



AIR JOURNEY

# Polar Bear & Beluga Whale Encounters

AUGUST 15 - 23, 2025



# Journey Overview



## POLAR BEAR & BELUGA WHALE ENCOUNTERS



DEPARTURE POINT  
WINNIPEG, CANADA



JOURNEY DATES  
AUGUST 15 - 23, 2025

9 / 8

DAYS NIGHTS

1

COUNTRY

1

CONTINENT

1,365

NAUTICAL MILES

Embark on a one-of-a-kind adventure from the remote wilds of Churchill, Canada, to the charming shores of Mackinac Island, Michigan. In Churchill, venture out in search of majestic polar bears viewed safely from a distance and playful beluga whales in their natural habitat, all guided by local experts who bring the Arctic ecosystem to life. While sightings can't be guaranteed, the excitement of seeking out these incredible creatures is an unforgettable part of the Journey. Then, unwind amidst the historic beauty of Mackinac Island, where horse-drawn carriages and scenic lakeside views provide a relaxing contrast to your northern exploration. This Journey is a perfect blend of wildlife encounters and timeless charm, crafted for those seeking extraordinary experiences in remarkable places.

# Itinerary at a Glance

10 Days / 9 Nights

AUGUST 15 - 23, 2025

**DAY 1-2 | AUG 15 - AUG 16**

WINNIPEG, CANADA

Arrive at your leisure to Winnipeg, Canada, before meeting your fellow Journey participants.

 FORT GARRY HOTEL

**DAY 2-6 | AUG 16 - AUG 20**

CHURCHILL, CANADA

Set out in search of the majestic polar bears with a tour through Hudson Bay.

 LAZY BEAR LODGE

**DAY 6-9 | AUG 20 - AUG 23**

MACKINAC ISLAND, MICHIGAN, USA

Enjoy an authentic Mackinac Island experience with a horse-drawn carriage tour



**DAY 9 | AUG 23**

HOME

Fly back home.



BOAT  
TOURS



WILDLIFE  
ENCOUNTERS



BREATHTAKING  
LANDSCAPES



HIKING  
OPPORTUNITIES



DISCOVER THE FULL  
*Itinerary*







Day 1-2

ARRIVE  
FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

DEPART  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

## Winnipeg, Canada

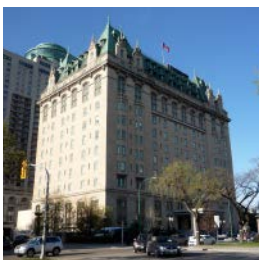
FLYING DAY: FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

HOME ✈ WINNIPEG, CANADA (CYWG)

Welcome to Winnipeg! Air Journey staff will greet you at the Fort Garry Hotel situated in historic downtown Winnipeg. The afternoon is free for you to explore the area on your own.

In the late afternoon, there will be a briefing on the Journey including a review of the first flight leg which will take us over vast Canadian landscapes to Churchill, Canada.

This evening we will gather for a welcome cocktail to get acquainted with the group before we enjoy our first dinner together.



FORT GARRY HOTEL | 1 NIGHT

WELCOME COCKTAIL & DINNER INCLUDED



Day 2-6 ● ARRIVE  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

DEPART  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

## Churchill, Canada

FLYING DAY: SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

WINNIPEG, CANADA (CYWG) ✈ CHURCHILL, CANADA (CYYQ) 540 NM

Embark on an awe-inspiring Journey to Churchill, a remote haven only accessible by train, charter, or private plane. Your adventure unfolds at Lazy Bear Lodge, where a Captain-led excursion into the Hudson Bay offers a chance for a unique summer encounter with Polar Bears. Watch from a distance, as these majestic creatures swim, explore, and sunbathe with the possibility to disembark and walk in close proximity to them.

Continue along the Hudson Bay shoreline for the Beluga Whale Boat/Fort Tour, immersing yourself in the natural habitat of hundreds of these enchanting whales. Explore the historic Prince of Wales Fort before hopping on a summer Tundra Tour on state-of-the-art Arctic Crawlers for an up-close view of the breathtaking landscape.

