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## SYTA'S 2020 BELUGAS, BEARS AND BLOOMS

Summer is the perfect time to visit Churchill, Manitoba! Thousands of belugas whales migrate into the Churchill River and the surrounding landscape erupts into colourful blooms.

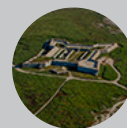
During the summer months of July and August, the Churchill River is home to thousands of beluga whales that migrate into the area to feed and give birth. You can experience the beauty of the beluga song by boat, Zodiac, paddleboard or kayak.

Back on dry land, a Tundra Buggy® safari in the Churchill Wildlife Management Area completes the adventure. Enjoy the chance to see the tundra as you've never imagined it - blooming with colourful flowers and teeming with wildlife! You may even catch a glimpse of the first summer polar bears as they migrate into the area.

### Itinerary Highlights



Spend time alongside curious beluga whales in the Churchill River



Step back in time exploring the Prince of Wales Fort National Historic Site



Enjoy the thrill of polar bear viewing on an official Tundra Buggy in the Churchill Wildlife Management Area.



## OPTION 1: AUGUST 12 - 13, 2020

### SAMPLE ITINERARY\*

**Day 1 (L,D)** - Morning flight from Winnipeg to Churchill; Interpretive transfer to the town of Churchill where they will be brought to their hotel for check in; After lunch, three-hour morning Beluga Whale tour (includes tour of Prince of Wales Fort); Evening function at Polar Bears International House; Overnight in Churchill.

**Day 2 (B,L)** - Free time to explore Churchill at leisure; Afternoon Tundra Buggy adventure; Depart Churchill by air this evening.

*\$2379 CAD per person, plus taxes (8.5%) based on double occupancy. Meals included as indicated.*

## OPTION 2: AUGUST 9 - 13, 2020

### SAMPLE ITINERARY\*

**Day 1** - Arrive into Winnipeg by own arrangement. Overnight in Winnipeg.

**Day 2** - Morning flight from Winnipeg to Churchill. Group participates in Churchill and Area Tour with stops at the Itsanitaq Museum and Parks Canada Interpretive Centre. Overnight in Churchill.

**Day 3** - Three-hour morning beluga whale tour (includes tour of Prince of Wales Fort). Afternoon dog-cart excursion. Overnight in Churchill.

**Day 4** - Two-hour morning Zodiac whale watching tour followed by an afternoon Tundra Buggy Tour. Overnight in Churchill.

**Day 5** - Depart Churchill by air in the morning, arrive Winnipeg mid-day.

*\$3455 CAD per person, plus taxes (8.5%) based on double occupancy. No meals included.*

## OPTION 3: AUGUST 8 - 12, 2020

### SAMPLE ITINERARY\*

**Day 1 (D)** - Arrive into Winnipeg by own arrangements. Afternoon Winnipeg city tour. Overnight in Winnipeg.

**Day 2 (B, L, D)** - Morning flight from Winnipeg to Churchill. Group participates in Churchill and area tour with stops at the Itsanitaq Museum and Parks Canada Visitor Centre. Overnight in Churchill.

**Day 3 (B, L, D)** - Three-hour morning beluga whale tour (includes tour of Prince of Wales Fort). Afternoon dog cart excursion. Overnight in Churchill.

**Day 4 (B, L, D)** - Full-day Tundra Buggy adventure. Overnight in Churchill.

**Day 5 (B, L, D)** - Two-hour morning Zodiac whale watching tour. Depart Churchill by air this evening.

*\$4093 CAD per person, plus taxes (8.5%) based on double occupancy. Meals included as indicated.*

*\*Itineraries may be subject to change*

## SAMPLE ACTIVITIES\*

**Beluga Zodiac:** A guided excursion into the beluga whale estuary in a Zodiac. Quickly move around the beluga whale estuary and experience one of the largest beluga whale populations in the world at surface level. Zodiacs are industrial-strength inflatable boats commonly used by military and law enforcement agencies.

**Beluga and fort tour:** On a Transport Canada approved vessel, discover hundreds of beluga whales in the mouth of the Churchill River. Then, across the river, a Parks Canada guided tour of Prince of Wales Fort National Historic Site of Canada; the oldest, most northerly stone fort in Canada.

**Tundra Buggy adventure:** The best way to experience magnificent summer wildlife including caribou, arctic fox and ptarmigan is on an official Tundra Buggy. The Buggy meanders over a system of established trails, stopping at leisure to enjoy the scenery, search for wildlife, and take photos of the lush flora of the subarctic.

**Winnipeg tour:** Enjoy your stay in Winnipeg by learning about the city's unique and vibrant history on a guided tour. Begin the day with a tour of the historic Exchange District, and then head to the Forks National Historic Site. Visit Winnipeg's French Quarter (St. Boniface) with its beautiful St. Boniface Cathedral, the oldest cathedral in Western Canada. Visit Upper Fort Garry Gate, the Legislative Building, and Winnipeg's 393-acre Assiniboine Park.

**Itsanitaq Museum:** The museum contains one of Canada's finest collections of Inuit carvings, kayaks and artifacts dating from pre- Dorset, Dorset, Thule, and modern Inuit times.

**Parks Canada Visitor Centre:** Walk back in time at the Parks Canada Visitor Centre viewing detailed and exciting wildlife dioramas and fur trade exhibits. View a series of videos on the history, culture and wildlife of the area. You leave chock-full of natural and historical information from the Churchill region.

**Dog carting:** Dog cart excursion hosted by a local resident and dog sledding expert. Meet the team of friendly dogs, hear stories and learn dog handling philosophy from an expert. Enjoy a mile long dog cart ride through the northern boreal forest.

**Churchill and area tour:** A guided bus tour of local and historical points of interest surrounding Churchill, including such attractions as Cape Merry and Sustainable Development's Polar Bear Holding Facility.

*\*Activity inclusions are specified in each itinerary.*