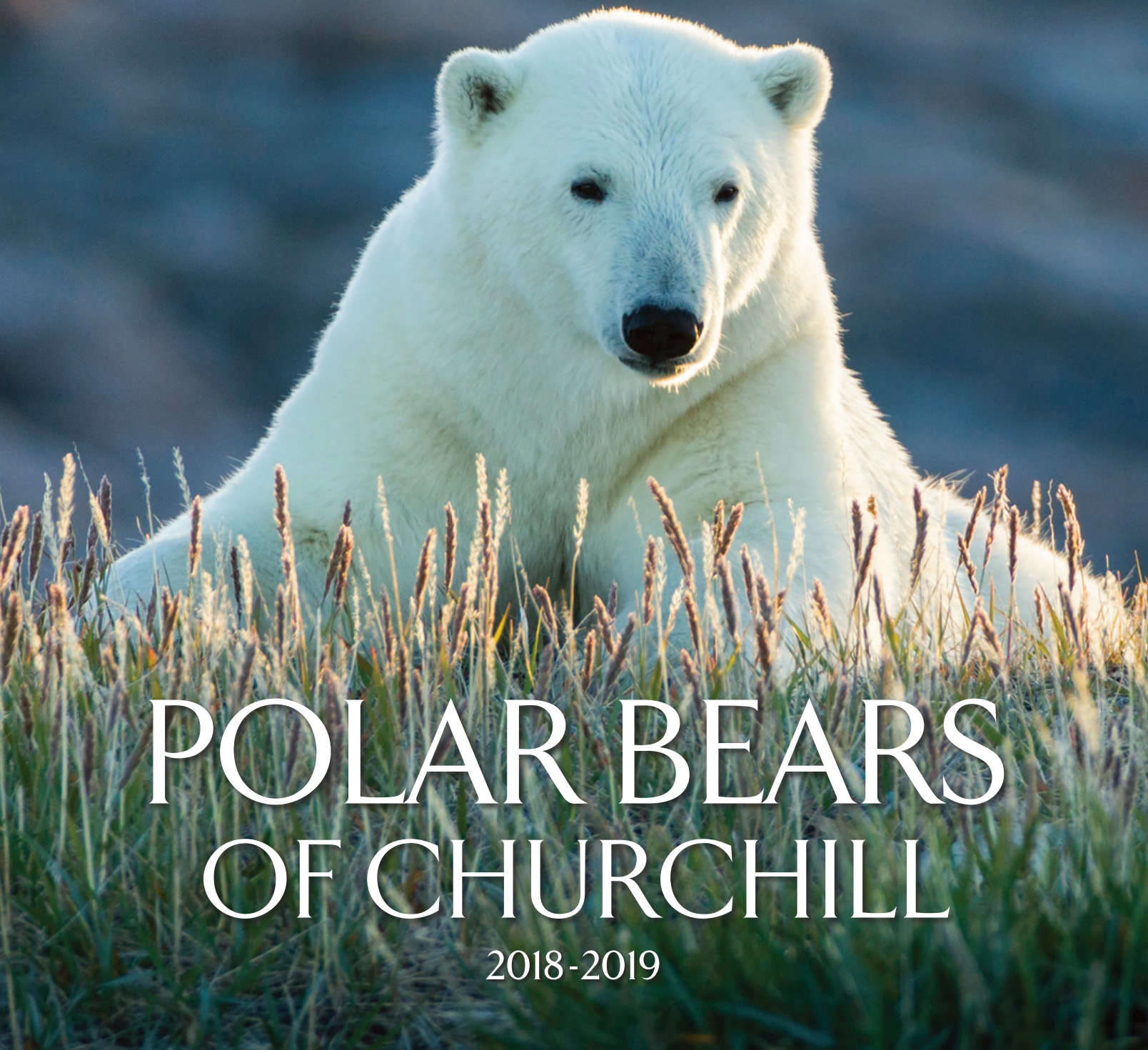


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ORIGINAL JOURNEYS SINCE 1947



POLAR BEARS OF CHURCHILL

2018-2019



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7 DAYS + FROM \$5,999 + Never more than 16 guests

One Amazing Journey... Two Amazing Animals!

- + Step aboard the Coast Guard certified *Sam Hearne* to see polar bears in their summer habitat; we may encounter them swimming in these waters and, conditions permitting, you might even go ashore to walk with the bears!
- + Experience the intelligence and curiosity of beluga whales: Venturing out in our *Zodiacs*, you'll find yourself surrounded by the pods of whales that come here in summer to mate, feed and raise their young.
- + Choose a guided snorkeling or kayaking adventure for another thrilling up-close experience with Hudson Bay's resident beluga whales.
- + Step into the fur-trading days of the Hudson's Bay Company on our guided tours of the Prince of Wales Fort and Cape Merry where the town of Churchill was founded in 1717.
- + Our Arctic Crawlers™ will take you into the wildly beautiful and rugged landscapes of the tundra, home to diverse wildlife including a variety of migratory birds, Arctic hares, Arctic foxes, caribou, moose and eagles.
- + Our guided tour of Winnipeg includes The Forks, a National Historic Site that has witnessed 6,000 years of history from ancient aboriginal settlements to the arrival of European fur traders and railway pioneers.

