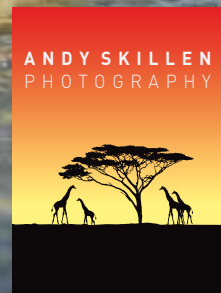


Arctic Adventures on foot...



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DUAL LODGE ARCTIC SAFARI

- 11 Days; 10 nights
- 17-27 October, 2019; C\$16,995 (plus 9% tax) based on twin share
- Price fully inclusive Winnipeg – Winnipeg; international flights not included

This late fall safari takes you to both Seal River Heritage Lodge and Nanuk Polar Bear Lodge to experience two stunning, remote locations uncluttered by any other visitors than our group. The diversity of wildlife and stunning wintry landscapes are stunning, and on this unique trip you'll have access to two populations of polar bears, wolves, moose, and more, as well as opportunities for some spectacular northern lights photography. You'll take scenic flights over Hudson Bay and along the coast, and spend eight nights at two of our luxury eco-lodges, which are located in vastly different landscapes: the open tundra, and the edge of the boreal forest. This is a true once-in-a-lifetime arctic adventure.

ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrive Winnipeg

Overnight stay and a chance for a pre-departure group dinner with your fellow adventurers at 7pm.

Includes: 1 night accommodation; dinner
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Days 2-5: Seal River Heritage Lodge

After a restful night in Winnipeg you will depart for Churchill. Upon arrival, we will put you onto the charter flights to Seal River Lodge, where, after a scenic flight north up the coast, arrive at Seal River Heritage Lodge where after a delicious lunch, you'll head out for your first wildlife hike!

The remainder of your days at Seal River will start around 8:00 am with a hot breakfast followed by your morning hike around 9:30 am. After a few hours out on the tundra, seeking out polar bears and other Arctic wildlife, you'll head back to the Lodge for lunch. We will then venture out again in the afternoon, but of course, we could be ready to go at any time (or stay out longer) if the sighting permits.

Includes: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 6 to 9 - Nanuk Polar Bear Lodge

Time to head to the second stop of your dual-lodge experience! Nanuk Polar Bear Lodge is about 250 km southeast of Churchill and the 75 minute charter flight will include a flyover of York Factory, the hub of the historic fur trade. Your days at Nanuk will be filled with more exciting wildlife encounters. The wildlife at Nanuk is incredibly diverse and

includes polar bears, wolves, moose, caribou, Arctic and coloured fox, and Arctic hare. We use custom-designed, open-air "Tundra Rhinos" to get our guests along the coast and, across the many small rivers and creeks that lead to the Bay, and once located, we approach the wildlife on foot.

Includes: breakfast lunch dinner

Day 10 - Return To Winnipeg

After another hearty Lodge breakfast, we will begin transfers back to Churchill. Have your cameras ready for the return flight as it affords excellent opportunities for great aerial shots. Today is your last day in the Churchill area.

Upon your return to Churchill, our representative will store your luggage. The balance of the day is then free for browsing the shops and exhibits of Churchill.

Your flight south to Winnipeg will take place this evening, and upon arrival, collect your bags, head out of the arrivals doors and look to your right. The Grand Hotel is located across the way only a two minute walk.

Includes: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 11 - Depart Winnipeg

Today you will fly home on your own travel arrangements, marking the end of your adventure with Churchill Wild and the beginning of a lifetime of savoring the experiences of the Arctic.

POLAR BEAR PHOTO SAFARI – NANUK

- 8 days; 7 nights
- 25 October – 1 November 2019; C\$ 13,995 (plus 9% tax) based on twin-share
- Price fully inclusive Winnipeg – Winnipeg; international flights not included

Your Polar Bear Photo Safari takes place at Nanuk Polar Bear Lodge during prime polar bear season in October and November and is considered a "must-do" photography adventure for both professional and aspiring photographers.

Why? Simply because this wildly rugged and remote lodge is located on the shoreline of Hudson Bay, far, far away from any civilisation (access is by air only) and provides photographers with the opportunity to experience rare ground-level polar bear photography in a pristine, wilderness environment. We can spend long hours in the field, moving ourselves into unique positions to help you catch that shot of a lifetime.

