



Legacy Journey to Churchill, Canada

During this journey far north to Canada's Hudson Bay, we will soak in a subarctic summertime by exploring the boreal forest, finding which wildflowers are blooming across the landscape, spotting majestic belugas (dubbed sea canaries for their vocalizations) and visiting places still vast enough for caribou to roam. We will also be on the lookout for polar bears seeking respite from the sea ice to bask in the sun. Along the way, learn how Indigenous stewardship and connection to place are shaping conservation across the province of Manitoba—one of the world's most intact ecosystems and a stronghold for nature and people.



Photos: Polar bear among wildflowers, Churchill, Manitoba © Colby Spence/Frontiers North Adventures; Caribou in Churchill, Manitoba © Alex Cupeiro/Frontiers North Adventures

Legacy Journey Highlights

- Embark on a water-based excursion by Zodiac boat to witness beluga whales moving to warm, shallow waters to give birth and feast on fish.
- Hop on a Tundra Buggy to visit the Churchill Wildlife Management Area in search of summer wildlife, including caribou, arctic foxes and maybe even polar bears!
- Ride in a dog-pulled cart through a northern boreal forest to tour Churchill's independent field station dedicated to researching the subarctic region.



Itinerary Overview

DAY 1

Saturday, August 14

Welcome to Winnipeg, Manitoba! Upon your arrival at Winnipeg Richardson International Airport, make your way to your lodging for the next two nights, Inn at the Forks. Settle in before meeting up with your trip leaders and fellow travelers in the evening for a welcome dinner at SMITH. Get a good night's rest before a busy next day enjoying all Winnipeg has to offer.

Overnight at Inn at the Forks, Winnipeg

DAY 2

Sunday, August 15

After breakfast, depart with your group for a visit to FortWhyte Alive, a 660-acre reclaimed urban green space. Partake in a morning bison bus tour before heading to lunch at Gather Craft Kitchen & Bar at The Leaf at Assiniboine Park, a horticultural attraction. Following lunch, learn how the design process for The Leaf kept sustainability front of mind on a private Sustainability and Architecture tour. Our final stop of the day will be the internationally recognized Canadian Museum for Human Rights, after which we'll return to our hotel before gathering for dinner at Feast Cafe Bistro.

Overnight at Inn at the Forks, Winnipeg

DAY 3

Monday, August 16

Awake early for a busy day, including our flight to Churchill along the Hudson Bay. Enjoy breakfast at your hotel, followed by a presentation from local TNC staff about the conservation work taking place across the province.

Afterwards, we'll begin our northern adventure with a seamless and scenic direct, 2-hour flight from Winnipeg to Churchill, transporting you from the vibrant capital of Manitoba to the wild, remote beauty of the subarctic tundra.

Upon arrival in Churchill, explore the city's highlights on a guided tour featuring local cultural sites, historic landmarks, and wildlife viewing opportunities as you learn about the region's rich history, ecology, and Indigenous heritage.

Following lunch, step into the rich cultural history of the North at the Itsanitaq Museum. Home to one of Canada's finest collections of Inuit artifacts, the museum showcases traditional tools, carvings, clothing, and artwork that reflect the ingenuity and spirit of Arctic peoples.

We'll check into our lodging for the next four nights, The Tundra Inn, before enjoying dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight at The Tundra Inn, Churchill

Photo: Fireweed wildflowers, CO © Chris Helzer



Itinerary Overview (cont.)

DAY 4

Tuesday, August 17

Begin your day with a visit to the Parks Canada Visitor Centre for an inspiring introduction to the region's natural and cultural heritage. Located in the historic railway station, the center features engaging exhibits on Wapusk National Park, the Hudson's Bay Company, local wildlife, and Indigenous cultures.

After, experience the summer scenery and explore the tundra in the Churchill Wildlife Management Area on a Tundra Buggy Day Tour. Learn about the colorful flora, amazing fauna, and incredible history of this unique subarctic environment as you scan the landscape for arctic fox, arctic hare, caribou, and the first polar bears returning from their annual hunt on the sea ice. Churchill is also an incredible destination for bird lovers, with over 200 different species migrating through the area each summer.

You will also have the opportunity to meet a local Churchill artist for a guided art workshop, where you can create your own masterpiece under their tutelage as a remembrance of your trip.

