



POLAR BEARS, WOLVES, & NORTHERN LIGHTS

PHOTO IMMERSION



TREKKING TOUR / REMOTE LODGE
KASKA COAST-250 MILES SOUTH OF CHURCHILL
NOVEMBER 6-13, 2024



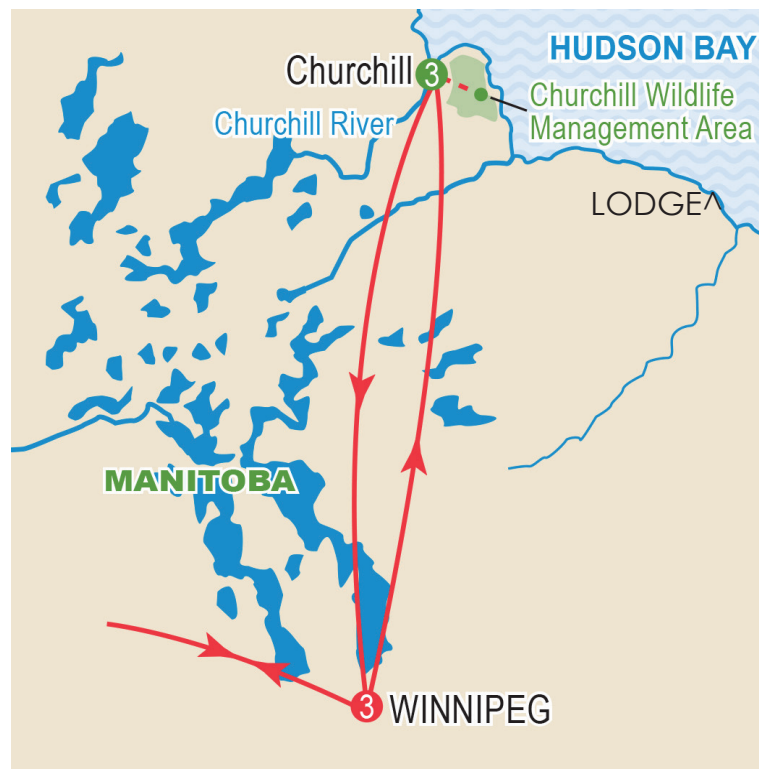
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I was afraid I'd never see something like this in my lifetime. We lived among the polar bears for several days and watched the northern lights at night. It left me speechless. ~Becca Gaines, Colorado Springs, CO

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THE TRIP AT A GLANCE

- 7 nights and 7 days in Canada, including 4 days at the remote lodge among the bears, wolves, and northern lights.
- Outdoor viewing decks and a rooftop observation deck provide 360 deg. views.
- Includes 2x daily on-the-ground, eye-level walking safaris with polar bears, arctic fox, snowshoe hare, snowy owls, wolves, and moose. Thirty-year safety record.
- November dates allow for wildlife to be photographed with ice and snow.
- One-hour flight from Churchill to lodge provides aerial photography opportunities to capture polar bears on ice.
- Parkas, boots, and winter pants are provided to all participants.
- Last day tour of Churchill may include a museum with Inuit artifacts from 1700 B.C. and more road system wildlife photos.
- Daily guide presentations.
- Comfortable accommodations with modern amenities and local dining fare.
- Small group size: 8 Wild Departure guests.
- Daily photography instruction by *Alaska Magazine* senior editor and award-winning photographer for the title.



Witness an annual spectacle, only found in Churchill



In the early winter months, more than 2,000 polar bears descend on the shores of the Hudson Bay to wait for the ice to freeze. Young males spar to gain strength and skills for dominating territories. Females protect and nurse playful cubs. Cubs roll and tumble across the snow and ice. On clear nights, the northern lights dance across the skies. And, a resident wolf pack, 15-strong, prowls the territory delighting visitors.

