

Churchill Town and Tundra Enthusiast

6 Day Tour – 3-4V

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Churchill • Polar Bears • Arctic Wildlife • Dog Sled

ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrive in Winnipeg

Please make your own transfer arrangements to Winnipeg and check in at the Four Points by Sheraton Winnipeg Airport. In the evening, you will meet your Frontiers North Adventures Interpretive Guide for a brief orientation. **Accommodation stay – 1 night at Winnipeg Airport.**

Day 2: Churchill

This morning you depart from Winnipeg on an early flight to the remote town of Churchill. After arriving in Churchill and being transferred to your hotel, you will enjoy a Churchill and area tour, a visit to the Parks Canada Visitor Centre, and Itsanitaq Museum visit followed by an evening cultural presentation by a local resident. **Accommodation stay – 1 nights in Churchill. (B, L, D)**

Day 3-4: Churchill

Today you board an official Tundra Buggy® - a specially constructed vehicle that travels across the tundra to explore polar bear habitat. Enjoy a full-day Tundra Buggy® Adventure in the Churchill Wildlife Management Area – home of polar bears, arctic foxes, ptarmigan and other unique arctic wildlife. Wear comfortable, layered clothing. Each Tundra Buggy is heated and equipped with washroom facilities and an external viewing platform. Return back to town around 17:00. Breakfast and a picnic style lunch and refreshments are provided. **Accommodation stay - 2 nights in Churchill. (B, L)**

Day 5: Churchill - Winnipeg

The final day in Churchill has a focus on northern culture, beginning with a dog sledding excursion with a local musher. After being introduced to the dog pack, you will head out into the boreal forest for a 1.5 km dog sled ride. Late afternoon you will be transferred to the Churchill airport for your return flight to Winnipeg. **Accommodation stay – 1 night at Winnipeg Airport (B, L, D)**

Day 6: End of Package

Today you check out of your hotel and depart for home or continue to your next destination.

This is a set tour itinerary, if you have booked any pre/post or optional tour arrangements please refer to your separate vouchers and final documents.

TOUR NOTES

For current departure dates and prices please check our website

Pre/Post Tour information

If you would like to extend your trip or make the tour part of a longer holiday, we can easily add on pre or post night stays for you. Our Sales Team will work with you to arrange the best connecting flights and book any additional hotel stays or experiences. Simply tell us what you'd like and we can arrange it.

Time difference

GMT -5 hours Eastern Canada

Tour inclusions

- Round trip flights between Winnipeg and Churchill
- Transfers between Churchill Airport and hotel
- Full board beginning with breakfast on Day 2 and ending with dinner on board the plane on Day 5
- Accommodation and sightseeing as listed above
- Service of an English Speaking guide.

Tour exclusions

- International flight in economy class, including all UK and overseas airport taxes and applicable fuel surcharges
- Flight upgrades and airport transfers in the UK
- Insurance
- Transportation between Winnipeg and other gateway cities.
- Items of a personal nature such as drinks, laundry, tips & gratuities, video camera fees at monuments
- The required Canada Electronic Authorization (eTA)
- Anything not detailed on the itinerary.

Included activities

Tours listed in the itinerary.

Accommodation

Accommodation is a mix of 3-4V graded properties. Please note some tours are up to 3 weeks in duration and there may be some nights when staying in remote locations e.g. the National Parks, when the 'V' rating may vary. Hotels are subject to change up until 30 days prior to departure, but you will be advised of any changes.

Journey times

Please note due to long distances covered on some of the tours, there will be some days when the majority of the day will be spent on the coach, so just sit back and enjoy the view.

Visa requirements

Under Canada's new eTA program, British citizens WILL need to obtain an online authorization before flying to Canada.

This requirement is mandatory. Travellers will have the opportunity to go online and apply for their eTA. The earlier travellers get their eTA, the sooner they will benefit from knowing they have been pre-screened to enter Canada.

A fee of \$7 is payable for processing an application for an electronic travel authorization.

An application for an electronic travel authorization must be made by means of an electronic system that is made available by the Department (Citizenship and Immigration Canada) for that purpose.

An electronic travel authorization is valid for a period of five years from the day on which it is issued to the applicant or until the earliest of the following days, if they occur before the end of that period:

- The day on which the applicant's passport or other travel document expires,
- The day on which the electronic travel authorization is cancelled, or
- The day on which a new electronic travel authorization is issued to the applicant

Visit: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/eta-start.asp> to arrange the eTA.

Alternatively you can apply for your eTA through our partners CIBT visas who make the process as easy as possible and will apply for the eTA on your behalf. Contact them on www.cibtvisas.co.uk/virginholidays for more information.

Currency

The official unit of currency in Canada is the Canadian dollar. Major credit cards and debit cards will be accepted within the Canada.

Electricity

If you bring any electrical appliance to Canada, you may need an adaptor to fit the Canadian electrical receptacles. You may also need a converter to change the voltage from 110 volts to 220 volts.

Tipping

Tipping is a big part of Canada's service economy and their taxation system, all visitors should understand that this is a part of the local culture; please see below a list of useful suggestions for tipping:

- Waiters/Waitresses: 15% - 20% for average - good service, more for exceptional service.
- Bartenders: \$1 - \$2 a round -or- 15% to 20% of the tab, with a minimum of 50 cents per soft drink, \$1 per alcoholic drink.
- Room Service: 15% - 20%
- Taxi driver: Varies depending on locality. Assume 15% will be enough; an extra \$1 to \$2 for help with bags.
- Hotel doorman: \$1 per bag for help with luggage; \$1 per person for hailing a cab.
- Tour guide: \$5 per person, per day in your party.

What to pack

■ Bring an insulated parka (with hood), warm sweaters, nylon outer pants (ski warm-up pants), insulated boots, insulated hats, insulated mitts, scarf, quality socks, light cotton / silk gloves (to protect hands whilst handling optics), pants, long shirts, long underwear, turtleneck pullovers, wool slacks. Please be prepared for extremely windy conditions by dressing in layers

■ To protect the lenses on your photographic equipment from "frosting" keep your camera cold, and cover it with a plastic bag before bringing it into a warmer environment. Once the equipment has warmed to room temperature, it is safe to remove the plastic bag. Should frosting occur on your lenses, you must warm the equipment up thoroughly before you try to take it out in the cold again

What to expect

We recommend you are of a reasonable fitness as touring often involves long walks and uneven surfaces; this tour is not suitable for those who require special assistance. Please note this is not an escorted tour and apart from the tours which are included in the package, the rest of your trip is free for you to explore independently.

Recommended vaccinations

We advise you to discuss your individual requirements for Canada with your GP at least 6-8 weeks prior to travel.