

# 9 Day Arctic Safari

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## **Highlights**

- Schmok Lake Tundra Camp
- 5 morning excursions
- Glamping in the Barren Lands

## **Inclusions**

- 2 nights of accommodation in Winnipeg
- 4 nights of accommodation at Seal River Heritage Lodge
- 2 nights of accommodation at Tundra Camp
- 7 breakfasts
- 7 lunches
- 8 dinners
- Round-trip airfare between Winnipeg
- Churchill and Churchill Wild Lodges
- Sightseeing and attractions as listed

## **Exclusions**

- Airfare unless specified as included within the itinerary
- Taxes as applicable
- Travel Insurance and Cancellation Protection (strongly recommended, ask us for a quote!)
- Gratuities for Local Guides, Tour Managers, and/or Bus Drivers
- Meals not specifically mentioned as included in the itinerary
- Items (attractions and sightseeing & entrance fees) not listed as included in the itinerary
- \* (does not include applicable taxes)

Note: Arrival and departure flights into Winnipeg can be booked for any time on arrival and departure day. Airfare is included from Winnipeg to Churchill and return. Single guests can sign up to share a room with another person of the same gender at the regular rate per person based on double occupancy.

## **Itinerary**

#### Day 1: Winnipeg

Canada/USA 1-866-814-7378



Arrive in Winnipeg where you will enjoy a relaxing stay at our choice hotel. At 7:00 pm a dinner will be held at the hotel, where you will meet your group and your adventure specialist. You will need your rest for your early morning departure to Churchill.

Overnight: Winnipeg

## Day 2: Winnipeg - Churchill - Seal River Lodge (Flight)

Arrive in Churchill by air, where expert staff will meet you at the airport and provide you with instructions regarding your morning transfers. Your flight will take you northwest along the rugged Hudson Bay coastline to the finest polar bear viewing eco-lodge on the planet, Seal River Lodge. There will be endless visuals en route, so keep those eyes open for polar bears, caribou and other wildlife. Arrive at the Lodge, meet your hosts, check into your private room. Depending on your trip dates, you'll either receive a safety briefing and head out for your first hike or pack an overnight bag and continue to Schmok Lake Tundra Camp where your orientation will be delivered.

Overnight: Churchill

## Day 3-7: Seal River Lodge touring

The location of Seal River Heritage Lodge on the coast of Hudson Bay puts it directly in the path of polar bears who wander the shoreline as they await freeze-up. Your wildlife excursions will target on-the-ground viewing of these iconic animals. During your stay you may also encounter coloured and Arctic fox, sik-siks (Arctic ground squirrels), and Arctic hare. Due to the timing of your trip there is also the potential to see a myriad of Hudson Bay migratory and shorebirds. At Schmok Lake Tundra Camp you'll enjoy two unforgettable days of glamping in the Barren Lands, walking in the ancient migratory path the Qaminurjuaq caribou herd and learning about Arctic flora and fauna. The remoteness and logistical considerations of this site make this an experience that only a handful of guests have the chance to partake in each year. Your expert naturalist guides are extremely knowledgeable about the land and the wildlife so be prepared to learn all about the ecosystems of the Hudson Plains and the Taiga Shield. At both sites, days will start with breakfast served at 8:00 a.m. followed by a morning excursion. Lunches are typically held at the Lodge before you head back out onto the tundra for more exploration. After a long and rewarding day, enjoy cocktails and appetizers before a full-course dinner is served around 7:00 p.m. Meals may sometimes be delayed in favour of wildlife viewing and/or photographic opportunities.

Overnight: Churchill

#### Day 8: Seal River Lodge - Churchill - Winnipeg (Flight)

Air transfers back to Churchill are scheduled to begin after breakfast. Once there, representative will store your luggage. The balance of the day is then free for browsing the shops and exhibits of Churchill. Local places such as Cape Merry, the Port of Churchill, the Itsantiq Museum, the Polar Bear Holding facility (otherwise known as the Polar Bear Jail), as well as the Parks Canada exhibit are all of great interest. Your flight south to Winnipeg will take place this evening.

Overnight: Winnipeg

## Day 9: Winnipeg

After a restful sleep you will pack your bags in preparation for your flight home. Churchill Wild reserves the right to make changes to the Arctic Safari Itinerary due to weather and logistical complications that can arise from traveling in the north and to remote locations.

Overnight:

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