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# Canada Polar Bear Safaris | Birds, Bears and Belugas

#### 2025

#### Wildlife Viewing

8 Days / 7 Nights Winnipeg to Winnipeg Priced at CAD \$17,998 per person

Prices are per person and include all taxes, child age 12 - 8 yrs. Child rates are based on two paying adults.

# INTRODUCTION

Birds, Bears and Belugas takes place at Seal River Heritage Lodge, and combines the thrill of beluga whale watching in July and August with the adventure of Churchill Wild's signature "on the ground" polar bear walking safaris. Seal River Heritage Lodge is situated in the vast coastal "polar bear waiting room" on the Hudson Bay coast, and the bears provide fantastic viewing opportunities for us as they wile away the summer waiting for the sea ice to return.

## Itinerary at a Glance

DAY 1 Winnipeg | Arrival

DAY 2 Winnipeg to Seal River Lodge | Flights + Wildlife Safari

DAYS 3 - 6 Seal River Lodge | Tundra Trekking, Polar Bears, Beluga Whales & Arctic Wildlife

DAY 7 Seal River Lodge to Winnipeg | Flight

Day Tour in Churchill

DAY 8 Winnipeg | Departure

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# MAP



#### **DETAILED ITINERARY**

#### Day 1 Winnipeg | Arrival

Arrive in Winnipeg where you will enjoy a relaxing stay at our choice hotel, The Grand by Lakeview at the Winnipeg Airport. Meet the rest of your group during an orientation dinner hosted by a Churchill Wild representative. (Dinner is included this evening)

#### Day 2 Winnipeg to Seal River Lodge | Flights + Wildlife Safari

Arrive in Churchill by air where one of our expert staff will meet you at the airport and provide you with instructions for the morning transfers. Your adventure begins with an aerial flight over the winding Hudson Bay coast en-route to your home for the next six days, Seal River Heritage Lodge. Watch out for pods of whales, birds, and of course, the magnificent Ice Bears. The Seal River Estuary is a summer favorite for these goliaths, and they are regularly seen swimming or basking near the water's edge. Upon your arrival, your hosts will provide a tour of the Lodge and get you settled into your room. A thorough orientation on travel in polar bear country will be provided prior to any outings. Then after lunch head out to experience the coast for the first time. Evenings typically include an informative lecture or slide show presentation narrated by one of Churchill Wild's knowledgeable guides or staff. (Breakfast, lunch & dinner included)

# Days 3 – 6 Seal River Lodge | Tundra Trekking, Polar Bears, Beluga Whales & Arctic Wildlife

Each day head out for either a guided hike, ATV excursion further down the coast or marine tour returning to the lodge for lunch. Aside from the polar bears and beluga whales, you'll have the opportunity to see other Arctic wildlife on this trip, as well as birds galore such as ptarmigan, Smith's Longspur, Ross' and Bonaparte gulls, jaegers etc. In fact, it isn't unusual for birders to see 100 species over the course of their adventure. Relive the excitement of the day during daily appetizer hour before sitting down to dinner, then top up your glass of wine and settle in for the evening's presentation.

Bedtime is at your leisure. Staff monitor the Lodge area all night so be prepared to have your sleep cut short by a nocturnal visit from one of the great ice bears (or by one of our dazzling displays of northern lights! (Breakfast, lunch & dinner included)

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#### Day 7 Seal River Lodge | Churchill Tour | Winnipeg | Flight

After one last hearty Lodge breakfast, begin with the 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 a tour guide exploring the town and surrounding area, learning about its rich history as a seaport and ex-military base. 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 before your evening flight back to Winnipeg. (Breakfast, lunch & dinner included)

#### Day 8 Winnipeg | Departure

Upon check-out your Arctic Polar Bear Safari come to an end.



#### **INCLUDED**

# Package includes:

- 2 nights in Winnipeg at The Grand by Lakeview at Winnipeg Airport Hotel
- 5 nights at Seal River Lodge
- Roundtrip airfare between Winnipeg, Churchill and the Lodge
- Activities as noted in the itinerary
- 6 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 7 dinners

**Gear Provided** The equipment we provide at the Lodge such as rain gear, rubber boots, winter gear (rental), and gear for use during marine excursions are designed to fit guests from child to adult. Boot sizes larger than a men's size 13 or a very small child are considered to be customized sizes that we do not provide. Additionally, guests over 6'4" may be required to bring their own gear as we may not have clothing sizes to fit.

### Not Included:

- Transportation to and from Winnipeg
- Gratuities & personal expenses

# **DATES & PRICING**

#### Departs Winnipeg:

Jul 6, 11, 16, 21, 26, 31 Aug 5, 10, 15 (Tour code: CHWBBB)

DATE	DOUBLE	SINGLE	TRIPLE	CHILD
8 Day   7 Night Package				
06 Jul 25 - 15 Aug 25	\$17,998	\$33,000	\$17,998	\$16,283

Pricing in CAD\$. Prices are per person and include all taxes, child age 12 - 8 yrs. Child rates are based on two paying adults.