



CANADA

## CLOUD WOLVES OF KASKA COAST (TOUR CODE: 13067)

**STARTS AND ENDS**

in Winnipeg

**TRAVEL PERIODS**

11 Mar 24 - 18 Mar 24 & 16  
Nov 24 - 23 Nov 24

**EXPERIENCE**

Walk & Hike  
Wildlife

**TRAVEL STYLE**

Escorted Group Tour

Hear the wild wolves' call on this adventure & discover the thrill of tracking, watching, photographing & studying these enigmatic creatures.

### Highlights

- Daily excursions in search of wolves and wolf activity, polar bears, moose, and other boreal wildlife
- Experience the aurora magic! With 300 viewing nights yearly, you might witness the dazzling lights right from the lodge (Chance: Moderate to High)
- Indulge your taste buds with tundra-inspired cuisine, complemented by select Canadian wines
- Educational evening presentations by the lodge managers or naturalist guides about the Arctic ecosystems, landscape, and lifestyle
- Capture with a pro! National Geographic's Jad Davenport guides you, enhancing your skills. Learn tricks like "blue-hour" photography and Northern Lights shots
- Engage in citizen science and field research! Collect trailcam images, cast tracks, study social relationships, map territories, conduct howl surveys, and gather First Nation oral histories

Whether you're a wolf lover dreaming of seeing and hearing them in the wild, a photographer chasing National Geographic-worthy images, or a naturalist craving field experience—or all three!—This 10-day cloud wolves expedition will take you on an unforgettable journey.

The base is the beautiful Nanuk Polar Bear Lodge in the heart of the Kaska Coast of southern Hudson Bay, an uninhabited wilderness ten times the size of Yellowstone National Park. Far from civilization and never hunted, the resident packs of cloud wolves (*Canis lupus nubilus*) have no fear of humans, making for encounters and photography unrivalled anywhere else in the world.

Nanuk Polar Bear Lodge is a remarkable retreat situated on the rugged shores of Hudson Bay, deep within the heart of the Canadian Arctic. This

secluded haven offers an extraordinary opportunity to connect with the Arctic wilderness in a way few places on Earth can match. Guests at Nanuk Polar Bear Lodge are treated to an unforgettable experience, surrounded by the pristine beauty of remote tundra landscapes and the awe-inspiring presence of polar bears. The lodge itself, while designed with comfort in mind, maintains a deep respect for the natural environment, ensuring minimal impact on the delicate ecosystems of the region. Expert naturalists and guides lead guests on captivating wildlife safaris, providing unique insights into the lives of these magnificent creatures and the overall ecology of the Arctic. Whether you are a passionate wildlife enthusiast, a dedicated photographer, or simply someone seeking an unparalleled adventure, Nanuk Polar Bear Lodge is a destination that promises a deep connection with nature and an opportunity to witness the Arctic's wild wonders up close.

## INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights in Winnipeg at The Grand Winnipeg Airport Hotel
- 7 nights at the Nanuk Polar Bear Lodge
- Roundtrip airfare between Winnipeg and Churchill, Manitoba
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- Meals as per itinerary
- All excursions and guide services in Churchill and at the Nanuk Polar Bear Lodge
- Winter gear rental

## ITINERARY

Day

1

### Winnipeg

Arrive in Winnipeg where you will enjoy a relaxing stay at a choice hotel, The Grand by Lakeview at the Winnipeg Airport. Your winter gear fitting and collection will take place prior to meeting the rest of your group at an orientation dinner hosted by a Churchill Wild representative.

Overnight in Winnipeg at the **The Grand Winnipeg Airport Hotel**

Dinner



Day

2

Winnipeg Nanuk Polar Bear Lodge



Fly to Churchill, where you will be met by Churchill Wild staff, and then on to Nanuk Polar Bear Lodge. Upon 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. Then it's time to assemble your cameras, hard drives, and tripods and start shooting. Time permitting, you'll head out for a shakedown hike. After the excitement of the day prepare for the first of many fine meals from the award-winning Blueberries & Polar Bears cookbooks.

