



JULY 26 - AUGUST 1, 2024

# Polar Bears & Beluga Whales



Animals of the Arctic | Summer Expedition



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Dear Friends,

Please join fellow alumni and friends for a special opportunity to witness the diverse wildlife and pioneering spirit of the Canadian Arctic in summer.

On this seven-day journey, discover the beauty and magnitude of Churchill, Manitoba—a remote town on the banks of the Hudson Bay renown for hosting polar bears and beluga whales.

When people think of whale watching excursions, they envision fleeting glimpses of magnificent creatures off in the distance. On this journey, guests are delighted to get amazingly close to a multitude of friendly and vocal beluga whales while exploring the Hudson Bay by catamaran or skiff. During the summer, these curious mammals are often found in warm-water estuaries and river basins, making this an ideal place to see them.

Also during summer, polar bears can sometimes be spotted lazily roaming for food on land and along the shoreline, conserving their energy during the warmer months while waiting for the ice to form again.

The expert guidance of an Orbridge Expedition Leader and a local naturalist, plus exclusive educational experiences—including presentations from Assiniboine Park Zoo and Churchill's Northern Studies Centre—distinguish this program.

Space is limited. With significant savings of more than \$1,000 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly. Be certain to reserve your spot today.

Reserve today online at [ncsu.orbridge.com](http://ncsu.orbridge.com), by calling (919) 515-0508 or using our online WolfTrek reservation form at [go.ncsu.edu/wolftreksreservation](http://go.ncsu.edu/wolftreksreservation).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy Hart".

Kathy Hart  
WolfTrek Travel Director  
NC State Alumni Association

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## Your 7-Day Itinerary

*NOTE: Daily activities will be determined by weather, opportunities to view wildlife, and other various elements that make up the diverse Arctic summer. Guests will receive a daily itinerary, which will be flexible and updated frequently. The itinerary below is a general listing of activities and excursions that may happen during any part of the program.*

**Day 1:** Arrive in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada / Assiniboine Park Zoo (R,D)  
Welcome reception, dinner, and presentation  
Overnight: Fort Garry Hotel & Spa

**Day 2:** Winnipeg / Flight to Churchill / Cultural and Heritage Tour (B,L,D)  
Panoramic site visits: Miss Piggy Plane Crash site, Polar Bear "Jail," and Cape Merry  
Overnight: Lazy Bear Lodge

**Day 3:** Churchill / Boat Tour / Prince of Wales Fort / Dog Mushing (B)  
Zodiac boat tour providing up-close whale watching and photography opportunities, dog cart ride  
Overnight: Lazy Bear Lodge

**Day 4:** Churchill / Hudson Bay Coastal Tour (B,L)  
Full-day bear- and whale-spotting excursion aboard a custom water vessel  
Overnight: Lazy Bear Lodge

**Day 5:** Churchill / Arctic Crawler Experience / Itsanitaq Museum (B,L,D)  
With cameras in hand, board the Arctic Crawler™ to traverse the beautiful landscapes and search for wildlife, Itsanitaq Museum tour  
Overnight: Lazy Bear Lodge

**Day 6:** Churchill / Northern Studies Centre / Flight to Winnipeg (B,L,R)  
Interactive presentation and learn about current research, farewell reception  
Overnight: Grand Winnipeg Airport Hotel

**Day 7:** Depart Winnipeg (B)

## Program Highlights

- Join fellow travelers for a warm welcome, then step out for a special evening reception in Assiniboine Park Zoo's underwater viewing tunnels. Observe the polar bears and seals as they swim in the crystal clear pools above you. A three-course meal with wine is served under the dancing Northern Lights in the Aurora Borealis Theatre. Following dinner, enjoy a presentation on the magnificent polar bears.
- Embark upon two separate water tours of Hudson Bay to see many of the 60,000 beluga whales that inhabit the area. Keep an eye out for polar bears, caribou, seals, and a multitude of bird species found along the shore.
- Aboard the Arctic Crawler™, venture out onto stark and beautiful landscapes, stopping to enjoy the scenery as you search for arctic hare, snowy owl, ptarmigan, or arctic fox.
- Choose between two optional guided excursion activities (additional fee): a 3-hour kayaking tour or a 3-hour Beluga AquaGliding™ tour.
- Visit Churchill's Itsanitaq Museum for an exploration of indigenous ways of life while viewing remarkable examples of Inuit craftsmanship.
- Meet an energetic team of sled dogs and their experienced handler, then climb into a dog cart for your own exciting ride.
- **What's included:** 6 nights hotel and lodge accommodations; round-trip airfare for the charter flight between Winnipeg and Churchill, 6 breakfasts, 4 lunches, and 3 dinners including a special welcome reception and dinner, and a farewell reception; full guiding services of an Orbridge Expedition Leader and a local naturalist; excursion transportation and entry fees; and all gratuities.

(B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner, R=Reception)

**Activity Level:** Guests should be sure-footed on stairs, ramps, and small vessels and able to walk on uneven ground without assistance. Skiffs provide the mode for much of the exploration on this program and guests should be sure-footed to enter/exit the vessel.



## The Matonabee

This expedition vessel is ideal for spotting wildlife.

The Matonabee is a 70-foot catamaran touring cruise vessel. It features comfortable seats, large windows, spacious viewing decks, and a fully serviced galley, complete with espresso machine. Don't miss the unique views from the Matonabee's 12 underwater windows.

