

# Saint Louis Zoo's 2014 Polar Bear Adventure October 23-28, 2014



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## ITINERARY

### October 23

Guests will arrive into Winnipeg by their own arrangements and check into the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, conveniently located at the Winnipeg International Airport. The group will meet with a Frontiers North Interpretive Guide for a brief orientation.

### October 24 (B, L, D)

We depart on an early morning flight from Winnipeg to Churchill. Upon arrival we will set out for a Churchill area tour which will take the group to local historical points of interest, such as Cape Merry, The Port of Churchill and Manitoba Conservation's Polar Bear Holding Facility (weather permitting).

In the afternoon, the group will visit the Churchill Eskimo Museum. The museum contains one of Canada's finest collections of Inuit carvings, kayaks and artifacts dating from pre-Dorset, Dorset Thule, and modern Inuit times. Overnight in Churchill.

### October 25 (B, L, D)

After breakfast, the group will depart for a full-day Tundra Buggy® adventure, exploring the tundra in search of polar bears and other arctic wildlife. A picnic-style lunch will be served directly on the tundra, and this time allows for lectures and presentations by the zoo tour leaders, the Frontiers North Interpretive leader as well as from members of Polar Bears International. Overnight in Churchill.

### October 26 (B, L, D)

In the morning, guests will take part in a two-hour helicopter tour during which we will visit polar bear birthing dens and have a chance to walk around the tundra. After lunch, guests will enjoy a dogsled program hosted by a local dog sledding expert. Guests will learn about the historical significance of dog sledding in the North as well as enjoy an exhilarating ride behind a team of huskies on a custom-made sled.

After dinner, the group will visit the Parks Canada Interpretive Centre to learn about the history, culture and wildlife of the area. Overnight in Churchill.

### October 27 (B, L, D)

After breakfast, the group will depart for a full-day Tundra Buggy adventure, exploring the tundra in search of polar bears and other arctic wildlife. A picnic-style lunch will be served directly on the tundra. After our tour, the group will be transferred to the Churchill airport for an evening flight to Winnipeg. Overnight at Four Points by Sheraton Hotel at Winnipeg International Airport.

### October 28 (B)

After breakfast, guests may depart Winnipeg at their leisure.

## INCLUSIONS:

- Pre- and post-Churchill hotel nights in Winnipeg
- Round-trip air between Winnipeg and Churchill
- Three nights accommodations in Churchill
- Churchill area tour, including a stop at the Eskimo Museum
- Dogsled excursion
- Parks Canada Interpretive Centre
- Two full guided Tundra Buggy adventures with lectures by lead scientist from Polar Bears International
- Two-hour helicopter tour of denning area
- All meals as indicated
- All transfers in Churchill
- Led by a Frontiers North Interpretive Guide and the Saint Louis Zoo Vice President of Animal Collections

## Polar Bear Capital of the World

*Join the adventure in the heart of polar bear country*

Travel with Jack Grisham, Vice President of Animal Collections at the Saint Louis Zoo, and one of Polar Bear International's lead scientists on a special adventure to Churchill, Manitoba, Canada, to experience the majestic polar bear in its natural habitat. In addition to viewing wild polar bears, you will get to explore the tundra aboard a world-famous Tundra Buggy and learn about Churchill's unique culture and rich history.



\*B - breakfast included, L - lunch included, D - dinner included



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**Price:**

Per person (plus taxes, based on Double Occupancy) - \$6,399 CAD  
Optional single supplement - \$725

**Exclusions:**

Price does not include round-trip airfare to Canada, alcoholic beverages, items of a personal nature (telephone, postage, etc.), gratuities, 6% sales tax or Travel Guard Insurance (insurance information will be provided by Frontiers North upon booking).

Please contact your travel agent to purchase your international flight. Estimated airfare from St. Louis to Winnipeg and return is approximately \$1,000 to \$1,500.

**Insurance:**

The Saint Louis Zoo requires that all travelers purchase Travel Guard Insurance, which provides emergency medical and evacuation insurance as well as Supplier Default and Cancellation and Interruption coverage. Some medical insurance policies do not cover your expenses, including medical evacuation, while traveling in a foreign country. Upon booking, a Frontiers North representative will enroll you in the Travel Guard Insurance and provide a price.

**Deposit:**

\$750 CAD per person, due at time of booking.  
Full payment will be due 90 days prior to departure.  
In the event that reservations must be cancelled, refunds will be made according to the following schedule:

- Booking - 90 days prior to departure: \$300 CAD per person, nonrefundable.
- 90 – 61 days prior to departure: 50% of total invoice, nonrefundable.
- 60 – 0 days prior to departure: 100% of total invoice, nonrefundable.

As many advance logistical arrangements have been made prior to the operation of these trips, we must adhere to the cancellation policies.

**Important Notes:**

1. Actual itineraries may vary depending on weather, wildlife habits, contract service providers, logistical decisions of the tour leader and forces beyond our control. Guests must be prepared to be flexible; schedules may vary depending upon conditions.
2. Travel to Canada will require a valid passport.
3. The baggage allowance for Canada is 70 pounds per person, including carry-on.

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**Jack Grisham, Vice President of Animal Collections**



As Vice President of Animal Collections at the Saint Louis Zoo, Jack Grisham is responsible for the management, maintenance, welfare and nutritional services of a collection of more than 19,000 animals. As part of the Zoo’s Strategic Operations Group, under the guidance of Dr. Jeffrey Bonner, Jack is moving forward on numerous fronts in wildlife conservation, both locally and internationally. Jack began his career at the Saint Louis Zoo and returned after a 20 year hiatus. He worked at the Oklahoma City Zoo and the Smithsonian’s National Zoo in Washington, D.C. during the interim. Jack Chairs the Association of Zoos & Aquariums Cheetah Species Survival Program and is past-Chair of the Canid and Hyaenid Taxon Advisory Group. He has been actively involved in cheetah conservation and education programs in Africa.

One of Jack’s personal goals is to train and empower the next generation of Zoo professionals so they may successfully conserve wildlife in the future.

**About Polar Bears International**

Polar Bears International is the champion for the polar bear. They are the world’s leading polar bear conservation group—dedicated to saving polar bears by saving their habitat. Their focus is on research, education, and action.

PBI takes an innovative approach to conservation. They work collaboratively with the world’s leading polar bear and climate change scientists, like-minded conservation groups, and partners in their Arctic Ambassador Center network—including zoos, museums, aquariums, and science centers. They focus on issues that impact polar bear survival—especially the urgent need to save their sea ice habitat by reducing CO2. They do this through educational programming, by training and supporting change agents to deliver conservation actions in their local communities, and through a variety of scientific studies on both wild and captive bears.



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