Polar Bears of Churchill

A 6-Day Expedition to the Polar Bear Capital of the World
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 Arctic Crawler. The quality guidance of a naturalist Orbridge Expedition Leader and exclusive educational experiences distinguish this program, including expert presentations from Assiniboine Park Zoo and Churchill’s Northern Studies Centre.

Space is limited. Our rate for Tulane University guests on this departure represents a significant savings over that of non-affiliated guests, so be certain to reserve your spot today—and share this brochure with friends and family who may be interested in traveling with you. Please reserve your space today online at http://tulane.orbridge.com, by phone at (866) 639-0079 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Sincerely!

James E. Stofan
Vice President for Alumni Relations

Free Expedition Library
AN EARLY RESERVATION BONUS

Reserve your space by TBD, 2017, to receive the FREE Orbridge Expedition Library we’ve assembled for this program.

This exclusive gift is to thank you for joining us early. Guests who reserve after the specified date may purchase libraries. Call for details.
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.

As polar bears await the formation of the arctic sea ice, they descend upon the tiny seaport town of Churchill, forming a celebration—a polar bear gathering—and in this case, the largest congregation of polar bears in the world. As they wait for the Hudson Bay to freeze so they can begin their hunt for ringed and fur seal, it is possible to observe, photograph, and learn about the “Kings of the North.”

On this wildlife expedition, surrounded by experts and featuring up-close experiences, be part of an extraordinary natural phenomenon and unforgettable adventure.

“This was absolutely the experience of a lifetime! And as this was on my bucket list, my expectations were quite high, yet greatly exceeded.”

— Deborah M., Fairfax, VA
Your 6-Day Itinerary*

Day 1: Arrive in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada / Assiniboine Park Zoo (R,D) Welcome reception and dinner, presentation Overnight: Hilton Winnipeg Airport Suites

Day 2: Winnipeg / Churchill / Northern Studies Centre / Parks Canada Interpretive Centre (B,L) Flight to Churchill, current research and interactive presentation, exhibit exploration Overnight: Lazy Bear Lodge

Day 3: Churchill / Arctic Crawler Experience (B,L,D) Grab your camera, board the Arctic Crawler, and head out onto stark and beautiful landscapes for your first opportunity to observe and photograph polar bears in their natural habitat Overnight: Lazy Bear Lodge

Day 4: Churchill / Cultural and Heritage Tour / Eskimo Museum / Dog Sledding (B,D) Panoramic site visits: Miss Piggy Plane Crash site, Polar Bear “Jail,” and Cape Merry; museum tour; dog sled ride Overnight: Lazy Bear Lodge

Day 5: Churchill / Arctic Crawler Experience / Winnipeg (B,L,D) Another opportunity to observe and photograph polar bears aboard the Arctic Crawler; flight to Winnipeg Overnight: Hilton Winnipeg Airport Suites

Day 6: Depart Winnipeg (B)

Program Highlights

- Join with 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 by an expert from the Conservation & Research Department at the Assiniboine Park Conservancy.

- Head out for two expeditions aboard the Arctic Crawler—custom designed to allow for up-close encounters with polar bears. Explore the area’s unique landscape and its variety of wildlife, including arctic hare, snowy owl, ptarmigan, arctic fox, and of course, polar bears.

- Visit Churchill’s Eskimo Museum for an exploration of indigenous ways of life while viewing remarkable examples of Inuit craftsmanship.

- Meet an energetic team of huskies and their experienced handler, then bundle up for an exciting dog sled experience.

- What’s included: 5 nights hotel and lodge accommodations; 5 breakfasts, 3 lunches, and 4 dinners including a special welcome reception and dinner; full guiding services of an Orbridge Expedition Leader; excursion transportation and entry fees; and all gratuities.

*Subject to change.

Activity Level: Guests should be prepared for cold temperatures, as well as able to walk on frozen or snow-covered ground and manage stairs without assistance.
Your Accommodations*

HILTON WINNIPEG AIRPORT SUITES
Located at Winnipeg’s airport terminal, this classic property provides well-appointed accommodations and thoughtful amenities. The hotel’s restaurant, Bistro 1800, features gourmet “Urban Prairie” menu options.

LAZY BEAR LODGE
This remarkable, handcrafted log lodge plus its friendly staff and scenic surroundings make this property supremely memorable. Cozy up in the comfortable lounge and feast on homemade northern cuisine at the Lazy Bear Cafe.

Lazy Bear Lodge—A Pioneer’s Dream
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 want.

Wally estimates he has helped more than 20,000 people see their first polar bear in his 35 years of guiding. In addition to the fall polar bears tours, Wally also provides guided treks by both land and sea to observe polar bears and beluga whales (plus a vast multitude of other wildlife) during the brief arctic summer when the ice melts. His custom-designed Arctic Crawlers and his water vessel, the Sam Hearne, all help visitors interact with the diverse array of wildlife the area supports.
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 a propane heater, comfortable seating, on-board facilities with flush toilet, large windows that lower for better viewing, plus a spacious, fully-grated outside rear deck for optimal photography opportunities—including nose to nose visits with the locals. It really is the perfect way to view Churchill’s magnificent creatures in person.

And with the expertise of the driver and your Orbridge Expedition Leader, you will see all the stunning natural beauty and diverse wildlife the tundra of the Churchill Wildlife Management Area has to offer.

Your two Arctic Crawler Experiences include a hot lunch with beverages, snacks and expert in-depth commentary from your Orbridge Expedition Leader and Lazy Bear Lodge expert guide.

Your Orbridge Expedition Leader

Kent, your Expedition Leader, will add exceptional depth of expertise and warm hospitality to each day’s adventures.

Kent has led national park tours as a park ranger since 1984. Having worked with the National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, and the Colorado Division of Wildlife, he brings to our expedition a lifetime’s wealth of knowledge about North America’s parks, preserves, and wildlife.
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☐ 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 Name: __________________________ Class Year: __________

Guest #2 Name: __________________________ Class Year: __________

Address:

City: __________________________ State: ______ Zip: ______

Email: __________________________ Phone: ______ Alt. Phone: ______

Category Preference (if applicable): 1st choice: ______ 2nd choice: ______

Deposit:

(#) ______ guests joining program ($850/person) = Total deposit: $ ______

Deposit Payment:

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Card #: ______ Exp. date: ______ CVV: ______

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Signature: __________________________ Date: ______

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*Special group rate; limited offer. Rate is per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars. Airfare not included. Group airfare for the charter flight between Winnipeg and Churchill is charged additionally at $995 per person. **A supplement to the educational component of this journey, Expedition Libraries are curated collections of resources and research tailored to this program. Place your deposit on or before the specified date, and one Expedition Library per room will be sent upon receipt of final payment. Libraries may be purchased; please call for details.
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