OUR JOURNEY

DAY1 | *Welcome Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada*

Upon arrival this morning, you'll be chauffeured to the *Inn at The Forks*. On this afternoon's city tour, you'll see St. Boniface Cathedral and the Manitoba Legislative Building, surrounded by lovely gardens. In The Forks, you'll learn about the city's long history, from ancient settlements to the arrival of fur traders and railway pioneers. You'll have time to refresh before this evening's welcome dinner. **MEALS D**

DAY2 | *Charter flight to the polar bear capital*

After breakfast, we'll take you to the airport for our flight to Churchill, set along the Churchill River where it flows into Hudson Bay. On arrival,

you'll be escorted to the *Lazy Bear Lodge* where a welcome bottle of wine awaits in your cozy guestroom. Then join fellow guests for a guided tour. See the famed Polar Bear Jail where rogue bears that come too close to town can be housed until they're safely released deeper in the wilderness. You'll also learn about the town's founding in 1717 at historic Cape Merry and see Miss Piggy, a freight plane that went down in 1979 – landing in the wilderness without any fatalities.

By special arrangement, A+R guests will join a local wildlife photographer for a private presentation. Viewing his work is the perfect introduction to your own upcoming explorations. Photographers, regardless of your experience level, will find his tips insightful and helpful. Tonight you'll dine at the inviting *Lazy Bear Café*.

MEALS B+D

The peak of summer is the only time that you can see both polar bears and beluga whales as they come to the shores and coastal waters of Hudson Bay. And with never more than 16 guests, the smallest groups in Canada, our exclusive itinerary features 4 nights at the famed *Lazy Bear Lodge*; with this unhurried stay, we can take you out by land and water for multiple up-close encounters with two of the most amazing animals on the planet.

DAY 3 | *Polar bears of Hudson Bay*

The western coast of Hudson Bay is one of the best places in the world to encounter polar bears in their native habitat. This morning, you'll step aboard the *Sam Hearne*, our Coast Guard certified, custom-built boat to go in search of these amazing creatures. In late summer, the polar bears are a little bit lazy, gathering on the shore and giving us an amazing opportunity to watch as they lumber among the rocks and wildflowers that dot the shoreline. Often, we'll also see them swimming in the pristine waters of the Bay. Local conditions permitting, you might even have the chance to go ashore to walk with the bears! With insight and guidance from our expert wildlife guides, it's not unusual for guests to have remarkably up-close encounters that allow for truly once-in-a-lifetime photographs! Today's expedition lasts 6 to 8 hours and includes a boxed lunch.

Tonight, we've made private arrangements for our guests to spend some time with Gerald Azure. In the 1960's, Cormorant, Manitoba was a small Métis community accessible only by the Hudson Bay Rail Line – and dog sleds. It was here that Mr. Azure developed a lifelong connection to his land, heritage and sled dogs. He arrived in Churchill more than 15 years ago and found a welcoming community where he could establish his own

dog-sledding enterprise while retaining his Métis history, culture and heritage. With the possibility of witnessing the Aurora Borealis in the dark northern sky, tonight's congenial discussions with Mr. Azure promise unique insight into the life, people and traditions of Manitoba. MEALS B+L

DAY 4 | *Beluga whale watching expedition by zodiac*

Today's 3-hour expedition finds you in our highly maneuverable *Zodiacs*, exploring the waters of the Churchill River and Hudson Bay. In summer, up to 60,000 beluga whales come here to feed, mate, and raise their young. Belugas are highly intelligent and curious, and they will often swim surprisingly close – as if to investigate our boats and their 2-legged passengers! You'll also step ashore for a guided tour of the Prince of Wales Fort, built by the Hudson's Bay Company during the fur trading days of the 1700's.

Later today, A+R guests will have a chance to get even closer to the beluga whales with their choice of an included snorkeling or kayaking adventure:

Snorkeling with Beluga Whales: Get up-close with these gentle giants under the experienced eye of our guides. Starting with an instructional session, this 3-hour tour includes an Arctic dry suit and all gear; it is shared with other Lodge guests and subject to weather and water conditions.



Kayaking with the Whales: This 3-hour guided adventure begins with a short instructional session. Venturing onto the Churchill River in single or double kayaks, you'll have a chance to closely observe beluga whales in their natural environment. This excursion is shared with other Lodge guests and includes wet suits, life jackets and equipment.

