Polar Bears of Churchill

A 6-Day Expedition to the Polar Bear Capital of the World
NOVEMBER 07, 2015 – NOVEMBER 12, 2015

POLAR BEARS OF CHURCHILL

Much like the bears themselves, visitors make their way to Churchill each fall when temperatures drop, brimming with anticipation. The reward: experiences of a lifetime. On this wildlife expedition, surrounded by experts and featuring up-close experiences, be part of an extraordinary natural phenomenon and unforgettable adventure.

Dear Alumni and Friends,

We are thrilled to present you with a special opportunity to witness one of the largest confluences of polar bears in the world.

During this six-day journey to remote Churchill, Manitoba, it is possible to observe polar bears interact and play from a custom designed Tundra Buggy®. The quality guidance of a naturalist Orbridge Expedition Leader and exclusive educational experiences distinguish this program, including expert presentations from Churchill Northern Studies Centre, Polar Bears International, Manitoba Museum, the Eskimo Museum, and Parks Canada.

Our rate for George Washington guests on this departure represents a significant savings (more than $1,400 per couple) over that of non-affiliated guests, so be certain to reserve your spot today—and to share this brochure with friends and family who may be interested in traveling with you! Reserve online at http://gwu.orbridge.com, by phone at (866) 639-0079, or by returning the enclosed registration form.

Raise High the Buff and Blue!

Joshua I. Hiscock
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Please note: The information contained in this document is current as of 2/12/2015
Program Highlights:

- Begin with a private reception and five-course welcome dinner at the Manitoba Museum along with a presentation on Hudson Bay history.
- Learn about Churchill’s unique ecosystem at the Northern Churchill Studies Centre.
- Enjoy two expeditions aboard a custom-designed Tundra Buggy® to view the polar bears in their natural environment with an Orbridge Expedition Leader. A Polar Bears International Field Ambassador will join you on one of the Tundra excursions.
- Hear tales of arctic racing and experience dog sledding for yourself on boreal forest trails.
- Discover the cultural history of this region during a guided tour through the Eskimo Museum and a talk with a Parks Canada ranger.
- What’s included: all meals, all gratuities, all excursion transportation and entry fees; full guiding services, and five nights accommodations.

Day-by-Day Itinerary*:

Day 1: Arrive Winnipeg
Welcome to Canada! Join with fellow travelers for a warm welcome, then step out for a special evening of Hudson Bay history at the Manitoba Museum. Surrounded by historic artifacts, a private reception, presentation, and five-course welcome dinner in this award-winning heritage center will be a magical and educational beginning.
Overnight: Sheraton Four Points Hotel (R,D)

Day 2: Winnipeg / Churchill / Northern Churchill Studies Centre
Arrive in Churchill after an early morning flight from Winnipeg and head to Northern Churchill Studies Centre, getting acquainted with the town along the way. At the Centre, an informative introduction to this unique ecosystem and environmental research currently underway will shed light on the significance of your surroundings. Later, enjoy a talk with a Parks Canada park ranger, gain a broader perspective of this area’s natural reserves, wildlife populations, and important sites like Prince of Wales Fort, Cape Merry, and Sand Wapusk National Park which protects the inland denning area of the polar bear.

Overnight: Churchill Accommodations (B,L,D)

Day 3: Churchill – Tundra Buggy® Excursion
Grab your camera, board your expedition vehicle, and head out onto stark and beautiful landscapes, stopping to enjoy the scenery and search for wildlife. Today we are joined by a Polar Bears International Field Ambassador contributing expert perspectives on the bears’ behavior, survival, and habitat—as well as international conservation programs.

Overnight: Churchill Accommodations (B,L,D)

Day 4: Churchill – Dog Sledding / Eskimo Museum
Meet an energetic team of huskies and their experienced handler. Learn about these industrious animals and the important role they have played in the heritage of this remote region. Then, bundle in for an exciting dog sled experience yourself. After lunch, visit Churchill’s Eskimo Museum for a docent-led tour detailing indigenous ways of life while surrounded by more than 850 Inuit carvings, sculptures of stone, bone, and ivory, archaeological finds, and wildlife specimens.

Overnight: Churchill Accommodations (B,L,D)

Day 5: Churchill – Tundra Buggy Excursion / Winnipeg
Today we have our second opportunity to observe and photograph the Great White Bear. Take advantage of the Tundra Buggy’s open-air platform and large windows to enjoy a wide view of the area. Participate in field presentations and interpretation by your Orbridge Expedition Leader. If lucky, perhaps catch sight of the arctic hare, snowy owl, ptarmigan, or even an arctic fox living in this rugged area. This evening, depart the inimitable tundra for your flight to Winnipeg.