Enjoy the boat's ability to deploy rigid inflatable boats for exploration. Cruise along the coast of the Hudson Bay to places such as Seal River and Button Bay, a favorite gathering spot for polar bears.

Come aboard and join your naturalist guide for an amazing day of discovery in this remote and fascinating place.



## The Arctic Crawler™

A rugged all-terrain vehicle.

Get up-close access to the wildlife of the tundra aboard this specially designed trekking vehicle. The Arctic Crawler™ features comfortable seating, on-board facilities with flush toilet, large windows that lower for better viewing, and a spacious, fully grated outside rear deck for optimal photography opportunities. With the expertise of the driver and your Orbridge Expedition Leader, you will witness all the stunning natural beauty and diverse wildlife the tundra has to offer.





## Your Accommodations (subject to change)

### FORT GARRY HOTEL & SPA

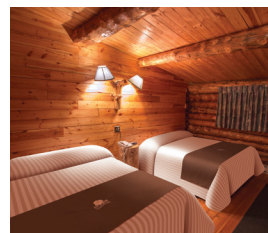
After an exciting day of exploration, retire to this landmark property in the heart of downtown Winnipeg, featuring high-tech amenities and a modern mix of contemporary style and Old World elegance.



### LAZY BEAR LODGE

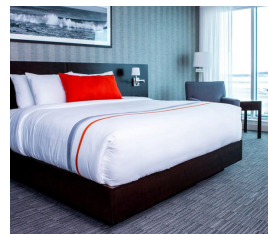
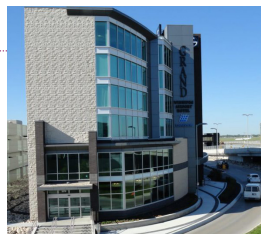
A log builder in a previous career, Wally Daudrich built the Lazy Bear Lodge himself, literally. Drawn to the area by its sense of freedom, Wally and a partner dragged fire-killed logs from the forest by snowmobile, crafting them first into a small café, then a small lodge, and finally the two-story, 15,000-square-foot, modern Lazy Bear Lodge of today.

Experience the warm hospitality of Wally and his staff, and dine on fabulous northern cuisine. You can see the gnarled and knotted log timbers from the northern Boreal forest used to make both the lodge and the furniture. It's the perfect combination of remote northern living with all the cozy comforts and conveniences travelers desire.



### GRAND WINNIPEG AIRPORT HOTEL

Located next to the Winnipeg airport terminal, this boutique property provides beautifully appointed accommodations and thoughtful amenities. The hotel's restaurant, Blue Marble, uses locally produced ingredients to create an unforgettable dining experience.



## Your Orbridge Expedition Leader:

The company and keen eyes of an expert Orbridge Expedition Leader will make all the difference in your educational experience. Enriched by their wealth of expertise, you'll bring home a deeper understanding of the flora, fauna, natural history, and cultural narrative of the diverse Canadian Arctic.

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Standard Rate:	Special Rate:
<del>\$7,499</del>	<b>\$6,995*</b>
\$9,499 Single	\$8,995 Single

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## Reserve by Check:

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 Mail to: NC State Alumni Association  
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## GUEST INFORMATION:

Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## DEPOSIT PAYMENT:

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 Name (as printed on card): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Billing Address (if different from above): \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

## DEPOSIT:

# \_\_\_\_\_ guests joining program (\$850/person) = **TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

## MAIN PROGRAM OPTIONALS (added to your final invoice):

# \_\_\_\_\_ guests joining Kayaking Tour (\$175/person)  
 # \_\_\_\_\_ guests joining AquaGliding Tour (\$215/person)

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reservations, Deposits and Final Payment.** To secure your reservation, deposits are due upon placing a reservation as follows: \$850 per person per program and \$500 per person for any pre/post-tour. Orbridge accepts payment by check, ACH, wire or major credit card. Final payment is due 90 days prior to the departure date. Reservations made after the final payment due date are due at the time of registration. If final payment is not received by Orbridge by the final payment due date, Orbridge may cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right of refund. CST#2098750-40 WST#602828994

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**Reservation Cancellations and Refunds.** Notice of cancellation must be submitted to Orbridge in writing. The date of receipt will be used for the effective date. If the cancellation notice is received after the Grace Period (if applicable): (a) 91+ days prior to the departure date, all monies paid will be refunded less an administrative fee of \$350 per person for the main program and \$200 per person for a pre/post-tour; (b) 90-76 days prior to the departure date, a 25% cancellation fee for the full cost of the program and the balance will be refunded; (c) 75-61 days prior to the departure date, a 50% cancellation fee for the full cost of the program and the balance will be refunded; (d) 60-46 days prior to the departure date, a 75% cancellation fee for the full cost of the program and the balance will be refunded; (e) within 45 days prior to the departure date, a 100% cancellation fee for the full cost of the program. A 100% cancellation fee applies to all non-refundable airfare. Refunds, if any, will be processed within 30 days of our receipt of your written notice.

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## What Guests Are Saying...

*We loved Lazy Bear Lodge—very rustic, and the food was excellent. Our Expedition Leader went over and above to make sure we always knew what was going on and when. She was very knowledgeable about Churchill and the wildlife. ~William & Luanne T., Centreville, VA*

*This is our seventh Orbridge experience. We keep coming back for more due to the outstanding programs and guides. This program was better than expected! Highlights included the Hudson Bay tour, and the Assiniboine Park Zoo experience was excellent. ~Bob & Kim B., Deerfield, IL*



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