Later today, join other guests for a Dog Carting adventure. Riding behind a team of energetic sled dogs is a terrific way to appreciate the beauty of the countryside and to experience a slice of Manitoba life. You'll also learn how the dogs are trained and gain insight into the local dog-mushing culture. MEALS B+L



With hundreds of whales in these waters, the curious ones will often swim up to our boat.

Our A+R Exclusives

- + A local wildlife photographer will share his personal photos and insightful tips on capturing unforgettable images of the polar bears and beluga whales of Churchill.
- + Gain insight into the local Métis community and the life of Churchill's 1,000 hardy residents during our private cultural talk with a lifetime Manitoba resident.



Our included snorkeling (or kayaking) excursions include all apparel and gear.

DAY 5 | Tundra Tour on our Arctic Crawlers™

Today you'll hop aboard our Arctic Crawlers™ for a guided tour across the tundra. In addition to the polar bears and beluga whales that you've already encountered, the western shores of Hudson Bay are home to many other species – including a wide variety of migratory birds, Arctic hare, Arctic fox, caribou, moose and eagles. With our expert naturalists, you and other Lodge guests will spend 3 to 4 hours getting to know the geology, flora and fauna of the wildly beautiful tundra.



Because our included Snorkeling or Kayaking Tour depends on local conditions, this free afternoon offers another chance to enjoy the tour of your choice – if it was not available yesterday. Or you might even have the opportunity to do both!

This evening, you'll gather for a farewell dinner at the *Lazy Bear Café*. **MEALS B+D**

DAY 6 | Return flight to Winnipeg

After a free morning to enjoy our Lodge or to explore the small settlement of Churchill on your own, you'll be escorted to the airport for our charter flight back to Winnipeg. On arrival, you'll be met and transferred once again to the *Inn at The Forks*. Your evening is free to enjoy downtown Winnipeg as you wish. **MEALS B**

DAY 7 | Homeward bound

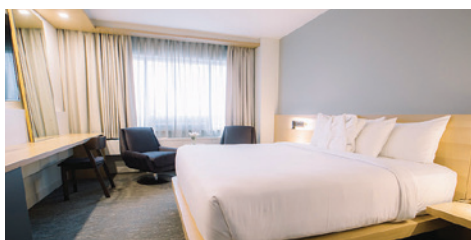
You'll be chauffeured to the airport today for your homeward flight. **MEALS B**

ADD AN EXTRA NIGHT IN WINNIPEG

Extend your tour with another night at our luxury boutique hotel in The Forks, Winnipeg's historic riverfront district. We include dining certificates for The Forks Market, a lively food and shopping emporium set in redesigned turn-of-the-century stables, and prepaid entry for the outstanding Manitoba Museum. Both are within easy walking distance of our hotel.

Available before or after your Churchill adventure for \$499 per person.

OUR LUXURY BOUTIQUE HOTEL + HISTORIC TIMBER LODGE



WINNIPEG – INN AT THE FORKS

In the heart of The Forks, a National Historic Site, our contemporary luxury boutique hotel offers a privileged city-center location close to museums, dining, and tree-shaded riverfront parks



CHURCHILL – LAZY BEAR LODGE

Built with reclaimed timber logs, everything about our inviting lodge speaks to the history and beauty of Churchill. Spacious guestrooms have all the modern amenities including free Wi-Fi and cable TV.

7 DAYS FROM ~~\$6,499~~ \$5,999

OUR ORIGINAL JOURNEY **Value**

- + **Save** \$1,000 per couple | \$500 solo when you pay in full at time of booking
- + Full-day Hudson Bay Coastal Tour with an experienced naturalist guide aboard the Coast Guard certified *Sam Hearne* to see polar bears in their natural habitat
- + Expertly guided marine expedition in our maneuverable *Zodiacs* to observe beluga whales in their summer feeding and mating grounds in the waters of the Churchill River and Hudson Bay
- + Expertly-guided Tundra Tour aboard our exclusive Arctic Crawlers™
- + Your choice of a guided snorkeling or kayaking adventure for another up-close encounter with beluga whales – including all required apparel, equipment and gear
- + Guided sightseeing tours in Winnipeg and Churchill
- + 11 Meals: 6 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 3 dinners
- + 2 nights in Winnipeg at our luxury boutique hotel, the *Inn at The Forks*
- + 4 nights at the *Lazy Bear Lodge* in Churchill with a Welcome Bottle of Wine
- + All on-tour transportation including charter roundtrip flights between Winnipeg and Churchill and all airport transfers
- + Luggage handling and all hotel taxes and service charges
- + **Family+Friends** – Travel with 3 or more and save \$50-\$200 more per person

Act now. Space is limited.

2018-2019 **Rates** LAND ONLY PER PERSON

SMALL GROUP

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2018	DOUBLE	SOLO
Aug 16, Aug 20	\$6,499	\$8,199
2019		
Aug 16, Aug 20	\$6,699	\$8,399