



AIR JOURNEY

# POLAR BEAR & BELUGA WHALE

ENCOUNTERS

AUGUST 15 – 23, 2024

3

CITIES

9

DAYS  
8 NIGHTS

1,365

NAUTICAL  
MILES

# THE ROUTE



## JOURNEY PRICE

PRICE PER PERSON (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY)	PLANE REGISTRATION FEE	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
\$11,450	\$2,995	Available upon request

# ITINERARY & ACCOMMODATIONS

## AT A GLANCE

**DAY 1**

• WINNIPEG, CANADA



*FORT GARRY HOTEL*

**DAY 2-5**

• CHURCHILL, CANADA



*LAZY BEAR LODGE*

**DAY 6-8**

• LAKE LOUISE, CANADA



*FAIRMONT LAKE LOUISE*

**DAY 9**

• HOME

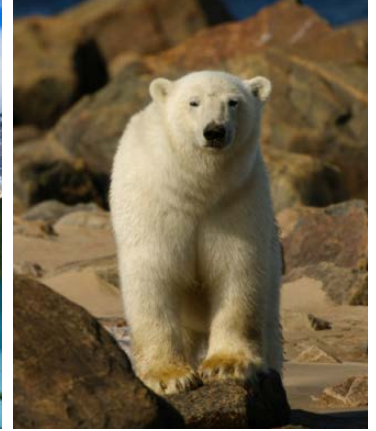
# HIGHLIGHTS

## THE AIR JOURNEY EXPERIENCE



### JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS *THE AIR JOURNEY EXPERIENCE*

- ▶ Set out in search of the majestic polar bears with a tour through Hudson Bay.
- ▶ Embark on a tour through the Churchill River to encounter the beluga whales in their natural habitat.
- ▶ Venture on a Tundra Tour to explore the historical sights of Churchill, such as Cape Merry and the wreckage of the famous plane "Miss Piggy".
- ▶ Stay 3 nights at the stunning Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, located in Alberta's Banff National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- ▶ Embark on a half-day hike to explore the beautiful Lake Agnes and the Tea House.
- ▶ Take advantage of a day at leisure to unwind and soak up the breathtaking views of Lake Louise, or choose from a range of optional activities offered by the hotel, including horseback riding, fishing, a gondola ride, and more.





DAY BY DAY

# ITINERARY

YOU DO THE FLYING,  
WE TAKE CARE OF THE REST...



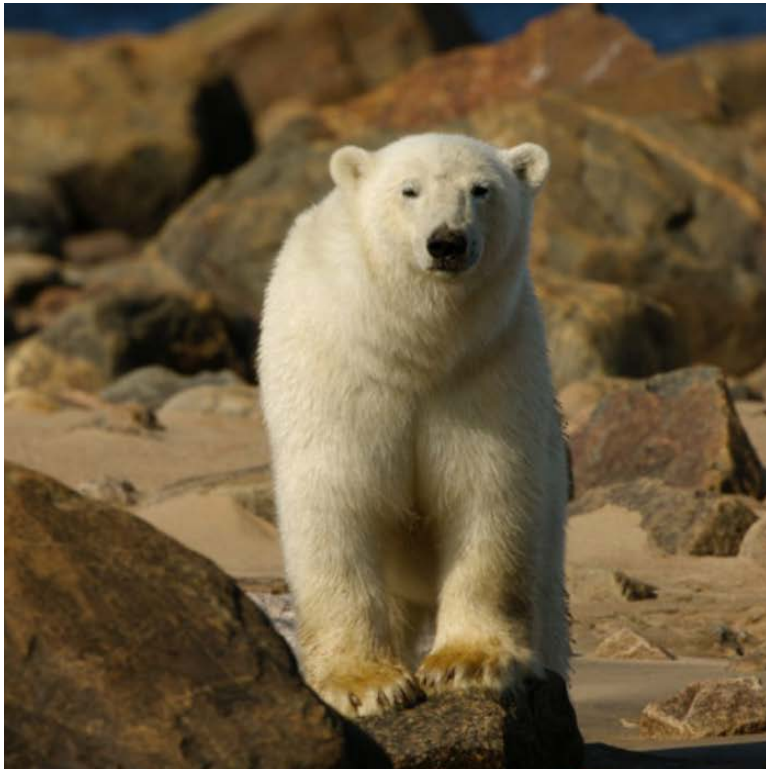
## DAY 1 | THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

HOME → WINNIPEG, CANADA (CYWG)

Welcome to Winnipeg! Air Journey staff will greet you at the Fort Garry Hotel situated in historic downtown Winnipeg.

All participants will meet for introductions and attend an extensive briefing covering the general procedures of our Journey as well as details for tomorrow's departure. Afterwards, we will meet for a welcome cocktail before dinner.

-  Fort Garry Hotel
-  Welcome cocktail and Dinner included



## DAY 2 | FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

 540 NM

WINNIPEG, CANADA (CYWG) → CHURCHILL, CANADA (CYYR)

Fly to Churchill and transfer to the Lazy Bear Lodge. In Manitoba's remote north, the tiny town of Churchill has long attracted travelers in search of wild spaces and even wilder animals.

