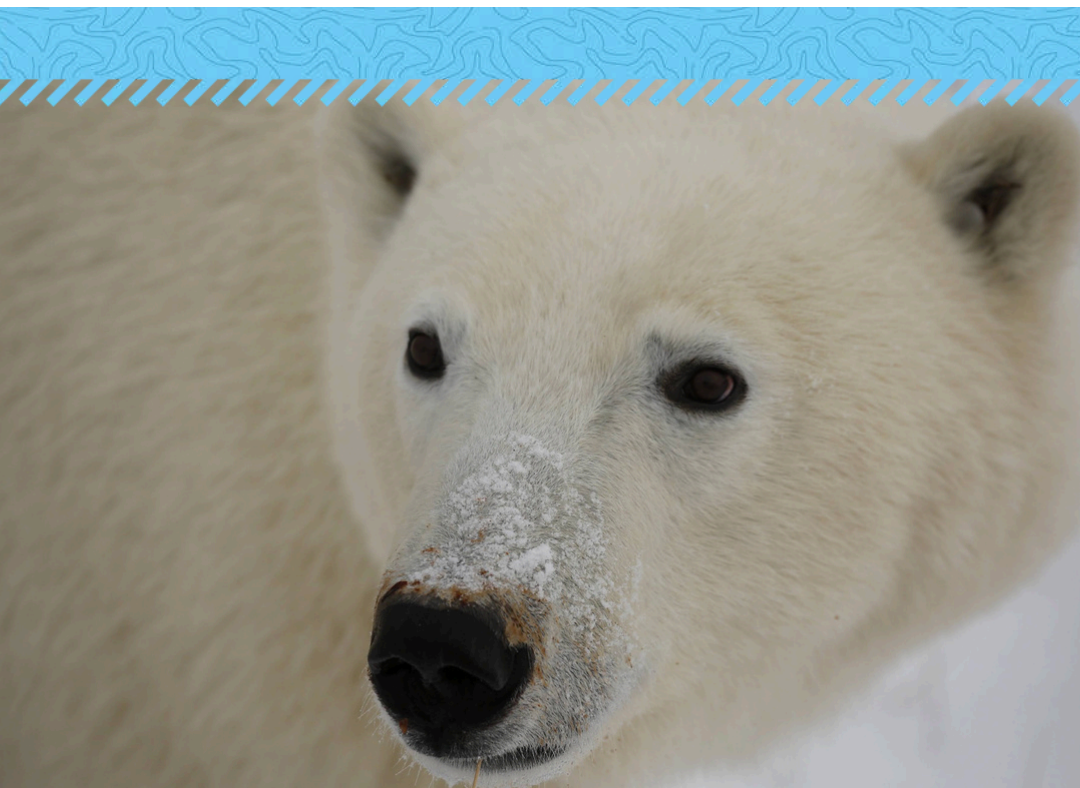




Arctic Polar Bear Expedition

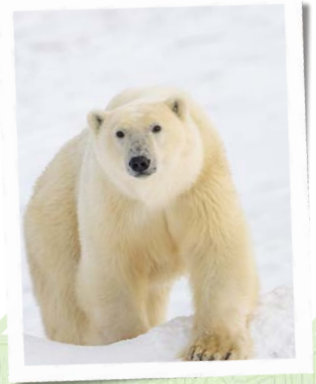
November 5-11, 2026

7 days | 6 nights

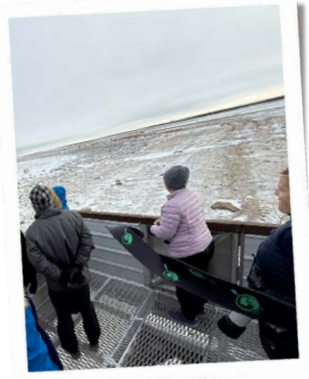


ODC has partnered with an outfitter in Churchill to bring you an amazing small group, private, customized adventure. Led by ODC CEO and naturalist, Travis Williams, we will explore the Churchill Wildlife Management Area where the best – and often only – polar bear viewing occurs.

Churchill is a rugged and beautiful town in remote northern Manitoba on the western shore of Hudson Bay, approximately 620 miles north of Winnipeg. Lying along the migration path of polar bears and beluga whales, Churchill draws wildlife enthusiasts from all over the globe. No roads lead to Churchill - plane or train are the only ways to get to this remote town. In addition to polar bears, travelers may also catch a glimpse of arctic & red fox, snowy owls, wolves, caribou, moose, and the amazing northern lights - which are visible up to 300 nights of the year.



Participants who travel with the ODC on the Arctic Polar Bear Expedition will experience the trip in a way that most never will - a private tour for our group of 16 ODC Explorer Network travelers. Our customized travel program ensures up-close and personalized experiences with private guides who will help facilitate this unique wildlife and cultural adventure.



