

LORD OF THE ARCTIC: MANITOBA, CANADA



October 28 - November 3, 2013
 \$6,895 per person, double occupancy
 \$1,395 single supplement

WHY WE PICKED IT There's no better place than Churchill to see some of nature's most magnificent sights, from massive polar bears to the spectacular northern lights of the Aurora Borealis. This ecological sanctuary is home to not only the regal polar bear, but over 150 species of birds, 500 species of plants and 44 species of mammals. As you cross the frozen tundra, you may see Snowy Owls, Eider Duck, Gyrfalcons, Arctic fox and caribou. Explore the towns of Winnipeg and Churchill and learn more about your northern neighbors. Take the plunge and join us for this once-in-a-lifetime adventure to experience some of the most extraordinary sights on earth, and reconnect with the wildlife and wild places that make our continued commitment to conservation so critical.

CLASSIC ESCAPES Classic Escapes is a family-owned, boutique travel company specializing in nature and cultural travel around the globe. Our team represents decades of experience in travel and our programs are based on first-hand knowledge of our destinations. Every one of our programs combines stunning scenery, close wildlife encounters, key historic attractions and unique cultural excursions. Our mission is to provide exciting, educational and fun-filled travel experiences that nurture and directly support the wildlife and cultures we visit around the world. We believe travel is the best tool for building the mutual respect, awareness, and understanding that are vital to preserving the planet for future generations.

THE NWF CONNECTION At National Wildlife Federation, it is our goal to reconnect children and families with nature. There is no better way to “sell” our enthusiasm for the wildlife and wild places we fight to protect, than to promote the exposure of people to these wonders firsthand. We know that by sharing the beauty and adventure of these extraordinary places, we ensure the commitment of supporters like you to their continued protection.

PLEASE SEE THE REVERSE SIDE FOR A COMPLETE DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY.
 TO ASK QUESTIONS OR TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE ON THIS TOUR,
 PLEASE CALL 800-606-9563 OR EMAIL expeditions@nwf.org.

October 28 Gather in Winnipeg, Manitoba, a city offering a unique blend of lifestyle and culture. Upon arrival you will be escorted to your hotel. After setting in, meet up with your naturalist guide, Pat Rousseau, and have a briefing on your upcoming program. Enjoy dinner at your hotel and get to meet your fellow travelers.

Overnight: Airport Hilton Suites Hotel (D)

October 29 Spend the day exploring Winnipeg, starting at the famed Museum of Man and Nature, and learn about the history and environment of the province. Head to Fort Whyte Nature Centre, a premier outdoor education and recreation facility. With 400 acres of unique ecology, delve into the center's highlights, including a 70-acre Bison Prairie, bird feeding station, and floating boardwalks, providing views of songbirds, deer, and waterfowl. Inside, find the Aquarium of the Prairies and then head to The Forks— an expanse of riverside property in downtown Winnipeg. Afterwards, go on a behind-the-scenes tour of the Assiniboine Park Zoo, specializing in cold-hardy species from northern latitudes such as the Siberian tiger, polar bear, and snow leopard. *Overnight: Airport Hilton Suites Hotel (B, L, D)*

October 30 Depart on a morning flight for Churchill, on the west shore of the Hudson Bay. Full of magnificent sights, from polar bears to the northern lights of the Aurora Borealis, the town of Churchill is situated in the 7,250-square-mile Cape Churchill Wildlife Management Area. It is home to over 150 species of birds, 500 plants, and 44 species of mammals. Your exploration will capture sights of Snowy Owls, Eider Duck, Willow Ptarmigan, lemmings, arctic fox, and the polar bear. Tour the town and the Eskimo Museum, finish with a

hearty dinner at the infamous Gypsy's and spend your nights in the midst of Churchill's restaurants, bars, and shops at the Aurora Inn.

Overnight: Aurora Inn (B, L, D)

October 31 Head out on a 45 minute drive to the tundra, where your "Tundra Buggy" is located. Hop on and travel the tundra discovering polar bears amongst other wildlife. Expert guides accompany the way on this exciting vehicle that is 15 feet high— allowing for superb views of wildlife. Although heated, the buggy leaves the windows open for photography that captures the natural habitat. Return late in the evening for a cozy night.

Overnight: Aurora Inn (B, L, D)

November 1 Spend another day on the Tundra during one of the world's most fascinating wildlife events. Polar bears converge near the bay waiting for the ice to freeze over to begin their annual hunt of seal. The Arctic Tern makes its biannual migration from pole to pole. Various fox species, Tundra Swan, Horned Grebe, Arctic Loon, and the Willow Ptarmigan also roam the area, making spectacular wildlife sights while on the buggy. Afterwards take some free time in town with an optional helicopter ride, flown by a polar bear research aviator. That night, experience dinner on the tundra and an exploration of polar bears by spotlight while searching for the Northern Lights. *Overnight: Aurora Inn (B, L, D)*

November 2 Transfer to the airport to fly back to Winnipeg. After an afternoon at leisure, be treated to a farewell dinner at your hotel.

Overnight: Airport Hilton Hotel (B, L Aloft, D)

November 3 After breakfast, head to the airport for a flight home filled with memories from this special place. *(B, Meals Aloft)*

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES: All accommodations, all transportation, all meals as listed in the itinerary (b=breakfast, l=lunch, d=dinner), all sites and excursions as specified, entrance fees to all sites, professional tour management throughout the entire program, gratuities for staff at hotels and restaurants included in the itinerary, taxes and service charges throughout, complete pre-departure materials to help you prepare for your tour.

NOT INCLUDED: Airfare to and from departure city, optional guide and tour manager gratuities, optional helicopter ride, alcoholic beverages, personal expenses such as laundry, souvenirs, and film. US Customs Fees/ Security Charge.



Keith Morehead, USFWS Headquarters

\$500 DEPOSIT PER PERSON

CANCELLATION POLICY

Full refund minus \$250 per person prior to July 25, 2013

50% of total tour cost between July 26-August 29, 2013

After August 30, 2013, refund is dependent on amount recoverable from overseas suppliers.

QUESTIONS AND RESERVATIONS

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