We will explore daily in search of wildlife, although sometimes we may not have to go far as polar bears and wolves do venture right up to the Lodge fences enabling us to photograph them from vantage points in the camp itself. The ground-level photo opportunities for polar bears are further enhanced by the possibility of wolf, moose, Arctic fox, red-fox, ptarmigan, gyrfalcon, snowy owl and more.

ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrive Winnipeg

Overnight stay and a chance for a pre-departure group dinner with your fellow adventurers at 7pm.

Includes: 1 night accommodation; dinner

Day 2: Time to head north!

Travel with me to Churchill by scheduled airline, and then once we arrive we will prepare for onward charter flight to the lodge (this is done in two batches). This scenic flight takes you along the Hudson Bay coast over historic waterways and landmarks on your way to Canada's most exclusive polar bear viewing properties. Keep a sharp eye en route for caribou, seals, wolves and of course the bears themselves!

Includes: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 3,4,5 and 6: Tundra trekking & priceless photography

Nanuk Lodge is located in a wildly rugged and remote location catering to the dedicated wildlife photographer willing to spend long hours in the field to get up close and personal with the wildlife. When you've pictured a polar bear from ground level, on the same piece of ice as you, then, well, you'll never be the same again!

We have excellent chances of wolf encounters also at Nanuk, as well as other wildlife, and the nights – if they are clear – give us a great opportunity for northern lights, and we will wake you up if the show looks spectacular!

Includes: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 7: Back to reality...

After another hearty breakfast it's time to pack for the flight back to Churchill, say good-byes and snap a few more pictures. After another exciting aerial tour, you'll arrive in Churchill, where your bags will be stored for you until your flight back to Winnipeg later in the day. You are then free to explore and wine and dine in this frontier community at your leisure. We can even fix up dogsledding too for those wishing a canine adventure! We will then get you on the flight back to Winnipeg, where you will overnight again at our preferred airport hotel.

Includes: night in Winnipeg; breakfast, lunch and dinner

Day 9: Leave for home

Drag yourself up, sigh, and say goodbye to beautiful Manitoba...and onto your next adventure, wherever that may be!

HIGH ARCTIC POLAR BEAR NEW-BORN CUB QUEST

- 10 days, 9 nights
- Dates TBC; March/April 2019 (these will be released around August 2018). Prices for 2019 will also be revealed then – and will be in Canadian dollars.
- Price fully inclusive Ottawa - Ottawa; international flights not included
- Group size 8: invitation only (note: this trip inconjunction with Arctic Kingdom)

Without doubt, the sight of new-born polar bear cubs is one of the most exciting experiences, some would say life-changing, that any photographer or wildlife watcher could wish for.

Until I pioneered an expedition for BBC Wildlife in 2016, the only place to really have a chance of seeing these wonders of nature would be in Wapusk National Park, some way south of Churchill, amidst the stick-laden tundra. However, following my ground-breaking trip that year, we are now able to offer an incredible high-arctic experience, located in a temporary, specially constructed camp on the sea ice to the north-east of Canada's Baffin Island.

This is true high arctic travel at the end of winter, and our days will be spent scouring the fjords and sea ice on snowmobiles as we seek out mothers with their cubs who have left the den and ventured out to go hunting. The scenery is breathtaking of course – you are high above the tree line and only rocks, snow, ice and icebergs exist, with polar bears dotted amongst them. This is your real chance to see bears out on unbroken sea ice, in the midst of their hunting period, with newborn cubs in tow. Nights are filled with northern lights and often during the days we will find bears that have scaled icebergs to “chill out” and rest.

This is not a trip for the unadventurous, and it can be physically challenging at times. This is real high arctic travel, at the end of winter, with long days in sometimes extreme conditions. However, if you are lucky enough to spot a bear with cubs, you will be one of literally a handful that has ever seen this in this particular part of the world.

Please contact me to discuss this trip in full. I am the only UK photographer to have ever been in this part of the world at this time of year, and as such will be able to fully brief you on what to expect and if this trip is really for you. This is the ultimate polar bear adventure.

