FEATURES OF YOUR GREAT ICE BEAR ADVENTURE

Your journey of exploration and adventure will take place at our polar bear lodge at Dymond Lake, approximately 30 kilometers by air from Churchill, Manitoba. This dynamic seaport has long been known as the Polar Bear Capital of the World as approximately 1,000 of these enormous bears congregate on the Hudson Bay come fall in wait for the freeze. You'll meet several of these animals up-close and on their turf on your Great Ice Bear adventure at our eco-lodge and/or on your Churchill town buggy adventure. Our Lodge is strategically located amidst the natural habitat of many Arctic creatures – polar bears, caribou, arctic and red fox, arctic hare, wolves and moose along with numerous

bird species such as snowy owls, ptarmigan and gyrfalcons - all of which may be encountered while on a hike, or even observed through out panoramic dining room windows on occasion! The time spent at the Lodge involves mostly terrestrial travel in order to reduce our impact on climate change as much as is possible. Out of respect for both the wildlife and the sensitive ecosystem they depend on, the use of motorized vehicles is kept to a strict minimum. With Churchill Wild, the boots were definitely made for walking!

The town of Churchill has a population of 900 however during bear season, the population skyrockets to approximately 2,500. Our wilderness lodge, located 30 km from town,

will help you escape those crowds while providing the most unique and interactive polar bear experience anywhere.

(What are those lumps hanging from the helicopter you ask? That is actually Natural Resources Canada flying a polar bear mother and her two cubs out of town...and right over our Lodge!)

Our day in Churchill on a buggy is chartered so we have far fewer guests per buggy and more viewing opportunities than would be possible any other way. You will have one of the most beautiful animals in the world just outside your window and plenty of space to watch and photograph.



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 transfers. It is also time to pick up your winter gear if you are renting. You will then be transferred by fixed wing aircraft to our Dymond Lake 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 en route for possible sightings of caribou, moose, 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. 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 Lodge 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.



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DAY 3 TO 4 - NATURE TREKKING, POLAR BEARS AND MAGNIFICENT PHOTOGRAPHY

In the coming days, your breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m. and the first walking tour generally leaves at 9:30 a.m.

Once you've fueled up with one of Churchill Wild's legendary full course breakfasts, you'll be eager to bundle up and head out into the snow. The

walks are comfortably paced as they are geared towards plenty of viewing and photo opportunities. They are guided by our professional and knowledgeable tour leaders and so you'll do a lot of learning along the way!

Lunches are served at the Lodge. We are generally back at the Lodge by 4:00 p.m. for hot or cold drinks and appetizers. Your full course

delectable dinners are served at 7:00 p.m. after which, the fireplace is almost always central.

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 from a Great Ice Bear or by one of our dazzling displays of northern lights!

LIFE-DEFINING EXPERIENCES ON YOUR GREAT ICE BEAR ADVENTURE



Trekking Among the Lords of the Arctic

This is a daily part of the Churchill Wild experience and excursions range from a short jaunt to get up close and personal with a pair of polar bears sparring within view of our Lodge to day trips further afield with a packed lunch and traditional arctic tea boil. There is no better way to experience the sheer vastness of the arctic ecosystem and the habitat of the bears' late summer home as they eagerly anticipate the freeze up of the Bay and the arrival of their hunting period.

Polar bears are curious creatures and it is not uncommon for them to visit our guests and saunter up to the perimeters of our secure arctic home and save you the trekking! These close encounters provide interactions that make for a rare and unforgettably unique experience.

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.

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.



Aurora Watching

You can enjoy the greatest light show on earth from the comfort of our Lodge. 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.

Churchill Visit

Explore the unique culture and ambiance of Churchill and you will gain a sense of what it is like to live in such an isolated community. You will have a chance to visit Churchill's unique sights and exhibits, but don't wander outside of the polar bear danger signs!

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 you are indulging in some of our appetizer 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.

Tundra Buggy™ Excursion

You will have a day to experience the more traditional method of accessing the bears in a Tundra Buggy that we have chartered for the exclusive use of Great Ice Bear guests. A local guide will provide you with a different perspective of living among the bears, as well as experiencing more of the unique coastline surrounding Churchill. And of course, more bears!





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DAY 5 - SAY GOODBYE TO THE LODGE...BUT NOT TO THE BEARS!

After another hearty breakfast and it's time to pack for the flight back to Churchill, say goodbyes and snap a few more pictures. You'll take another exciting aerial tour back to Churchill where your bags will be stored for you until you can check into your hotel 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 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 dinner voucher for tonight (participating restaurants will be outlined on the voucher.) Then it will be back to your hotel or B&B so you can rest of for your 6th and final day with the bears.

DAY 6 - TUNDRA BUGGY™ EXCURSION & BACK TO WINNIPEG

Today you will travel across the tundra in a "tundra vehicle" for more polar bear viewing. Transportation by bus to and from the station is provided at 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. respectively so remember to grab some breakfast beforehand. Lunch "with the bears" will be prepared and served to you on the tour. Your flight south to Winnipeg is scheduled for this evening and thus we wish you safe travels back to reality. 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 complimentary breakfast at your hotel before your trip back to reality.

If you haven't had enough bear action for one lifetime, ask about our Birds, Bears and Belugas adventure which takes place in July and August.

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 4: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner
- Day 5: Breakfast, Dinner
- Day 6: Breakfast, Lunch
- Day 7: Breakfast

7 Days, 6 Nights trip to our
Dymond Lake Eco-Lodge

\$9,795 CAD per person plus tax
(based on double occupancy)