Overnight at the **Nanuk Polar Bear Lodge**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



### Day 3 - 8 Nanuk Polar Bear Lodge

Enjoy a hearty breakfast while the lead guide briefs you on what the scouts are reporting and their plan of attack for the day. After breakfast, it's time to head on safari! These daily safaris (usually one in the morning and one in the afternoon) are a chance for you to track the wolf packs and get you as close as possible to observe and photograph their behavior and social interactions. While it's often possible to observe wolves right from the viewing decks at the lodge, wolves regularly travel to hunt and mark their territory; they can easily cover 40km a day. Keep in close radio contact with the scouts as they monitor activity at various points along the coast. With the small group size and high-guide ratio, all are able to move quickly along a network of established safari trails. After morning safaris, you'll head back to the lodge to enjoy a light lunch and some well-earned downtime. By early afternoon you'll head back into the field. Some days, depending on wildlife and weather, you may opt for an all-day safari and extend the range.

For those interested in becoming involved with Churchill Wild's citizen-science wolf study, the safaris are also a chance to conduct fieldwork. Depending on the weather and wildlife situation, you may have opportunities to collect trailcam images, cast animal tracks, study social relationships, map territories, conduct and record howl surveys, and gather traditional knowledge from First Nation oral histories. Participants' contributions will become part of the yearly study.

Evenings at Nanuk are a chance to unwind and enjoy a nightly happy hour with a short presentation on wolf biology and natural history, storytelling and wildlife photography, followed by a delicious dinner and socializing around the fire.

The Kaska Coast boasts over 300 nights a year of Auroral activity, making it one of the best places in the world to see the dazzling Northern Lights. March weather is cooler and can offer more crisp clear nights increasing the chance for Aurora viewing. If the sky is clear and the solar winds are active, Churchill Wild will be sure to wake you up for a dazzling show. Jad will be on hand to help you set up your cameras and capture the haunting beauty.

This is your expedition. While Churchill Wild wants to offer you as many experiences as possible, they will also encourage you to relax. Take an afternoon or morning off (or a couple) and have the lodge to yourself. They'll stoke the fire, pour you some coffee and leave you with some tasty brownies. Some of the best wildlife viewing happens right from the lodge. You never know who might wander up to the window and look in on you.

Overnight at the **Nanuk Polar Bear Lodge**.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



AURORABOREALIS | CREDIT: CHURCHILL WILD / COLUMBIA SPORTSWEAR

Day **9**

## Nanuk Polar Bear Lodge Winnipeg

After breakfast, it's time to say goodbye to the Lodge and the wildlife whose home you've shared over the last 8 days as you return back to Winnipeg.

Overnight in Winnipeg at the **The Grand Winnipeg Airport Hotel**

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



WOLF | CREDIT: CHURCHILL WILD / DOREEN BOOTH

Day **10**

## Winnipeg

After a restful sleep you will pack your bags in preparation for your flight home.



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## ACCOMMODATION

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### The Grand Winnipeg Airport Hotel

#### Winnipeg

Just steps away, we're across the street and to the right of the airport terminal James A. Richardson International Airport – YWG.

Every room features a Keurig coffee machine with complimentary Starbucks coffee pods, a 46 inch LED Samsung Smart TV with 20 HD Channels, mini-fridge, complimentary Vivreau water in a designer glass bottle, and washrooms designed with a day at the spa in mind. The Blue Marble is the in-house restaurant and it is opened for lunch and dinner.



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### Nanuk Polar Bear Lodge

Situated next to pristine Arctic waters on Hudson Bay with Canada's Boreal Forest as its backyard sits Nanuk Polar Bear Lodge, one of the National Geographic Unique Lodges of the World. The diverse ecosystem surrounding Nanuk is home to Canadian icons such as polar bears, black bears, wolves, and moose.

From the safety of the fence surrounding the Lodge, view the northern lights or get up-close-and-personal with the polar bears and other wildlife that meander past, as curious about you as you are about them. The eight guestrooms with en-suite bathrooms are housed in two guest wings and connected to the main dining room/lounge area. Private, cozy sitting areas outside each room overlook the Bay and are perfect for downtime. After a long day trekking the tundra, kick back in our lounge and enjoy an informative presentation by our guides or simply relax and enjoy conversations with new friends.



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

French & English

### LOCAL CURRENCY

Canadian Dollars

### 2024 Departures

March\* - 11, 18

November - 16, 23

- \*Please note that this itinerary is applicable for March 11th and 18th departures only. For November departures, please contact our dedicated sales team for full information.
- Churchill Wild reserves the right to make changes to this itinerary due to weather and logistical complications that can arise from traveling in the north and to remote locations.

### Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package
- Personal outdoor gear not included are winter hat, balaclava, scarf and mitts. If you cannot get at home, you can purchase them with Churchill Wild but advance notice is required.