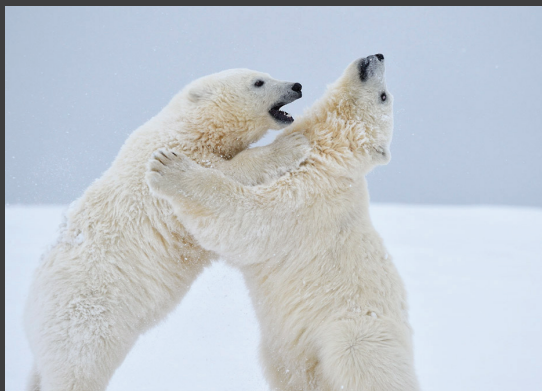
On our daily tours, we travel into the wildlife areas on open sided, ATVs, seating up to 8 passengers with unobstructed views. After finding a bear, we use strict bear-safety protocol to approach the animal on foot across the ice, allowing for low-angle and eye-level images against the ice and snow of the Hudson Bay.



Shots We'll Try to Get in the Field



Sparring bears, standing bears, moms with cubs, cubs playing, wolves, northern lights, arctic fox, snowy owl, snowshoe hare, ptarmigan, gyrfalcon, moose, red fox.





Where We Stay, Eat, Dream, and Play



Guests stay in a lodge in the middle of polar bear and wolf habitat to maximize time in the field with them. You'll eat, sleep, and dream surrounded by the great white bears of the north. In the evenings on clear nights, we're uniquely situated away from light pollution for exceptional viewing of the aurora borealis.

All guiding, activities, photo instruction, image review, presentations, and meals are included, as well as flights to and from Winnipeg and Churchill and Churchill to the remote lodge, along with 2x daily excursions on the tundra, road tour of Churchill, and lodging in Winnipeg on the front and back end.

Accommodations are spacious, comfortable rooms with private baths. Local cuisine in the main part of the lodge is prepared by a trained chef, and special dietary needs can be accommodated.



Some Other Details

DATES: 11/6 - 11/13

11/6 (Arrive in Winnipeg): We'll check into The Grand hotel next to the airport. Dinner is included for any arrivals before 6:30pm.

11/7: Breakfast and lunch at the hotel. Winter gear fitting and pickup from 4pm-6:30pm at the hotel. Dinner at 7pm.

11/8: Early morning continental breakfast before departing for the 2.5-hour flight to Churchill, where we'll meet our connecting charter for the 1-hour flight to our lodge on the southern end of the Hudson Bay. If skies are clear, guests enjoy flightseeing and wildlife spotting and rare aerial images of polar bears on ice and moose in the willows. Upon arrival at the lodge, we'll get settled into our rooms and go out on our first of many polar bear treks and wolf viewing. That evening, if skies are clear, we'll wake guests for northern lights.

11/9-11/12: In between meals, we'll trek on the ice with bears, commune with the wolves, and dance beneath the auroras. Moose, fox, and ptarmigan are also in the area. Daily photo instruction will be provided to ensure proper settings for shooting polar bears on snow (white on white), northern lights, and editing. At the lodge, we hope to wake to bears and/or wolves playing, sparring, and sleeping.

11/12: We'll enjoy breakfast and our final walk with wildlife before boarding our 1-hour charter back to Churchill, where we'll try to get more aerial images of the bears on ice. After landing, we'll explore the Inuit town of Churchill, with 1,000 residents, who live outnumbered 2:1 by bears this time of year. Tour likely includes: Churchill Itsanitaq Museum with artifacts from 1700 B.C., Inuit carvings and masks, Parks Canada Visitor Centre, and the polar bear "jail." We'll also try to get images of the bears and fox on the road system as we explore. Our flight to Winnipeg leaves after dinner, around 7pm. We'll check into The Grand.

10/13: Guests depart Winnipeg for home.

PHOTOGRAPHY INSTRUCTION / WORKSHOP

Ever wonder how photographers get those amazing shots? We'll make sure you have the proper settings for each situation based on your equipment. You'll learn how to perfect your images and post-process them in Lightroom and Topaz. Daily tutorials will go over ISO, shutter speed, focus settings, aperture, and sharpness. Hands on one-on-one instruction will be offered to all participants. This is a once-in-a-lifetime trip, and you'll leave with images worthy of any national magazine or a coveted spot on your wall.



To Book This Trip or Get Additional Information: Go to www.wilddepartures.com, email: info@wilddepartures.com, or call 720-635-1380.

Some Other Details

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TRANSPORTATION

Please arrive on 11/6 in Winnipeg. You can depart any time on 11/13. The hotel is adjacent to the airport, so no shuttle service is necessary. Please note: Airfare to and from your departure city and Winnipeg is not included in the trip fee.