Overnight at The Tundra Inn, Churchill

DAY 5

Wednesday, August 18

Start your day with breakfast at a local Churchill restaurant, enjoying the warm northern hospitality before continuing your journey in search of beluga whales on a Zodiac boat tour. After spending time on the water with these fascinating and charismatic marine mammals, trade them for a dog carting adventure on land with some four-legged friends.

Wapusk Adventures is an Indigenous-owned and operated tour company in Churchill, where you can experience the thrill of dog carting through boreal forest. Partake in this unique opportunity to connect with a team of enthusiastic sled dogs as you embark on a mile-long ride aboard a custom-made wheeled cart and learn about the rich history of dog sledding and its significance in northern communities.

In the evening, enjoy the cool northern air while sharing stories, snacks and drinks with your fellow travelers beside the fire as waves roll in.

Overnight at The Tundra Inn, Churchill

Conservation Highlight: Seal River Watershed

Stretching across northern Manitoba to the shores of Hudson Bay, the Seal River Watershed is a remarkable network of free-flowing rivers, wetlands, tundra and boreal forest. It supports species like caribou, beluga whales, wolverines and grizzly bears, while its deep soils, wetlands and peatlands hold significant stores of carbon.

TNC is working alongside the Seal River Watershed Alliance as four First Nations advance a shared vision: protecting this extraordinary place through an Indigenous Protected and Conserved Area that will sustain healthy lands, waters, wildlife and communities for generations to come.

Photo: Dog carting in Churchill, Manitoba © Alex Cupeiro/Frontiers North Adventures



Itinerary Overview (cont.)

DAY 6

Thursday, August 19

This morning, set off on a guided boat tour into the Churchill River estuary, where thousands of beluga whales gather each summer. Learn from your guides as they offer insights into the belugas' natural habitat and behaviors while enjoying this educational and awe-inspiring experience.

Following whale watching, disembark for an interpretive walking tour of the Prince of Wales Fort National Historic Site. This 18th-century stone fortress stands as a testament to Canada's colonial history and the fur trade era. Guided by knowledgeable interpreters, you can delve into stories of the fort's construction, its strategic significance, and the lives of those who once inhabited it.

Today, we will also have the opportunity to dive into the world of polar bear conservation at Polar Bears International House. Gain a deeper understanding of the urgent efforts to protect these iconic animals as you explore this interpretive center.

Overnight at The Tundra Inn, Churchill

DAY 7

Friday, August 20

Begin your final morning in Churchill with a cultural presentation from local residents as they share their personal stories and insights into the traditions, history, wildlife, and lifestyle of this unique subarctic community.

After lunch and some free time in the city (don't forget to visit a local shop for souvenirs!), we will depart Churchill for our flight back to Winnipeg.

Enjoy one last dinner together as a group before getting some rest for your travels home the next day.

Overnight at Grand Winnipeg Airport Hotel, Winnipeg

DAY 8

Saturday, August 21

Bid farewell to Manitoba!

Enjoy a final breakfast at your hotel before making your way back to Winnipeg Richardson International Airport for your flights home or to your next destination.

Photo: Whimbrel feeding along the shoreline, OR © Steve Dimock/TNC Photo Contest 2016



Trip Cost

NOTE: The purchase of travel insurance *is required* to participate in this Legacy Journey.

Double Occupancy: \$11,181 CAD/person

Single Occupancy: \$12,299 CAD/person

This trip must have a minimum of 12 travelers, with a maximum of 15.

This cost includes:

- Accommodations
- All ground transportation and intra-province flights
- All meals, beginning with dinner on Day 1 and ending with breakfast on Day 8
- All activities as listed in the itinerary
- All park entrance fees and permitting
- Frontiers North Adventures trip leader
- 2 TNC hosts

This cost excludes:

- Travel to and from trip start and end location
- Travel insurance
- Pre- and post-trip accommodations
- Incidentals
- Trip leader gratuities
- Alcohol



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Payment & Cancellation Terms

All payments, including the deposit and final full trip payment, will be made to The Nature Conservancy using our online payment portal, Engaging Networks. If you need to cancel, please contact the TNC Legacy Journeys Team at legacyjourneys@tnc.org.

Deposit:

- A \$1,500 USD per person deposit is due at the time of registration.
 - Cancellation 0-7 days after payment (when booked 7+ days before full payment is due): Deposit is fully refundable.
 - Cancellation 8-21 days after payment (when booked 8-21 days before full payment is due): Deposit is 50% refundable.
 - Cancellation 22+ days after payment: Deposit is non-refundable.

