

**ESCORTED
TOUR**

Polar Bears in Canada

**An exclusive subarctic adventure to the Polar
Bear Capital of the World**

10 – 21 October 2026



CHURCHILL - WHERE POLAR BEARS ROAM

Journey to Churchill, Manitoba, a remote frontier town known as the Polar Bear Capital of the World, and immerse yourself in one of nature's most extraordinary spectacles.

Each year, throughout October and November, hundreds of polar bears migrate back to Churchill awaiting the return of the first sea ice on Hudson Bay. This remarkable natural phenomenon creates unparalleled opportunities to observe wild polar bears in their natural habitat – an experience available nowhere else with such reliability and accessibility. Polar bear encounters unfold aboard specially designed Tundra Buggies – elevated, all-terrain vehicles engineered to traverse the harsh subarctic landscape while ensuring both safety and optimal wildlife viewing.

“Wildlife and weather are unpredictable which means we can never guarantee wildlife sightings. However, we have an excellent track record and our team of Tundra Buggy drivers work together in the Churchill Wildlife Management Area to ensure our guests have the best viewing opportunities possible. Most often spotted: polar bears, arctic fox, red fox, ptarmigan, snow geese, gyrfalcons, snowy owls and a plethora of birds and wildlife.” - Frontier North Adventures



October 2026

Saturday 10 Auckland -Vancouver D

An evening departure on Air New Zealand. Cross the dateline with an early evening arrival in Vancouver and transfer to our central hotel. Welcome Dinner tonight.

Sunday 11 Vancouver B

After breakfast, a morning Vancouver city tour is included with the afternoon free to explore and enjoy the city.

Monday 12 Vancouver – Winnipeg B D

Fly to Winnipeg. On arrival enjoy an orientation tour before transferring to our central city hotel.

Tuesday 13 Winnipeg – Train B D

Meet for breakfast before checking in at the train station for an early afternoon departure to Churchill. Overnight on the train. For the next two days travel through three different biospheres including the prairie grasslands, boreal forest of the Canadian Shield, and last but not least the tundra of northern Manitoba.

Wednesday 14 Train B L D

Full day on board the train with a chance to stretch your legs in Thompson, a major stop on the route. Overnight on the train.

Thursday 15 Churchill B L D

Enjoy an early-morning breakfast on board before finally arriving in Churchill. Today enjoy a guided bus tour including the Polar Bear Holding Facility and Itsanitaq Museum, home to one of the most extensive collections of Inuit art in the world, before lunch at a local restaurant. Free time this afternoon, before dinner at a local restaurant. The evening can be spent exploring Churchill's authentic shops, enjoying a beverage at the local pub or relaxing at the hotel.





Friday 16 Tundra Buggy Wildlife

Excursion B L D

Following an early morning breakfast, depart for your first full-day Tundra Buggy adventure exploring the Churchill Wildlife Management Area on a network of established trails in search of polar bears, arctic fox, ptarmigan and other sub-arctic wildlife. Lunch and refreshments will be served on board. Return to Churchill for dinner at a local restaurant before finishing the day with a presentation from a local resident on the culture, history, wildlife and lifestyle of the Churchill area.

Saturday 17 Dog Sledding and local sightseeing B L D

This morning travel beyond the town limits to Churchill's boreal forest for a thrilling dog sled excursion. Hosted by a local Churchill resident and dog

sledding expert - learn about the history associated with dog sledding and the Métis culture before heading off on a custom-built sled for a mile-long ride behind a strong team of huskies. Enjoy lunch back in town before making a stop at the Parks Canada Visitor Centre, located in Churchill's historic train station, where you will step back in time during an interpretive program about Churchill's history. Dinner at a local restaurant this evening and the chance to visit the Polar Bears International House to learn more about polar bear research and climate change.