The Cultural Heritage Tour takes you through Churchill and its surroundings, exploring historic sites like Cape Merry, the polar bear jail, and the wreckage of the famous "Miss Piggy" plane. Capture the essence of Churchill's rich history through this engaging tour.

We've allowed for an extra day should weather interfere with any of our planned activities while in Churchill. This last day in Churchill is at leisure to relax or explore the city on your own. Your Journey Director will be available to help you plan your day.



LAZY BEAR LODGE | 4 NIGHTS

BREAKFAST & DINNER INCLUDED | LUNCH DURING THE EXCURSION





Day 6-9



ARRIVE

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

DEPART

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

# Mackinac Island, Michigan, US

FLYING DAY: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20

CHURCHILL, CANADA (CYYQ) ✈ MACKINAC ISLAND, MICHIGAN, US (KCIU)

825 NM

Fly to Mackinac Island, an unique island where cars are entirely absent, and life unfolds at a relaxed, old-world pace. Over three nights, we will stay at the legendary Grand Hotel, a Victorian masterpiece known for its stunning architecture and history as one of America's most iconic resorts. The Grand Hotel's grand porch—the longest in the world—offers breathtaking views over Lake Huron, making it the ideal spot to unwind and take in the island's natural beauty.

The following day, enjoy an authentic Mackinac Island experience with a horse-drawn carriage tour, one of the few ways to get around on this car-free island. The tour will carry you past historic sites, including Fort Mackinac, the awe-inspiring Arch Rock, and lush, forested paths. With only the gentle rhythm of the horses' hooves, you'll feel completely immersed in the island's serene and historic atmosphere.

Your final full day is free to explore the island at your leisure.



GRAND HOTEL | 3 NIGHTS

BREAKFAST & DINNER INCLUDED | LUNCH DURING THE EXCURSION

RETURN TO THE U.S.A: SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

MACKINAC ISLAND, MICHIGAN, US (KCIU) ✈ HOME

As your adventure concludes, savor the memories of this remarkable Journey before transferring back to the Mackinac Island airport for your return flight home.

# Flying Days & Distances

DEPART FROM:

ARRIVE AT:

DAY		CITY	ICAO CODE	CITY	ICAO CODE	DISTANCE
DAY 1	FRI, AUG 15	HOME		WINNIPEG, CANADA	CYWG	
DAY 2	SAT, AUG 16	WINNIPEG, CANADA	CYWG	CHURCHILL, CANADA	CYYQ	540 NM
DAY 6	WED, AUG 20	CHURCHILL, CANADA	CYYQ	MACKINAC ISLAND, MICHIGAN, US	KCIU	825 NM
DAY 09	SAT, AUG 23	MACKINAC ISLAND, MICHIGAN, US	KCIU	HOME		
TOTAL NAUTICAL MILES						1,365 NM



An aerial photograph of a tropical island. In the foreground, the dark, polished wing of an airplane is visible, extending from the bottom left towards the center. The island below has a long, straight runway and is surrounded by clear, turquoise water. The background shows lush green hills and mountains under a blue sky with scattered white clouds. A large, faint, light-blue letter 'A' is superimposed over the center of the image, serving as a background for the text.

# Discover The Air Journey Difference

WE AIM TO ANTICIPATE  
YOUR EVERY NEED

# IN THE SKY

THE AIR JOURNEY  
DIFFERENCE



Created by pilots for pilots.  
Since 1998, Air Journey has been a leader in owner-flown flying adventures, spanning 6 continents and broadening horizons for both pilots and their companions.



## FLIGHT PLANNING ON YOUR BEHALF

We arrange all aspects of your Journey's flight planning, including permits, authorizations, parking, and fuel. Our team assists with customs paperwork for seamless airport processing, and we file flight plans and eApis manifests on your behalf.



