Polar Bears & Beluga Whales

Animals of the Arctic | Summer Expedition

JUL. 26 - AUG. 1, 2023
with optional WINNIPEG PRE-TOUR

100% REFUND GUARANTEE
See reservation panel for details.
Dear Alumni and Friends of Cal,

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 flat-bottomed boat 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.

Go Bears!

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Expand your horizons.
A time-honored tradition since 1969, Cal Discoveries Travel creates learning opportunities for thoughtful travelers. Join great minds on our world-class journeys.

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What to expect: These trips feature long touring days with travel via motor coach, ship, zodiac, all-terrain vehicle, or train. Travelers are required to board transportation without assistance as well as stand and walk over uneven terrain for extended periods of time. Some tours may include optional higher-intensity activities and travel at higher altitudes with steep ascents and descents. Outings last four to six hours most days.

Suitable for: Travelers who are able to comfortably walk four to six miles, or 6,900–9,200 steps, each day.

As we embark on this new world of group travel, the health and well-being of our guests, our team, and the communities we visit remain our top priority. For a detailed listing of the enhanced safety measures and hygiene protocols specific to our tours, please visit www.orbridge.com/wellness.

Orbridge takes seriously the responsibility to minimize our global environmental impact. Each year we plant 100,000 trees in U.S. State Forests with afforestation needs as an ongoing initiative among our evolving sustainability efforts. Learn more at orbridge.com/going-green.
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.

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.

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)
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 Accommodations (subject to change)

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.
The Sam Hearne
An expedition vessel ideal for spotting wildlife.

Designed after a WWII landing craft, this 23-passenger flat-bottomed water vessel is perfect for your day-long journey onto Hudson Bay and possible close encounters with polar bears along the rocky shorelines. This former landing craft has plenty of seating, on-board facilities with flush toilet, and the ability to get in very close to shore. Captained by Lazy Bear Lodge owner Wally Daudrich, it is the only licensed boat of its kind with this special access.

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.
Pre-Tour Itinerary (subject to change)

Day +1: Arrive in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada
Day and evening at leisure
Overnight: Fort Garry Hotel & Spa

Day +2: Winnipeg (B,L)
Canadian Museum for Human Rights guided tour, Assiniboine Park Zoo experience
Overnight: Fort Garry Hotel & Spa

Day +3: Winnipeg / Main Program Begins (B)
Visit the Manitoba Museum and join guests on the main program

What’s Included

- 2 nights accommodations at Fort Garry Hotel & Spa, or similar
- 2 breakfasts and 1 lunch
- Admission to the Canadian Museum for Human Rights for a half-day guided tour
- Admission to the Manitoba Museum
- Admission to Assiniboine Park Zoo for guided Journey to Churchill tour
- Luggage porterage
- Gratuities to local guides, drivers, and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfer for guests arriving during the suggested times

Optional Pre-Tour Winnipeg

Enjoy additional days in Winnipeg to experience a multiple award-winning exhibit at Assiniboine Park Zoo featuring nine playful polar bears and a host of arctic animals, and a visit to Winnipeg’s architectural marvel—the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. Plus explore the Manitoba Museum and enjoy a guided tour.
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To reserve your place, please visit [alumni.berkeley.edu/polarbeluga](http://alumni.berkeley.edu/polarbeluga) or contact us at caldiscoveries@alumni.berkeley.edu or 510.900.8222.

**Reserve by Check:**
Made payable to Orbridge, LLC
Mail to: Cal Discoveries Travel, Cal Alumni Association
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To research travel insurance visit travelinsure.com/calalumni.

**GUEST INFORMATION:**

- I prefer single accommodations (limited availability).
- Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation): __________
- Name (as preferred on badge): __________
- Email: __________
- Primary Phone: __________
- Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation): __________
- Name (as preferred on badge): __________
- Email: __________
- Primary Phone: __________
- Address: __________
- City: __________
- State: __________
- Zip: __________

**DEPOSIT PAYMENT:**

- Check
- ACH (Automated Clearing House)
- MasterCard/Visa
- American Express

To reserve this tour using the reservation form, please return to the address above. For deposits to be paid using a credit card, Cal Discoveries will forward your reservation form to Orbridge for a member of their Guest Services team to contact you to collect your card information.

**DEPOSIT:**

# __________ guests joining pre-tour ($500/person) +
# __________ guests joining program ($850/person) = TOTAL DEPOSIT: __________

**MAIN PROGRAM OPTIONS:**

- __________ guests joining Kayaking Tour ($160/person)
- __________ guests joining AquaGliding Tour ($200/person)

I/we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at terms.orbridge.com and the COVID-19 Acknowledgement at orbridge.com/wellness; and I/we agree that Orbridge, LLC is authorized to charge my credit card above and/or take my/our deposit for this program.

Signature: __________
Date: __________

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**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-tour and/or post-tour. Deposits are payable by check, ACH, wire transfer or major credit card. Final payment, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, optional excursion(s) fees and optional electives, is payable by check, ACH, wire transfer or major credit card, and is due no later than 90 days prior to the program's scheduled departure date. If your reservation is made between the final payment due date and the program's scheduled departure date, the full cost of the program, plus any pre-tour and/or post-tour, optional excursion(s) fees and optional electives, is due at the time of registration, payable by check, ACH, wire transfer or major credit card. If final payment is not received by Orbridge by the final payment due date, Orbridge may, at any time and with or without notice, cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right of refund.

**Reservation Cancellations and Refunds.** All cancellations must be submitted to Orbridge Cal Discoveries Travel in writing. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge: (a) more than 90 calendar days prior to the program’s scheduled departure date, all monies paid to Orbridge for the main program and for any pre-tour and/or post-tour will be refunded in full; (b) between 90 and 60 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 25% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, and the balance will be refunded; (c) between 59 and 30 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 50% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, plus any pre-tour and/or post-tour, optional excursion(s) fees and optional electives, is due at the time of registration, payable by check, ACH, wire transfer or major credit card. If final payment is not received by Orbridge by the final payment due date, Orbridge may, at any time and with or without notice, cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right of refund. CST#:2098750-40 WST#:602828994

**Final payment is due April 27, 2023.**

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**JULY 27 - AUGUST 1, 2023**

Winnipeg Pre-Tour: July 24–26, 2023

**Special group rate; limited offer. Rate is per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars. Group**

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**# _________ guests joining AquaGliding Tour ($200/person)**

**# _________ guests joining Kayaking Tour ($160/person)**

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