Sunday 18 Tundra Buggy - flight to Winnipeg B L D

After breakfast transfer to the Tundra Buggy dock for a second and final full-day adventure. On board, a Polar Bears International species expert will provide

an in-depth discussion on polar bears and their habitat. After a day of exploring the tundra, bid farewell to Churchill and transfer to the airport for an evening flight back to Winnipeg. A light meal will be served. Upon arrival in Winnipeg overnight at Winnipeg's international airport.

Monday 19 Winnipeg - Vancouver - Auckland B

Mid-morning departure from Winnipeg, change planes in Vancouver and depart on Air New Zealand early evening for your flight home.

Wednesday 21

Early morning arrival at Auckland airport.

*Itinerary subject to change



The option to amend/extend your stay is available

ESTIMATED Cost per person Auckland - Auckland

Twin	\$22,650
Sngle	\$24,780
Premium Economy	To be confirmed
Business Class	To be confirmed

Early Booking Discount (If deposit paid by 15 December 2025)	\$150 per person
Previous International Tour Client Discount	\$100 per person

- This is a cash or direct debit price. Credit cards will incur a 1.5% fee
- Itinerary and costs subject to change, airline fuel charges and currency fluctuations prior to final payment.



Inclusions

- Economy air flights with Air New Zealand and Air Canada
- Two nights in Vancouver
- Vancouver half day city sights tour
- Sleeper Plus Class on VIA Rail Winnipeg to Churchill
- All international transfers
- Breakfast daily
- Lunch and dinner as outlined
- Sightseeing tours in Vancouver, Winnipeg and Churchill
- Entrance to Itsanitaq Museum and Parks Canada Visitor Centre
- Tour of the Polar Bears International House
- Frontier North Interpretive Guide
- Two full days guided Tundra Buggy Adventure
- Dog Sledding Excursion
- Pukekohe Travel Tour Escort subject to 10 persons traveling

Exclusions

- Travel Insurance is compulsory – please ask us for a quote
- Items of a personal nature
- Items not specified
- Gratuities
- Airport and airline taxes [approx. \$310]

Booking Conditions

- A non-refundable deposit of \$1,250 per person will secure a place on this trip
- Full payment is due no later than 01 June 2026

Cancellations and Refunds

- From the date of booking until 01 June 2026 – loss of deposit
- After 01 June 2026 – no refund

Documentation

- A current passport is required, valid six months beyond date of travel
- A Canadian ETA is required [CA\$7]

Health and Mobility

A good standard of health and fitness is required and clients should be independently mobile with the ability to walk unaided on uneven surfaces and negotiate stairs.

Climate

Throughout polar bear season during October and November, Churchill's temperatures tend to be very cold, ranging from -16°C to 7°C. Our time on the tundra is in heated Tundra Buggy vehicles, but with windows being lowered for photography, you should expect interior temperatures to range from -1°C to 16°C and will want wear sufficient layers to remain comfortable. As with any location, temperatures in Churchill can vary widely, the streets and sidewalks in Churchill can become very slippery with layers of ice and snow.

Travel Insurance

It is highly essential all clients purchase travel insurance to protect against cancellations, lost items, and delays that could lead to unexpected costs. Please ask us for a quote.

Weather

	Min	Max
Vancouver	8°C	14°C
Winnipeg	-9°C	7°C
Churchill	-16 °C	0 °C

Clothing

Closer to departure date, extensive information will be provided – a brief summary is as follows:

- Warm winter, waterproof coat
 - The 'golden rules' are: Layers, Layers, Layers – base, mid, outer
 - Wear breathable fabric – choose wool, merino or cotton over polyester fabrics
 - Waterproof – not water repellent
 - Protect your extremities – hat, gloves and insulated boots.
 - Remember the SPF
- Canada Goose parkas, snow pants and Baffin boots are available for hire in Churchill for your Tundra Buggy experience.

Currency / Money

- Canadian Dollars are used in Canada
- ATMs are readily available
- Visa and Mastercard are accepted in most towns and cities

Terms and Conditions

For full terms and conditions please visit our website www.pukekohetravel.co.nz/termsandconditions or ask our tour consultant for a copy.

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