## FULLY-GUIDED EXPERIENCE- THE JOURNEY DIRECTOR

Each of our Journeys are guided by an experienced pilot, known as a Journey Director. Serving as your liaison between air and ground, they provide expert guidance throughout the adventure, while hosting you in each destination.



## PILOT BRIEFINGS BEFORE EVERY FLIGHT

Before every flight, our seasoned Journey Director conducts detailed pre-flight briefings. These carefully crafted sessions prioritize comprehensive preparation, addressing all facets of the upcoming flight such as; weather conditions, departure procedures, airport diagrams and routing.



## SMALL GROUPS-6 AIRCRAFTS MAX PER JOURNEY

Limiting each journey to a maximum of 6 airplanes, our bespoke adventures feature an average group size ranging from 10 to 15 people. This intentional choice ensures an exclusive and intimate atmosphere, allowing you and your fellow travelers to forge meaningful connections with like-minded aviation enthusiasts.



## SECURITY & AIRCRAFT MAINTANANCE

Air Journey selects only secure airports with paved runways and ICAO standards, prioritizing safety. Additionally, we maintain extensive relationships with repair centers worldwide. In the event of a mechanical issue with your airplane, we coordinate repairs, ensuring a seamless and efficient resolution.



“Our Air Journeys prioritize pilots and their companions, crafting luxurious itineraries that strike a perfect balance between flying, exploring, and relaxation. ”

ANAIS POUILLE  
DIRECTOR OF LAND DEPARTMENT

# ON LAND

THE AIR JOURNEY  
DIFFERENCE



## 3-4 DAYS IN EACH DESTINATION

Our itineraries are designed to provide an all-encompassing introduction to each of the destinations. With a minimum stay of 3 to 4 days in each location, we have created the perfect mix between flying, exploring, and relaxing.



## HIGHLY CURATED ACCOMMODATIONS

Curating an exclusive experience, we prioritize small luxury boutique hotels and unique global properties for our Journeys. Each accommodation is handpicked, offering true comfort and modern amenities that feel like a home away from home.



## DAILY BREAKFAST & A LA CARTE DINING

Savor a culinary journey with daily breakfasts and a la carte dinners with wine on all our Journeys. Lunches accompany full-day excursions or as specified, ensuring a delightful mix of fine dining and local flavors for a memorable gastronomic experience throughout your Journey.



## PRIVATE TOURS

Each Journey offers a balanced blend of meticulously planned excursions and free time for personalized exploration. Guided by our knowledgeable local experts, you'll discover destination highlights and off-the-beaten-path gems, creating countless unforgettable memories.



## PRIVATE ARRIVAL TRANSFERS

To minimize wait times upon arrival at airports, private transfers are arranged per aircraft, allowing you to unload and secure your aircraft at your own pace without feeling rushed. Departure transfers are scheduled in groups to ensure proper spacing of the aircraft for the flights.



# Price & Inclusions

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**\$12,895**

JOURNEY PRICE  
PER PERSON








**\$2,935**

AIRPLANE  
REGISTRATION FEE

**Single Supplement**

AVAILABLE  
UPON REQUEST

### The Price Includes

-  All accommodations in hotels listed or similar categories for 9 days and 8 nights, based on double occupancy
-  All meals as specified in the itinerary – breakfast and a la carte dinner daily, lunch when listed
-  Selection of wine chosen by Air Journey during dinners
-  All sightseeing and excursions as listed in the itinerary
-  Roundtrip transfers to and from the airport
-  Full-time services of a Journey Director
-  Tips and gratuities

### The Airplane Registration Fee Includes

- Usage of the Air Journey App
- Direct Foreflight Links for easy flight planning
- International flight plans, routing, frequencies, nav-aids, reporting points, etc. for each leg
- Flight plans and eAPIS manifest outbound/inbound filed on your behalf
- Pilot briefing prior to every flying day
- Fuel availability confirmed along the route of flight
- Obtaining of permits, landing rights, overflight permits, handling arrangements, country entry forms and confirming fuel availability along the route of flight
- Planning for additional fuel stops if required
- Each participant will receive personalized embroidered shirts featuring their name, aircraft make/model, and airplane's tail number, along with a hat and a bag per couple, as souvenirs of their flying adventure with Air Journey.

