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## *CANADA'S MOST EXCLUSIVE POLAR BEAR LODGES*



### **THE GREAT ICE BEAR ADVENTURE**

**7 Days, 6 Nights trip to Dymond Lake Lodge with Churchill package  
\$8990 per person aud**

Includes roundtrip airfare between Winnipeg, Churchill, and our Lodge  
Wildlife viewing ~ Authentic northern culture ~ Aerial tours ~ Tundra treks ~ Expert  
Guides ~ Photography

#### **Dymond Lake Eco-Lodge Features**

This adventure takes you to the very edge of the Boreal forest, where the Land of Little Sticks gives way to the great tundra plain. Our Eco-Lodge is ideally located to take advantage of several ecosystems providing easy access to the Boreal Forest, Taiga (The Land of Little Sticks), and the tundra. Of course outside our front door is the great inland sea, the Hudson Bay, home to the Great Ice Bears. Our remote fly-in destinations, the only ones on the Hudson Bay, ensure that your wildlife encounters take place in an exclusive pristine setting while enjoying all the creature comforts of home in a world class true wilderness lodge. We specialize in on the ground personal encounters with Arctic wildlife including the Great Ice Bears. Yes, walking with the polar bears, a safe and wildly exciting experience unique to the polar bear tour world.

**Dymond Lake Eco-Lodge offers:**

- ❖ Remote fly-in deluxe Lodge with private rooms with en-suites.
- ❖ Ground level walking excursions with in season wildlife, including polar bears.
- ❖ High level of wolf encounters.
- ❖ Inuit and/or Dene cultural experiences with First Nations peoples
- ❖ Aurora dome for inspiring displays of northern lights
- ❖ Wonderful cuisine and fine wines. Finest food in the Arctic featured in best selling Blueberries & Polar Bears cookbooks created by renowned chefs Helen Webber & Marie Woolsey.
- ❖ Churchill shops, historical/cultural sites & dog sledding options.
- ❖ World famous Tundra Buggy day trip adventure.

Your journey of exploration and adventure will take place at our Dymond Lake Eco-Lodge. Our Lodges are the first and only fly-in Eco-Lodges on the Hudson Bay coast north of Churchill. This dynamic seaport has long been known as the “Polar Bear Capital of the World” as approximately 1,200 of these enormous bears congregate in the fall and wait for the Hudson Bay to freeze. You’ll meet several of these animals up-close and on their turf on your Great Ice Bear adventure at our Eco-Lodge and/or on your Tundra Buggy adventure.

**The Great Ice Bear Adventure 2010 Itinerary****Day 1 – ARRIVE IN WINNIPEG FOR YOUR OVERNIGHT STAY**

Arrive in Winnipeg where you will enjoy a relaxing stay at our choice hotel the “Four Points Sheraton”. You’ll need your rest for your early morning departure to Churchill. At 6:00pm a dinner will be held at the hotel where you will meet your group and your adventure specialist.

**Day 2 – AN ARCTIC ARRIVAL AND AERIAL TOUR**

Arrive in Churchill by air where one of our expert staff will meet you at the airport and will provide you with an orientation to the tour including clothing check (in order to crosscheck your "What to Bring" list as provided to you in email and in your Adventure Album). You will then be transferred by fixed wing aircraft or helicopter to our Dymond Lake Lodge. This exciting flight takes you out over the historic Churchill River, and then northwest up the rugged Hudson Bay coast to Canada’s most exclusive Polar Bear viewing properties. Keep a sharp eye out en route for caribou, moose, seals, wolves and of course the Great Ice Bears. Upon your arrival, your hosts will provide a tour of the Lodge and get you settled into your room. A thorough orientation on travelling in polar bear country will be provided prior to any outings. This day includes a guided hike on our rugged and starkly beautiful coastline, an interpretive slide show featuring the wildlife of Hudson Bay, and hopefully a clear night for viewing the Aurora Borealis. Dymond Lake Lodge features a heated Aurora Dome for northern lights observation. All this will be topped off with a gourmet lunch and dinner where your hosts and guides will regale you with tales of life and adventures in Canada’s Arctic. We will also have local presenters on hand to provide guests with an insight into the local cultures and traditions.

