

Please join us on an exclusive journey for WWF's Partners in Conservation to Churchill, to experience one of the most remarkable natural wonders on Earth—the congregation of hundreds of polar bears awaiting their annual return to the ice.



Positioned on the shores of Hudson Bay, Churchill is a unique Arctic community with a rich history and spectacular scenery. High levels of polar bear activity are typical this time of year. From spirited play-fighting between males to the powerful show of force that a protective mother displays when sheltering a young cub, you will see firsthand how their behavior is dynamic, regal and whimsical.

Since 1992, WWF's Global Arctic Program has been working with our partners across the frozen north to combat threats to the region in our effort to preserve its culture and rich biodiversity. In Canada, WWF works to minimize conflicts between polar bears and local people by taking measures to keep the bears away from local villages—saving the lives of both bears and people. We also support projects to monitor and research polar bear populations that are showing signs of stress as climate change eats away at the summer sea ice the bears need to survive.

This polar bear trip is an especially thrilling experience, as it offers a unique chance to get up close to these magnificent animals and immerse yourself in their fascinating Arctic world.

—Dave Aplin

WWF Partner Adventures is an invitation-only conservation travel program for our Partners in Conservation to see firsthand the positive impact World Wildlife Fund is making.

These custom-designed journeys are led by WWF experts and offer exclusive opportunities to discover the wildlife and ecosystems we protect; meet community members whose lives are being improved because of our work; and immerse yourself in the worlds of our field staff and partners on the ground.

Come explore the best of the natural world and see how together we are making a difference for our planet.



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THE KING OF THE ARCTIC

A WWF Partners Adventure
October 23–28, 2018





Meet Our Expert

Based out of Homer, Alaska, **Dave Aplin** is Director of World Wildlife Fund's U.S. Arctic program. With a focus on education and community outreach, he employs his communication skills and sense

of humor to coordinate various activities throughout the region. For nearly a decade, Dave has developed a special relationship with the area and its people by helping to protect it from threats like Arctic oil development and trans-Arctic shipping. He works closely with a diversity of people in the region, from Alaska Natives practicing subsistence lifestyles to the commercial fishing industry, to conserve this unique and wild place.



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THE KING OF THE ARCTIC: A WWF Partners Adventure

Our adventure begins in Winnipeg, once a boomtown for the Canadian Pacific Railway. Meet your Expedition Leader and WWF Expert at an orientation dinner this evening. On day two, we fly to Churchill. This hospitable outpost town, originally a fur-trading post and seaport, is



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our base for adventure. After arriving and checking into our rooms, we head to the tundra for our first glimpse of polar bears. If the skies are clear, our nighttime tundra excursion might reveal one of nature's most exhilarating experiences—a chance to view the Northern Lights.

We will spend two full days on uniquely-designed Polar Rovers—our mobile means for spending time among the bears. Though they

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can accommodate up to 35 passengers, we take a maximum of 14 guests, so everyone has a window seat. Our Expedition Leaders know the best places to see polar bears, which congregate each fall as they wait for Hudson Bay to freeze. From the warmth of our vehicle, we may see mothers with cubs, young males play-fighting, or a lone bear ambling over the tundra. Together with Dave Aplin, your knowledgeable Expedition Leader will offer interpretation along the way, explaining the bears' behavior, how they thrive in such a harsh environment, and how WWF works with communities in Churchill and throughout the Arctic to protect people and polar bears. In the evenings we'll meet for dinner followed by presentations on wildlife or local cultures.

On our final morning in Churchill, we have the opportunity to learn about a distinctly northern pastime: dog sledding. We will take turns enjoying an exhilarating ride as the dogs whisk us down a trail through the boreal forest. There is also an optional helicopter excursion before boarding our flight back to Winnipeg. Once in



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Winnipeg, we'll return to the Fort Garry Hotel for our farewell dinner. After breakfast on the final day, guests will transfer to the airport for flights home.

Reservation Information & Trip Details

Dates: October 23–28, 2018

(Dates are based on 2017 schedules and subject to change slightly)

Cost: \$6,695 per person, based on double occupancy (All prices are in USD)

Group size: Limited to 14 participants

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