Overnight: Sheraton Four Points Hotel (B,L,D aloft)

Day 6: Depart Winnipeg
Enjoy breakfast, then bid a fond farewell to the North and head to the airport for your flight home. (B)

*Itinerary subject to change

FREE Orbridge Expedition Library!
Receive a FREE Orbridge Expedition Library when you reserve prior to your early reservation date. At Orbridge, we believe our Expedition Libraries—a curated collection of additional resources such as books, maps, and other treasures—are a wonderful addition to your program.
(See your reservation form for your early reservation date. Guests who reserve after the specified date may purchase libraries. Call for details.)

What’s Included:

* Five nights ideally-situated and comfortable accommodations

* All meals—5 breakfasts, 4 lunches, and 5 dinners—including a special welcome
reception and dinner

- Full guiding services and specialized interpretation of a naturalist Orbridge Expedition Leader
- In-depth educational program with informative presentations and exclusive small-group experiences throughout
- All gratuities, park and entry fees, and all excursion transportation

The Tundra Buggy Experience

The Tundra Buggy—the original polar bear expedition vehicle—is part of your adventure. Built for security and all terrain, the tires alone on this spartan rig are 5.5 feet high. Its wide-bodied enclosure contains cushioned seats, windows that open, and an observation deck for even more viewing angles.

Your Guide(s):

Orbridge Expedition Leader

Every departure will be accompanied by a premier Expedition Leader with extensive local knowledge and experience as a cultural, historic, and naturalist interpreter. With their contribution of exceptional know-how and enthusiasm adding depth to your experience, enjoy the cultures and locations you explore with added confidence, understanding, and appreciation.

Program Accommodations:

Winnipeg: Sheraton Four Points Hotel (or similar)
Overnight in Winnipeg’s only hotel adjacent to the brand new Winnipeg James Armstrong Richardson International Airport. The full-service hotel offers a restaurant and lounge where guests can meet and relax, a fitness center, and fully-appointed guest rooms.

Room Amenities: Climate control, cable TV, complimentary wireless internet access, tea and coffee-making facilities, bathroom sundries and hair dryer.

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Churchill Accommodations

In Churchill, guests will either stay at The Tundra Inn, The Aurora Inn, or Polar Inn – all simple, comfortable and similar in quality and convenience. Please note this program journeys to a remote region where facilities are limited. We have selected the best available hotels that satisfy our standards of comfort.

**The Tundra Inn**

Located on a quiet side street in the northern part of Churchill, the family-run Tundra Inn features spacious accommodations, a restaurant, bar and lounge, and cafe.

Room Amenities: Cable TV, complimentary wireless internet access, phone, refrigerator, coffee-making facilities, and hair dryer.

**The Aurora Inn**

The Aurora Inn is a simple, comfortable property featuring spacious, two-story suites with bedroom lofts. It’s conveniently located just steps from Churchill’s restaurants, bars, and shopping.

Room Amenities: TV with VCR, complimentary wireless internet access, and fully-equipped kitchen with tea and coffee-making facilities.
The Polar Inn

The Polar Inn is located near the shores of the Hudson Bay and Churchill’s town center.

Room Amenities: TV, wireless internet access, phone, tea and coffee-making facilities, bathroom sundries and hair dryer.

Activity Level:

Easy

Activities are generally not very strenuous and walking is at a fairly slow pace in order to observe and learn as much as possible. **Our expectation is that guests on this program are able to walk on uneven surfaces, icy, snow-covered ground, and stairs without assistance.**

What They’re Saying:

“Everyone should take the time to enjoy the nature and serenity of Northern Manitoba.”
~Julia K., San Antonio, TX

“All in all, we can’t imagine how this trip could have been any better—a most memorable experience!”
~Mary Sue and Herb W., Tulsa, OK

“I can’t speak highly enough of the program choices and the people involved in education and field work. Many people praised the museum lecturer, the enthusiasm of the people at the research centre, the constant efforts of our guide to keep us informed, and the awesome people who make the tundra buggy experience so memorable.”
~Nancy J., Tempe, AZ

“The whole trip far exceeded our expectations and we travel a lot! Seeing the polar bears, arctic fox and other wildlife in their native habitat was so gratifying. This was on my "bucket list" and we are so happy that we were able to participate.”
~Bill & Kay L., Manhattan, KS
Reservation Form

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☐ Option 1: Reserve online now at http://gwu.orbridge.com or call (866) 639-0079.

☐ Option 2: Secure your reservation with a deposit charged to the credit card below, or with an enclosed check payable to: Orbridge LLC.