Full Trip Payment:

- Full trip payment is due 150 days prior to trip start.
 - Cancellation 150-136 days prior to trip start: Full trip cost is 50% refundable.
 - Cancellation 135-0 days prior to trip start: Full trip cost is non-refundable.

Contact Information

As you plan for your journey with The Nature Conservancy and Frontiers North Adventures, please feel free to reach out with any questions.

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TNC Travel Values

● Access

Travel with renowned Conservancy experts and local partners for an exclusive, on-the-ground experience. You won't just see amazing places, you'll see how you are helping save them.

● Impact

Witness how your commitment to our planet and your passion for conservation are making a difference in the wild places and communities you are impacting.

● Knowledge

Learn how we are applying the latest cutting-edge science to affect global change and drive conservation.

● Inspiration

Immerse yourself in local cultures and awe-inspiring landscapes to foster your own connection to our world.

● Globally Minded

Elevate your understanding of our work by observing first-hand how TNC and our partners act locally and how we turn local results into global impact by scaling solutions that work.

Photo: Davis Mountain Preserve, TX © Jerod Foster



TNC Traveler Expectations

Group travel with The Nature Conservancy provides our donors with the opportunity to experience, alongside fellow supporters, the places TNC is working collaboratively to advance our conservation mission. Within these curated trips is the chance to engage with a community of active individuals and conservation staff who enjoy teaching and learning about the important conservation work we do and exploring the outdoors.

In order to ensure an enjoyable trip environment that supports learning and enrichment, we need your partnership. We ask that all participants review TNC's Code of Conduct prior to joining a trip. We also encourage you to carefully review all trip information to make an informed decision as to whether travel with TNC and a specific trip's characteristics and activities are right for you. Following the Code is an expectation and responsibility for everyone in the larger TNC community, including our staff, partners, vendors and supporters. To that end, by registering for a TNC trip, you agree to uphold the Code.

While the entire Code of Conduct is important, the tenets that are especially relevant to TNC group travel are:

- respect for each other,
- respect for the world around us, and
- acting with integrity.

The following traveler expectations are intended to provide guidance for how those tenets translate to group travel but are by no means an exhaustive list. By participating in a TNC trip, you make a commitment to act in accordance with the TNC Code of Conduct to your fellow travelers, as well as to TNC staff, partners, community members and vendors. Any violation of or disregard for the Code of Conduct may result in removal from a trip and/or denial of future TNC travel participation.

TNC Traveler Expectations (cont.)

● **Respect all people, places and perspectives.**

Each participant on a trip is an integral part of the travel experience. Demonstrating respect and consideration is imperative not only for nature, local communities and cultures in the places we visit, but also for fellow travelers, staff, partners, community members and vendors. Everyone will bring different goals, backgrounds, experiences and abilities, and it is important that the group respect each individual's perspectives and needs throughout the trip. Sometimes trip participants become lifelong friends, and we encourage the camaraderie and community built through these shared experiences!

● **Harassment in all its forms, including discrimination and microaggressions, is not tolerated.**

There is no place on any TNC travel experience for disrespect to or bullying or intimidation of fellow travelers, TNC staff, partners, community members or vendors. All travelers agree to support an environment free from any behavior that could make an individual feel unsafe or diminish their dignity. If you experience or observe this type of behavior on a trip, please report it to your trip host or guide.

Examples of behavior that will not be tolerated include, but are not limited, to:

- Racial discrimination in any form (jokes, comments and/or actions)
- Verbal abuse of any traveler, staff, partner, community member or vendor
- Actions or statements that exclude or divide people because of their differences or differing perspectives
- Jokes about gender or sexual orientation or that include sexual innuendo
- Discriminatory actions or statements based on gender or sexual orientation
- Unwelcome physical contact or physical intimidation of a sexual nature

● **Act in accordance with the applicable law of the location(s) of the trip.**

Your trip location(s) may have different laws from your home location. You are expected to be aware of and adhere to the trip destination's laws throughout the experience, even when locations change throughout a trip.

● **Employ an attitude of flexibility.**

At times, there may be changes in the itinerary when deemed necessary or advisable for the comfort and well-being of trip members. We appreciate your understanding, flexibility and adaptability in order to make the trip safe and enjoyable for you and everyone else.

TNC and its tour operators reserve the right to deny registration or remove a tour participant from a trip should such person's behavior, health or mental condition impact the safe and equitable operation of the trip.

Thank you for your attention and understanding, and please let a TNC travel representative know if you have any questions in advance of registering at legacyjourneys@tnc.org.

