

Ultimate Eye Level Polar Bear Photography Tour, Churchill, Canada

Known as the Polar Bear capital of the world, Churchill is an arctic port town and one of the remotest in the world.

Located 1000 kilometres north of Winnipeg, Churchill is a place that feels like another world bringing wildlife enthusiasts together.

Nesting on the shores of Hudson Bay in northern Manitoba, Churchill has some great restaurants, gift shops and there is even a fantastic Eskimo museum boasting one of the largest collections of Inuit artefacts and carvings in the world, as well as a must visit souvenir store.

If you want to visit the arctic, see wild polar bears and witness potentially spectacular displays of the Northern Lights - but don't want to endure the extreme cold of a hardcore expedition - then this is the trip for you.

Dates: November 7th to November 13th 2027

Led By: David Gibbon and a Polar Bear guide

Group Size: 4 Clients plus 2 leaders and 1 fully trained guide

Fitness Needed: Minimal

Temperatures Expected: -10C to -20C (night)

Target Species: Polar Bears, Arctic Hares, Red Fox



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Logistics

As we explore Churchill, you will be taken around in a heated 4x4 vehicle to get us around.

A lot of tours in Churchill are from Tundra buggies, but the big disadvantage with these is you are not photographing the bears at eye level - but instead are shooting down.

We have decided to do our tour differently, so photographers can get the best images possible from the best perspective possible.

There will be a maximum of 3 photographers in each 4x4 vehicle so everyone will have their own window.



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Polar Bears



Our main focus on this trip will be to photograph Polar Bears.

We have timed this trip so you visit at the peak time to photograph Polar Bears in Churchill.

Up to 700 polar bears converge on Hudson Bay at this time, as they gather to await the pack ice to freeze up ready for them to go out and hunt seals.

We will be ready to take advantage of this mass gathering, photographing the bears from the side of our vehicle(s) when it is deemed safe to do so.

November and December is when mothers give birth to up to 3 cubs. At this time, they need to eat seal to give them energy to enable them to give birth.



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Other Wildlife



As well as Polar Bears, we will also spend time looking to photograph Arctic Hares, Red Fox and Cross Fox.

Also worth visiting is the Polar Bear Rehabilitation Centre, where bears are held that have come too far into town until the Hudson Bay freezes over.



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Aurora and Where We Will Stay

You will be staying at a very cosy but rustic Inn, which has 24 bedrooms each with its own private bathroom.

Centrally located, the rooms are basic but close to attractions and restaurants. And you will be going to these to have your evening meals.

The rooms at the inn offer complimentary wi-fi, coffee maker and an in-room mini fridge.

AURORA

On an evening, if the sky is clear you will have a great chance of viewing the Northern Lights. If they occur, we will go out to a location where they can be safely photographed.



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Trip Leaders

David Gibbon is the owner of Wild Lens Nature Tours - a company that specialises in arctic wildlife photography tours. David's dream has always been to run wildlife tours to Churchill - the polar bear capital of the world.

David has been to Ellesmere Island twice, the closest land mass to the north pole, living in temperatures below -50 degrees to photograph Polar Bears, Arctic Hares, Arctic Fox, Musk Ox and Arctic Wolves.

David has been awarded twice in the prestigious Nature Photographer of the Year for his arctic images as well as in Travel Photographer of the Year and was invited to have a solo exhibition of his Arctic Fox images at the Xposure International Photography Festival in Sharjah (close to Dubai) in 2025.



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What's Included

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- Pickup from Churchill airport to your hotel on November 7th. On this day, you will have free time to visit the local inuit museum, cafes and gift shops.
- All meals - so breakfast, lunch and evening meals - throughout your stay in Churchill
- From November 8th to November 12th (5 full days) you will be picked up in a 4x4 to find and photograph Polar Bears and other Arctic wildlife
- For the 5 days of photography you will be picked up at 8.30am, then visit a local place for lunch at 12pm, then out again at 1pm until 4pm.
- You will be taken to the best known locations to find and photograph Polar Bears
- You will be accompanied by an expert polar bear guide - who has your safety in mind at all times
- If the Northern Lights show, David and Julia will be ready to help you take advantage of this and capture some great images
- Accommodation throughout your stay in Churchill - each room has its own private bathroom
- On November 13th, you will be taken to Churchill airport ready for your flight back to Winnipeg

What's Not Included

- All flights and accommodation to get to Churchill - but we will advise you on what to book
- Alcohol and snacks
- Travel insurance (you must take this out before travelling with us)
- Photography gear



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What To Take



On this tour you will need to layer up and wear a good quality goose down jacket as well as Baffin boots. David will advise you on what to wear for this trip so you are safe and warm,

PHOTO GEAR

As you will be photographing the largest land predator on earth, we will be staying a safe distance from them.

This means you will need a long lens such as a 500mm or a 600mm (zoom or prime) and take a 1.4x and a 2x convertor with you. If you don't have these, David can advise on how to hire them for the trip.

Most modern cameras work fine in arctic conditions but if you have any questions or concerns David is happy to advise as an experienced arctic photographer.



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Total
Investment

TOTAL INVESTMENT FOR THIS TOUR

£5,699

To reserve your place, it is a 25% non-refundable
deposit of £1,425 with the balance payable 90 days
before the trip commences

Any questions? Email David at

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