Guest Information:
Guest #1 (as printed on passport): __________________________ Class Year _________
Guest #2 (as printed on passport): __________________________ Class Year _________
Address: _______________________________________________
City: __________________________ State: ___________ Zip: ___________
Email: __________________________ Phone: ___________ Alt. Phone: ___________

Category Preference (if applicable): 1st choice________________________ 2nd choice________________________

Deposit:
(#) ______ guests joining program ($850/person) +
(#) ______ guests joining extension ($500/person if applicable) = Total deposit: $ ___________

Deposit Payment:
☐ Check enclosed ☐ Online Check/ACH ☐ MasterCard/Visa ☐ American Express ☐ Discover
Card #: __________________________ Exp. date: _________ CVV: _________
Name (as printed on card): __________________________
Billing address (if different from above): __________________________
City: __________________________ State: ___________ Zip: ___________

I/we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at http://terms.orbridge.com and detailed in program documents; and that Orbridge LLC is authorized to charge my credit card above and/or take my/our deposit for this program.

Signature: __________________________ Date: ___________

Mail or fax reservation form and deposit to: Orbridge
P.O. Box 10339, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110
Fax: (206) 452-5655

*Discounted group rate; limited offer. Rate is per person based on double occupancy, in U.S. dollars. Airfare not included. Single reservations are $7,295; availability limited. Group airfare for the charter flight between Winnipeg and Churchill is charged additionally at $995 per person.
**Place your deposit on or before the specified date (see above), and one Expedition Library per room reserved will be sent upon receipt of final payment.**

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Rates are program based on minimum participation levels, current fares (air, water, land), tariffs and currency values. While Orbridge does everything possible to maintain the listed program rates, you are subject to change effective immediately upon posting unless otherwise specified by Orbridge. Rates. Program rates are based on minimum participation levels, current fares (air, water, land), tariffs and currency values. While Orbridge does everything possible to maintain the listed program rates, they are subject to change effective immediately upon posting unless otherwise specified by Orbridge.

### Reservation Grace Period

Reservation Grace Period. Reservations made no fewer than 98 calendar days prior to the scheduled program departure date may be cancelled at any time during the seven (7) calendar day period (the "Grace Period") immediately following the date of reservation for a full refund of all Payments received by Orbridge of as of the effective date of termination. Notice of termination must be in writing, must be received prior to the Grace Period and is effective only on timely receipt of such written notice by Orbridge. For all other reservations and cancellations, the terms of the Cancellations and Refunds section below apply.

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Cancellations and Refunds. All cancellations and refunds must be submitted to Orbridge in writing and will be subject to the cancellation fee ("Cancellation Fee") as follows: (a) if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge 151 or more days prior to the scheduled departure date, the Cancellation Fee will be $500 per person per program and $300 per person per program for any extension; (b) if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 90 and 119 days prior to the scheduled departure date the Cancellation Fee will be 50% of the full deposit per person for any program including any extension; (c) if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge 90 or fewer days prior to the scheduled departure date, the Cancellation Fee will be the full program cancellation fee as specified in the appropriate risk management plan or insurance policy that Orbridge has purchased ("Risk Management Plan") to cover some or all of your losses arising or resulting from a cancelled program, including without limitation, the cost of non-refundable airfares, other transportation, lodging and meal expense, visa fees, medical expenses, equipment and clothing purchases, insurance premiums and deductibles and any of the alternative arrangements Orbridge elect or are required to incur or make as a result of a cancelled program.

### Itineraries

Arrangements and cancellations are subject to change or substitution at any time due to unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond Orbridge's control. Every reasonable effort is made to operate the programs as planned, but adjustments, substitutions and changes may occur after the final itinerary has been issued. Orbridge may, in its sole discretion, withdraw a program or any part of it, make such alterations or substitutions to the itinerary or program inclusions as it deems necessary or desirable, and pass on to program participants any expenditures, additional costs or losses caused by any such adjustments, or by delays or events beyond its reasonable control. In addition, Orbridge may, in its sole discretion and modify or withdraw a program if required by the tour operator or other vendor with whom Orbridge has contracted or by applicable governmental authority.

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### Children

Orbridge welcomes the participation of children in its programs. However, in the event you do assign your children or other minors for whom you serve as legal guardian (together, "Dependents") in your travel plans, you hereby acknowledge and agree that you are and shall be at all times solely responsible for their care, actions, safety and protection during the program and any extension(s). Should you have any questions whether a particular program or inclusion is suitable for your Dependent(s), please contact us and we will do our best to provide
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