In summer, beluga whales arrive by the thousands to the shores of Hudson Bay. A real frontier town, no roads lead to Churchill. The only access is a twice-weekly train or by charter or private plane.

-  Lazy Bear Lodge
-  Breakfast and Dinner included



## DAY 3 | SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

CHURCHILL, CANADA

Lazy Bear's Captain will take us into the Hudson Bay, in a customized Transport Canada certified vessel. On this unique adventure, together, we will explore one of the more remote Polar Bear viewing areas on the west side of Hudson Bay.

Since the majority of Polar Bears are in this viewing area during the summer months, our adventure gives you the best opportunity to see Polar Bears in their summer habitat. During the summer season, Polar Bears can be seen swimming, exploring around the rocks and wildflowers, as well as sunbathing along the shore.

Weather and wildlife permitting, we will have the privilege to disembark the boat, giving us the amazing experience to walk where Polar Bears roam.

-  Lazy Bear Lodge
-  Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included





DAY 4 | SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

## CHURCHILL, CANADA

Along the Hudson Bay shoreline, hundreds of Beluga Whales come to feed, mate and give birth in the warm, shallow near-coastal waters. Our Beluga Whale Boat/Fort Tour will focus on viewing the beautiful Beluga Whales in their natural habitat in the Churchill River and into the Hudson Bay area as they feed on schools of Caplin, Arctic Char and Brook Trout.

We will also go ashore for a walking tour of the historic Prince of Wales Fort.

-  Lazy Bear Hotel
-  Breakfast and Dinner included





DAY 5 | MONDAY, AUGUST 19

## CHURCHILL, CANADA

Today you will hop on a summer Tundra Tour on one of the brand-new, custom-built, state of the art Arctic Crawlers tundra vehicles with all the modern amenities including USB ports, to view the beautiful landscape.


This afternoon the Cultural and Heritage Tour takes you through Churchill and the surrounding area where you will be exploring various historic sites. These include Cape Merry, an outside tour of the polar bear jail, the wreckage of the famous plane, "Miss Piggy", and many other historic sites that make Churchill the town it is today. You may walk around and take pictures or stay on the bus if you prefer.

Later in the evening, depending on weather and cloud coverage, it may be possible to see the Northern Lights.

-  Lazy Bear Hotel
-  Breakfast and Dinner included



DAY 6 | TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

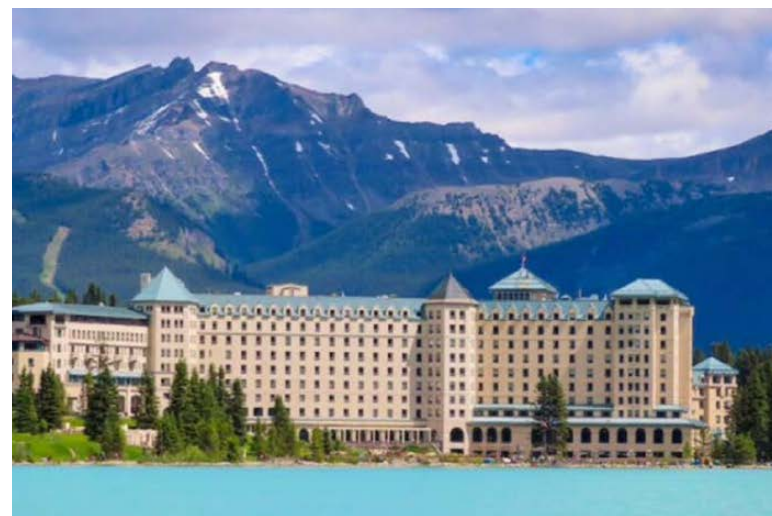
 825 NM

## CHURCHILL, CANADA (CYYQ) → CALGARY, CANADA (CYYC) → LAKE LOUISE, CANADA

Fly to Calgary and transfer to Lake Louise. Surrounded by soaring mountain peaks, the majestic Victoria Glacier and a glistening emerald lake, the iconic Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise hotel is located in Alberta's Banff National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Originally built as a base for outdoor enthusiasts and alpinists over 100 years ago, Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise is a year-round luxury mountain resort offering summertime activities including guided mountain tours, scenic hiking, canoeing, horseback riding, fishing, mountain biking and river rafting.

-  Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise
-  Breakfast and Dinner included





## DAY 7 | WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

### LAKE LOUISE, CANADA

Enjoy a half-day hike with private guide to Lake Agnes and the Tea House. This lovely walk in Banff National Park on the way up takes us past Mirror Lake tucked under the sheer cliffs of the Big Beehive. At the Tea House, you have the option to enjoy some of the fresh baked goods while taking in the breath-taking back drop.

 Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise  
 Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included

## DAY 8 | THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

### LAKE LOUISE, CANADA

Today is at leisure to relax or explore on your own.

