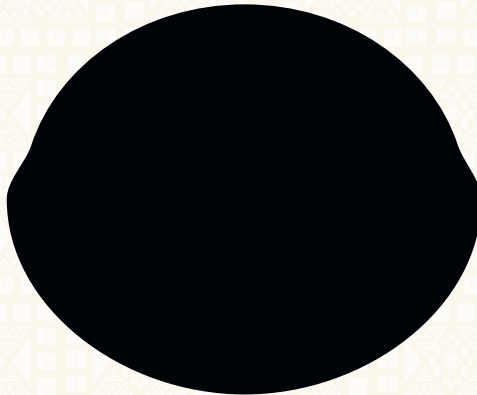




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POLAR BEARS OF CHURCHILL



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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.

Each fall, about 1,000 polar bears of all ages congregate around this seaport town while they wait for wintertime's sea ice to form over the Hudson Bay. Join us on an unforgettable adventure to be part of this extraordinary annual phenomenon—with the special opportunity to observe, photograph and learn about these magnificent Lords of the North.

This distinguished program features exclusive educational experiences including presentations by professional guides and local naturalists.

With significant savings of more than \$1,000 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly. To reserve visit osu.orbridge.com or call (866) 639-0079.

All the best,

Debbie Vargo

Director, Alumni Tours

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Visit our website at www.go.osu.edu/travel

Alumni, their families and friends may travel on this tour.

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Category	Standard Rate	Special Rate*
Double	\$9,499	\$8,995
Single	\$13,499	\$12,995

–rate includes round-trip airfare between
Winnipeg and Churchill–

DEPOSIT AMOUNT PER PERSON: \$850

*Special group rates; limited offer. All rates are per person in U.S. dollars based on double occupancy except where noted as Single. Single availability limited. Unless noted otherwise, airfare is not included. **An exclusive Early Booking Bonus, Expedition Libraries are curated collections of useful resources and background reading tailored to this program. Place your deposit on or before the specified date, and one Expedition Library per room will be sent after receipt of final payment. Libraries may be purchased; call for details. Full Terms & Conditions at terms.orbridge.com. Any payment to Orbridge, LLC constitutes your acceptance of the terms and conditions set out therein, including but not limited to the cancellation and refund terms.

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Polar Bears of Churchill | Itinerary Highlights *(subject to change)*

Daily activities will be determined by weather, opportunities to view wildlife and other various elements that make up the diverse landscape. This itinerary is a general listing of activities and excursions that may happen during any part of the tour.

(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner, R = Reception)

Day 1 **ARRIVE IN WINNIPEG, MANITOBA, CANADA** Upon arrival to Winnipeg Richardson International Airport an Orbridge representative will assist with your transfer to the hotel. This evening meet with fellow travel companions for a private reception and welcome dinner to kick off the exciting adventure ahead.
Overnight: Fort Garry Hotel & Spa (R,D)

Day 2 **WINNIPEG | FLIGHT TO CHURCHILL | CULTURAL AND HERITAGE TOUR** Check out of the hotel this morning followed by the group flight to Churchill. Transfer to Lazy Bear Lodge in time for lunch at the café. Afterward set off on a guided Cultural and Heritage Tour to visit the town's waterfront, Miss Piggy Plane Crash, Polar Bear "Jail" and Cape Merry. Return to the lodge to check in, unpack and familiarize yourself with the property.
Overnight: Lazy Bear Lodge (B,L,D)

Day 3 **CHURCHILL | ARCTIC CRAWLER™ EXPERIENCE | ITSANITAQ MUSEUM** This morning head out into the stark and beautiful landscape aboard Lazy Bear's Arctic Crawler™ for a guided wildlife excursion. Your expert naturalist will provide insight on the Arctic tundra's wildlife, vegetation and ecosystem. Have your camera ready as photography opportunities are plentiful. After lunch visit the well-known local Itsanitaq Museum to learn more about the indigenous population and its rich history and culture.
Overnight: Lazy Bear Lodge (B,L,D)

Day 4 **CHURCHILL | ARCTIC CRAWLER™ EXPERIENCE | DOG SLEDDING** Today enjoy a second opportunity to observe and photograph polar bears. Take advantage of the Arctic Crawler's™ large viewing deck and its tall windows. Participate in field presentations and interpretations by your Orbridge Expedition Leader and local guide. Later meet an energetic team of sled dogs and their experienced handler. Learn about these industrious canines and the important role they play in the heritage of this remote region. Then bundle up for your own exciting dog sled experience.
Overnight: Lazy Bear Lodge (B,L,D)