INCLUSIONS AND EXCLUSIONS

Inclusions:

All meals 11/6-11/12, starting with dinner on 11/6 and ending with dinner 11/12. Guiding, photography instruction, presentations, flights to and from Churchill and Winnipeg and Churchill and the remote lodge. Accommodations from 11/6-11/13, park fees, taxes (8.5%) and gratuities. Arctic-rated parka, pants, and boots are included for the duration of the trip.

Exclusions:

Airfare and transportation from your home city to and from Winnipeg. Baggage charges. Recommended gear: A suggested packing list will be provided upon trip registration.

TRIP INSURANCE

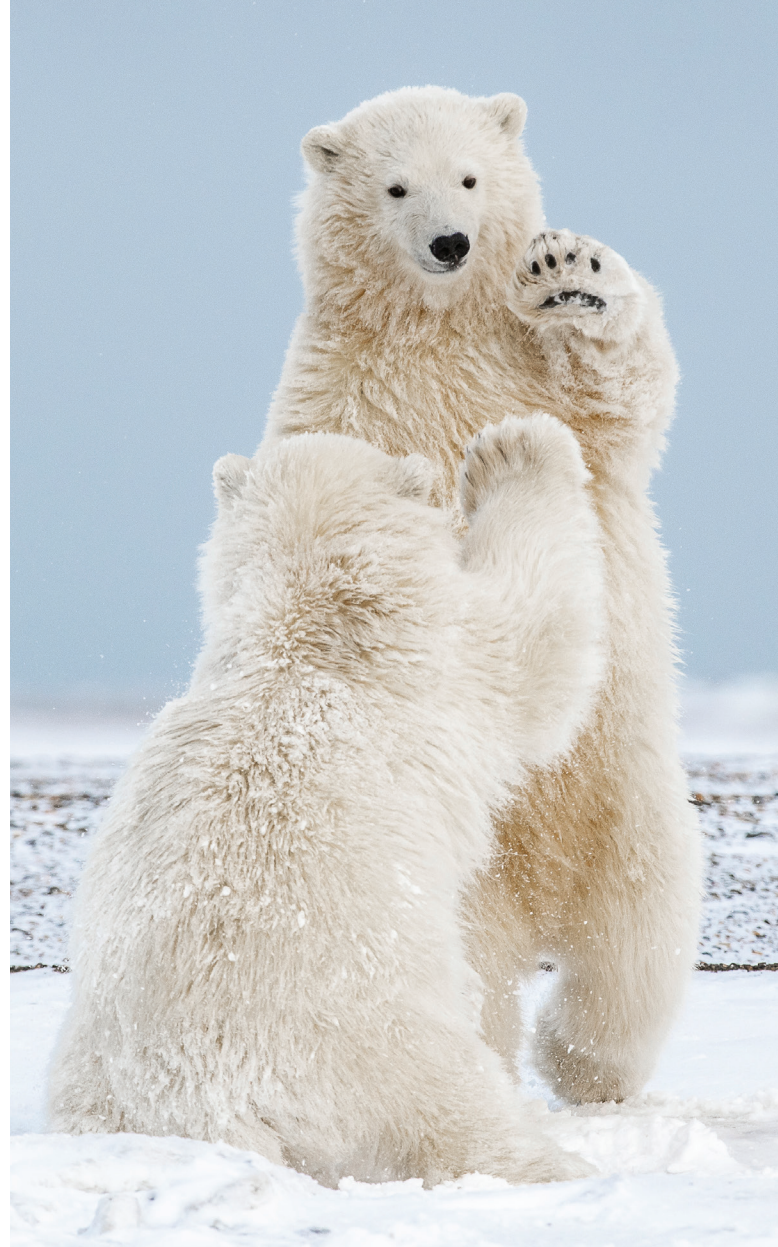
Trip insurance is required in case of illness, weather delays, or unforeseen cancellations. This northern area is unpredictable and weather delays and/or cancellations are not uncommon.

TOTAL COST

\$19,500 USD per person / double-occupancy.

DEPOSIT AND PAYMENTS

See full Terms and Conditions upon registration.



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