Enjoy the day hiking, canoeing, mountain biking, fly-fishing or horseback riding. Take a gondola ride on the Lake Louise Gondola. Walk through Johnston Canyon and see its seven waterfalls and, should you want to, enter a surprising “wet tunnel”. Take a Lake Minnewanka Boat Tour – a popular scenic and wildlife-viewing trip in a glassed-in motor cruiser on Lake Minnewanka, a glacial lake wedged between two mountain ranges (approx.. 1 1/2 hrs). All activities are optional.

 Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise  
 Breakfast and Dinner included

## DAY 9 | FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

### LAKE LOUISE, CANADA → CALGARY, CANADA (CYYC) → HOME

After breakfast, we will transfer back to the Calgary airport for our flight home.

 Breakfast included



## FLIGHT DAYS & DISTANCES

DAY	DEPARTURE FROM:		ARRIVE AT:		DISTANCE
	CITY	ICAO CODE	CITY	ICAO CODE	
DAY 1	THU, AUG 15	HOME	WINNIPEG, CANADA	CYWG	
DAY 2	FRI, AUG 16	WINNIPEG, CANADA	CHURCHILL, CANADA	CYYQ	540 NM
DAY 6	TUE, AUG 20	CHURCHILL, CANADA	CALGARY, CANADA	CYYC	825 NM
DAY 9	FRI, AUG 23	CALGARY, CANADA	HOME		
<b>TOTAL NAUTICAL MILES:</b>					<b>1,365 NM</b>

# TERMS AND CONDITIONS

## Our land program includes:

- Presence of an Air Journey tour leader who will facilitate clearances, Immigration, refueling, flight planning, and provide help with any difficulty that might arise
- Full-time services of a professional Air Journey guide and local experts
- **Lodging: for 9 days, 8 nights**
- Meals as described in the program
- Wine selected by Air journey is included with dinner. All other beverages are not included.
- Tours and admission to all planned group sightseeing as listed in the itinerary
- All service charges and taxes
- Round trip transfers between airport and hotel

## Our land program does not include:

- Airport departure taxes.
- Fees associated with the airports and aircraft.
- Fuel for the aircraft.
- Cost of obtaining passport or visas and or inoculations
- Beverages except as noted
- Personal expenses such as laundry, room service, communication charges and other incidentals
- Travel Insurance (Highly Recommended)

## Journey Requirements

### Passports & Visas

Passports are mandatory for the Journey and they must to be valid for at least six (6) months after the return date. Air Journey will closely monitor visa requirements and will provide you with all the information at least 120 days before the departure date.

### Vaccinations

Air Journey will closely monitor vaccination requirements for each country in the itinerary, to ensure compliance with local health regulations. All the information will be provided to you at least 120 days before the departure date.

### Travel and Cancellation Insurance

Travel and Cancellation Insurance is strongly recommended and not included in the package, but it can be purchased from Air Journey. Contact Anais (561 841-1551) at Air Journey for a quote today. Birth dates and State of residence will be required.

### Survival Equipment

Survival equipment is available for rental on a daily basis and will be waiting for you at our departure point. Contact us for details. Life vests are mandatory. A life raft is recommended.

### The Airplane Registration Fee includes:

- Extensive Navigation log (airports, route, frequencies, information of airspace, nav-aids, reporting points, international flight plan) tailored for each aircraft.
- Flight plans and eAPIS manifest (departure and arrival) filed on your behalf.
- Pilot briefing prior to each day's flight.
- A fleece lined jacket, and a collared, cotton shirt for each traveling participant on the full Journey with their name and aircraft tail number embroidered on the upper front. A bag is provided for each couple.

### Cancellation, refunds:

a) **Cancellation by the Client:** Is always required in writing & is subject to the following schedule of dates, whereby some or all moneys paid will be retained:

Given outside of 60 days of departure:	AJ retains the deposit per person & will hold the Plane Registration Fee on credit for 12 months from client cancellation date.
Between 60 and 45 days of departure:	AJ retains 50% of tour cost and plane registration fee
Between 45 and 30 days of departure:	AJ retains 75% of tour cost and plane registration fee
Less than 30 days or no show of departure:	AJ retains 100% of tour cost and plane registration fee

b) **Cancellation by AJ:** Should AJ cancel the tour after deposits have been received due to fewer than the minimum participants required, the full deposit will be refunded. Should AJ cancel the tour at any time due to factors beyond their control (including war, flood, force of nature, riot, civil action, disease) they will refund the client whatever portion of moneys are reimbursed by ground operators and accommodation suppliers.

*Please note that hotel accommodations and sightseeing are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. Air Journey reserves the right to amend the order of sightseeing as necessary. Every effort will be made to operate tours as planned, but alterations may occur after the final itinerary has been issued. Air Journey has quoted this itinerary with minimum participation of 5 airplanes. Our quoted prices are based on current rates of exchange, tariffs and taxes as of **August 2023**. Air Journey reserves the right to increase tour prices to cover increased costs, tariffs and taxes, and to reflect fluctuations in foreign exchange markets.*



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