



TRIP ITINERARY

Canadian Big 5 Safari

Canada



Highlights:

- Small Group Trip, max 18 guests
- Search for Churchill's summer wildlife on an official Tundra buggy adventure.
- Spend time alongside curious Beluga Whales.
- Explore Riding Mountain National Park, in search of Black Bear, Moose and Bison.

Experience the spectacular wildlife of Manitoba with an adventure from the expansive forests and grasslands of Riding Mountain National Park, to the colourful tundra of Churchill. This one-of-a-kind Big Five Safari is a salute to the incredible array of megafauna that populate the forests, prairies, tundra and waters of this beautiful province.

Your journey begins in Winnipeg, the geographic centre of North America. Travel overland to Riding Mountain National Park where the boreal forest, meadows and lakes, lofty heights and deep gorges of the Manitoba Escarpment are home to moose, black bears, a captive bison herd and more. Enjoy daily wildlife drives to photograph the amazing wildlife and landscapes of the area. Next, fly north to Churchill, where the boreal forest gives way to the rugged tundra and northern waterways. Set out by boat and Zodiac amongst inquisitive beluga whales and explore the Churchill Wildlife Management Area in search of the majestic polar bear.

Day 1

WELCOME TO WINNIPEG — You arrive into Winnipeg and check into your hotel close to Winnipeg airport; This evening you join the rest of the group for a welcome dinner hosted by your trip guide. (MEALS: D)

Day 2

WILDLIFE SAFARI IN RIDING MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK — Following an early breakfast, you depart Winnipeg on a 3 ½ hour drive to Riding Mountain National Park; On the way, you make a stop at Farmery Estate Brewery for a brewery tour and to enjoy their food trucks for lunch.

Driving through the prairie grasslands to the rolling hills of the Manitoba Escarpment, you arrive at the gate of the park. Prior to checking in, you enjoy an evening wildlife drive, your first chance to search for moose and black bear; Overnight at Lakehouse hotel. (MEALS: B, L, D).

Day 3

LAKE AUDY BISON ENCLOSURE — After breakfast, you head out on another wildlife drive, seeking out moose, black bears and deer. After the park drive, you are treated to an interpretive walking tour of Wasagaming's charming streets.

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After lunch, you board The Martese for a cruise on Clear Lake; In the evening, you have a further wildlife drive to Lake Audy Bison Enclosure, with a herd of over 40 bison – here you will learn about their significance to the area; Overnight at Lakehouse hotel. (MEALS: B, L, D)

Day 4

FINAL WILDLIFE SAFARI IN RIDING MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK — The day starts with one last wildlife drive in the park, followed by a hike through Ominik Marsh. You return to Winnipeg for a night before heading to Churchill; Check in for the evening at Winnipeg hotel. (MEALS: B, L, D)

Day 5:

CHURCHILL ADVENTURE BEGINS — This morning, you take an early flight to Churchill. Upon arrival, you head out on a Tundra Buggy adventure in the Churchill Wildlife Management Area; The guide will explain the unique geological and natural history of the tundra, hopefully spotting dozens of bird species and maybe a polar bear. This afternoon, you have free time to explore Churchill, overnight at Churchill hotel. (MEALS: B, L, D)

Day 6

CHURCHILL ADVENTURE — After breakfast, you embark on a Churchill area tour, which includes the Polar Bear holding facility and a visit to Polar Bear international House, where one of the ambassadors will talk about Polar Bear research. You then board a boat on the Churchill Estuary – where thousands of Beluga Whales head every year to give birth – so your chances of seeing these amazing creatures is very high indeed. Finally, to end an action-packed day, you head to Wapusk Adventures to enjoy a dog carting program (on wheels) – with a mile long mush through the boreal forest and learn about the importance of dog sledding to the local communities.; Overnight at Churchill hotel. (MEALS: B, L, D)

Day 7:

LAST DAY IN CHURCHILL — After breakfast, you head out on a 3-hour zodiac boat ride on the Churchill River, where you have the chance to get even closer to the pods of Beluga Whales; After this exhilarating morning, you head to the Parks Canada Visitor Centre to learn about Churchill's remarkable history, followed by the Itsanitaq Museum, with its huge collection of Inuit artifacts.

This evening, you fly back to Winnipeg; Guests will check into their Winnipeg hotel for the last night in Manitoba. (MEALS: B, L, D)

Day 8:

DEPART WINNIPEG – Today you head back to Winnipeg airport for your departure flight.

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Passports: Please ensure these are valid for travel and that you are in possession of valid visas (if required see below). You are required to take out comprehensive travel insurance to safeguard against cancellation and curtailment, medical expenses, repatriation expenses, damage/theft/loss of personal baggage, money and personal belongings.

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