This all-inclusive trip provides:

- 7 days of Lodging in Winnipeg and Churchill
- All meals
- All ground transportation and a private charter flight from Winnipeg to Churchill
- Naturalist guides on all excursions including a wildlife photographer who will share all trip photos
- Dog Sledding and cultural excursions to unique museums and interpretive centers, and local presentations from Churchill natives
- All gratuities





Day 1

Travel to Winnipeg



Our Churchill polar bear tour begins in Winnipeg, the capital of Manitoba. Once a center of the fur trade and a Canadian Pacific Railway boomtown, today Winnipeg is a major cultural and commercial center on the eastern edge of the vast Canadian prairie. We'll stay overnight at the historic Fort Garry Hotel, the Grande Dame of Winnipeg hospitality and one of the city's most prestigious landmarks, where we will gather with our Expedition Leader for a welcome dinner.

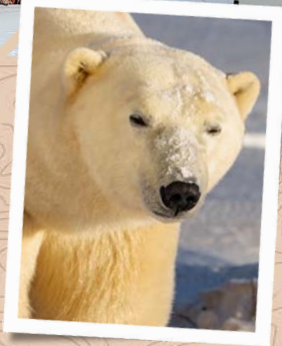




Day 2

Transfer to Churchill

Transfer to the airport to fly by chartered plane to Churchill. This hospitable frontier town, originally a Hudson's Bay Company fur trading post, is our base for adventure.



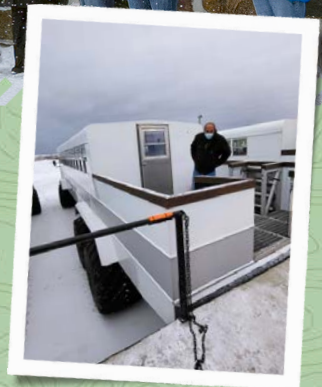


Days 3-6

*Itinerary subject to change

Polar Bear Watching and More!

Custom-built Polar Rovers are our mobile means for spending time among the bears. Our Expedition Leaders know the best places to observe polar bears, which congregate here each fall as they wait for Hudson Bay to freeze, signaling the start of the winter seal-hunting season. We may see mothers with cubs, young males play-fighting, or a lone bear ambling over the silent tundra. Our Expedition Leader interprets all we observe, explaining the bears' behavior and how they thrive in such a harsh environment. Each evening, we'll gather for dinner and presentations on wildlife and local cultures.





Days 3-6

Polar Bear Watching and More!

Besides seeing polar bears, you will also learn about the culture of this historic community. And on one of our days in Churchill, the group will head out on the tundra for evening bear viewing and dinner aboard the Polar Rover. If the skies are clear, our nighttime tundra excursion may reveal one of nature's most exhilarating experiences—a chance to view the northern lights away from town. Though never predictable, the aurora borealis display typically starts as a pale glow in the northern sky. The lights often begin to undulate in shimmering curtains of color, most typically green but occasionally red or violet.





Days 3-6, 7

Polar Bear Watching and More!

Our week also includes an authentic dog sled ride. We'll meet a local musher and his team, spending time with the lively and affectionate dogs before taking turns riding behind them on an exhilarating trot through the boreal forest. On our final day of the tour, we'll have the morning to explore Churchill one last time and enjoy a farewell lunch together. Our return flight to Winnipeg will depart mid to late afternoon, and a final reception there concludes our adventure together. On Day 7, we'll have a final breakfast and return home.



TRIP COSTS

\$12,350 per person based on double occupancy (plus 4% fee for credit card payments.)

Trip includes all lodging, guides, meals (food & drinks) ground transportation and private charter flight from Winnipeg to Churchill, professional photographer services during the trip, Dog sledding and cultural excursions, and all gratuities. Travelers will also receive an ODC gift pack including an RFID passport wallet and a book of photos from the trip. Trip cost does not include round-trip flights to Winnipeg.

Payment Schedule:

\$4,350 deposit due at registration

\$4,000 due February 1, 2026

\$4,000 due June 1, 2026

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Cancellation: If ODC Explorer Network must cancel a trip, we will issue a full refund of amounts paid to us for the trip less ODC's administrative costs and any non-refundable expenses incurred. However, we cannot be held responsible for personal expenses incurred in preparation for the trip, such as the cost of non-refundable airline tickets or pre-paid hotel expenses. If you cancel, no refund will be made unless a replacement can be found for your spot on the trip. In that case, a reimbursement will be made less ODC's administrative costs and any non-refundable expenses incurred. Travel Insurance is strongly recommended.