Day 5 **CHURCHILL | NORTHERN STUDIES CENTRE | FLIGHT TO WINNIPEG** Visit the Churchill Northern Studies Centre to gain insight into the unique arctic ecosystem and the environmental research in progress. Enjoy lunch at the Centre then transfer to the airport for the charter flight to Winnipeg. This evening gather with fellow travel companions for a farewell reception.
Overnight: The Grand Winnipeg Airport Hotel (B,L,R)

Day 6 **WINNIPEG | DEPART FOR U.S.** After breakfast make the short walk from the hotel to the airport for flights home. (B)



Enriched from the wealth of expertise provided by your Orbridge Expedition Leader, you'll bring home a deeper understanding of the flora, fauna, natural history and cultural narrative of the diverse Canadian Arctic.

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



What's Included

- 5 nights in ideally situated and comfortable accommodations
- Round-trip airfare between Winnipeg and Churchill
- 5 breakfasts, 4 lunches (2 are picnic-style) and 4 dinners including a special welcome reception and dinner
- Full guiding services of an Orbridge Expedition Leader and a local naturalist
- All excursion transportation and entry fees
- All gratuities
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times

THE ARCTIC CRAWLER™

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'll witness all the stunning natural beauty and diverse wildlife the tundra has to offer.



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Orbridge Standard of Excellence

Orbridge understands travel today can be complicated. From cabin or room selection to airport transfers, dietary requests, or pre- or post-tour details—we are dedicated to making your journey seamless and special from the moment you leave home.

Our curated destinations—featuring outstanding properties and ships, meticulously crafted itineraries, and knowledgeable guides, travel directors and expedition leaders—offer life-changing experiences you'll never forget.

Our Guest Services team is staffed by well-traveled professionals who provide personalized attention, ensuring all your questions are answered and all the details of your trip are explained to you.

Our air partners can make flight arrangements for guests. In the event of flight delays and/or schedule changes, they will provide guests with personalized assistance. To book flight reservations with our air partners, contact (206) 319-5011 and select the option for your destination to discuss flight details with our air colleagues. Upon ticketing, a fee will be charged.

Accommodations *(subject to change)*

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.

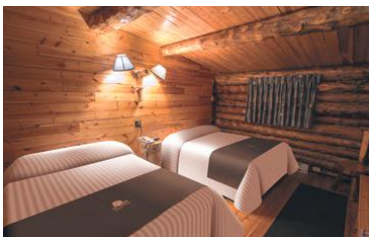


LAZY BEAR LODGE

This remarkable, handcrafted log lodge is a welcoming, rugged retreat that offers a deep connection to the pristine surroundings.

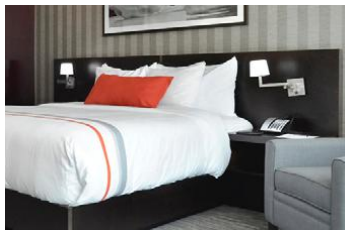
Built with care from locally and sustainably sourced materials, the two-story lodge blends rustic authenticity with modern comfort. Its Douglas fir floors—reclaimed from a Canadian National Railway warehouse built in the early 1920s—and windows once part of a 19th-century Hudson Bay Trading Post lend each space a tangible link to northern heritage.

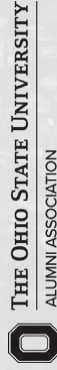
Between adventures, unwind by the crackling fire in the inviting lounge and savor hearty northern cuisine at the Lazy Bear Café.



THE GRAND WINNIPEG AIRPORT HOTEL

Located next to the Winnipeg airport terminal, this boutique property provides beautifully appointed accommodations and thoughtful amenities.





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30-DAY REFUND GUARANTEE

What Guests Are Saying...

Everything we visited was well worth the trip. I learned a TREMENDOUS amount, not just about polar bears but about the Arctic and Churchill as well.
~Deb M., Bainbridge Island, WA

Third trip with Orbridge—all three widely different. All three were thought out, planned and executed extremely well. Looking forward to my next trip with Orbridge, wherever that might be!
~Dave & Pam P., Nashville, TN

Excellent trip... fun and educational. We would never have done this on our own.
~Linda & Tom N., Spokane, WA

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