### **Days 3 & 4 – TUNDRA TREKKING, POLAR BEARS, AND PRICELESS PHOTOGRAPHY!**

In the coming days, your gourmet breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m. and the first walking tour generally leaves at 9:30 a.m. Should there be a polar bear in camp (this happens frequently), the walking tour is delayed for picture taking but no one ever seems to mind! Once you've fuelled up with one of our legendary full course breakfasts, you'll be eager to bundle up and head out into the snow. The walks are comfortably paced as they are geared towards plenty of viewing and photo opportunities. They are guided by our professional and knowledgeable tour leaders so you'll do a lot of learning along the way as well. Obviously we cannot allow the bears to approach too closely, and your guides are expert in keeping bears at a safe distance without sacrificing exciting viewing. Dymond Lake Eco-Lodge is the only remote Lodge in the world where you can experience the spectacular wild of the Boreal forest, remote tundra, and the Arctic sea ice all in the same day!

Polar bears are also known to saunter by our Lodge on a regular basis so you can often view them from the warmth and comfort of one of our lounges through the massive picture windows. This opportunity is all too welcome when a squall blows in! We have a variety of other activities to take part in as well should the weather prevent us from exploring the outdoors though such is rarely the case. Lunches will be had at the lodge with some relaxation time. We head back out around 2:30pm and we return to the lodge by 5:00 p.m. for hot or cold drinks and appetizers. Your full course delectable dinners are served at 7:00 p.m. after which, the fireplace is almost always central. Your guide team will give informative lectures and beautiful slide presentations as well as initiate a discussion about the activities for the following day. Bedtime is at your leisure. The entire Lodge area is patrolled for polar bears all night by one of our night watchmen so be prepared to have your sleep cut short by a nocturnal visit by one of the Great Ice Bears (or by one of our dazzling displays of northern lights!).

### **Day 5 – SAY GOODBYE TO THE LODGE...BUT NOT TO THE BEARS!**

After another hearty breakfast and it is 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 & dine in this frontier community at your leisure. We recommend local places such as Cape Merry, the Port of Churchill, the Eskimo Museum, the Polar Bear Holding Compound (otherwise known as the Polar Bear Jail), as well as the Parks Canada exhibit which are all of great interest. Dog sledding and helicopter charters fit nicely into this afternoon if you're so inclined. If you are interested in a dog sledding tour please book through us so we can ensure you arrive in Churchill in time for your tour departure. We work with Blue Sky Mushing and you can visit their website at [www.blueskymush.com](http://www.blueskymush.com). For aerial tours you can contact Hudson Bay Helicopters at [info@hudsonbayheli.com](mailto:info@hudsonbayheli.com) or by phone at 204-675-2576. You will be provided with a \$30.00 dinner voucher. The participating restaurants will be outlined on the voucher. Then it will be back to your hotel or B&B so you can rest of for your 6<sup>th</sup> and final day with the bears.

**Day 6 – MORE BEARS! WHAT A GREAT WAY TO FINISH UP...**

Today you will travel across the tundra in the world famous Tundra Buggies ® for more polar bear viewing. Transportation by bus to and from the Tundra Buggies ® is provided at 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. respectively so do remember to grab some breakfast beforehand. Lunch "with the bears" will be prepared and served to you on the tour. Your flight south to Winnipeg is scheduled for this evening and thus we wish you safe travels back to reality. You will check into the Four Points Sheraton upon your return to Winnipeg.

**Day 7 – TIME FOR REALITY...**

After a restful sleep you will pack your bags in preparation for your flight home. You will also enjoy a breakfast before your trip back to reality. If you've not had enough bear action for one lifetime, ask us about our Birds, Bears & Belugas adventure which takes place in July and August annually where instead of this...  
Your photographs might look more like this...

**Package Inclusions-** All accommodations and transfers required within the package dates are included in the cited price. Meal inclusions are as follows:

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
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