### The Price Does Not Include

- Fees associated with your aircraft (fuel, handling fees, airport fees, permit fees, landing fees, departure taxes, etc.)
- Cost of obtaining passport, visas, or inoculations required for your Journey
- Cocktails and Spirits are not included. Lunch when not listed in the itinerary
- Personal expenses such as laundry, room service, communication charges and other incidentals
- Optional activities
- Commercial flight tickets when required
- Survival equipment rental (Air Journey has survival equipment available for rent. Contact Air Journey for more details +1(561)841-1551
- Travel Interruption and Cancellation Insurance (this is strongly recommended and not included in the package. Please contact us at +1 (561)841-1551 for more details.



# Payment Schedule & Cancellation Policy

## PAYMENT SCHEDULE

### DEPOSIT PER PERSON REQUIRED AT TIME OF BOOKING

FOR ALL AIR JOURNEYS

\$500 PER PERSON

### INITIAL PAYMENT REQUIRED WITHIN 14 DAYS OF BOOKING

FOR JOURNEYS LASTING LESS THAN 15 DAYS:

\$2,000 PER PERSON + AIRPLANE REGISTRATION FEE

FOR JOURNEYS LASTING BETWEEN 15 - 40 DAYS:  
\*AND OUR GALAPAGOS JOURNEYS

\$4,500 PER PERSON + AIRPLANE REGISTRATION FEE

FOR JOURNEYS LASTING MORE THAN 40 DAYS:

\$9,500 PER PERSON + AIRPLANE REGISTRATION FEE

### FINAL PAYMENT DUE DATES

FOR JOURNEYS LASTING 40 DAYS OR LESS:

90 DAYS PRIOR DEPARTURE

FOR JOURNEYS LASTING MORE THAN 40 DAYS:

120 DAYS PRIOR DEPARTURE

## CANCELLATION POLICY

### FOR JOURNEYS LASTING LESS THAN 40 DAYS

OUTSIDE OF 150 DAYS:

Deposit is refundable, and AJ holds the Airplane Registration Fee as a credit for 12 months.

BETWEEN 150 AND 90 DAYS:

AJ retains the deposit, and holds the Airplane Registration Fee as a credit for 12 months.

BETWEEN 89 AND 60 DAYS:

AJ retains 50% of the Journey cost and holds the Airplane Registration Fee as a credit for 12 months from the client's cancellation date.

BETWEEN 59 AND 30 DAYS:

AJ retains 100% of the Journey cost and holds the Airplane Registration Fee as a credit for 12 months from the client's cancellation date.

LESS THAN 30 DAYS BEFORE DEPARTURE:

AJ retains 100% of the Journey cost and the full Airplane Registration Fee.

### FOR JOURNEYS LASTING MORE THAN 40 DAYS

OUTSIDE OF 150 DAYS:

Deposit is refundable, and AJ holds the Airplane Registration Fee as a credit for 12 months.

BETWEEN 150 AND 120 DAYS:

AJ retains the deposit, and holds the Airplane Registration Fee as a credit for 12 months.

BETWEEN 119 AND 90 DAYS:

AJ retains 50% of the journey cost and holds the Airplane Registration Fee as a credit for 12 months.

BETWEEN 89 AND 60 DAYS:

AJ retains 100% of the Journey cost and holds the Airplane Registration Fee as a credit for 12 months from the client's cancellation date.

LESS THAN 60 DAYS BEFORE DEPARTURE:

AJ retains 100% of the Journey cost and the full Airplane Registration Fee.

\*Air Journey reserves the right to change, accommodations, itineraries, and departure dates as needed.



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