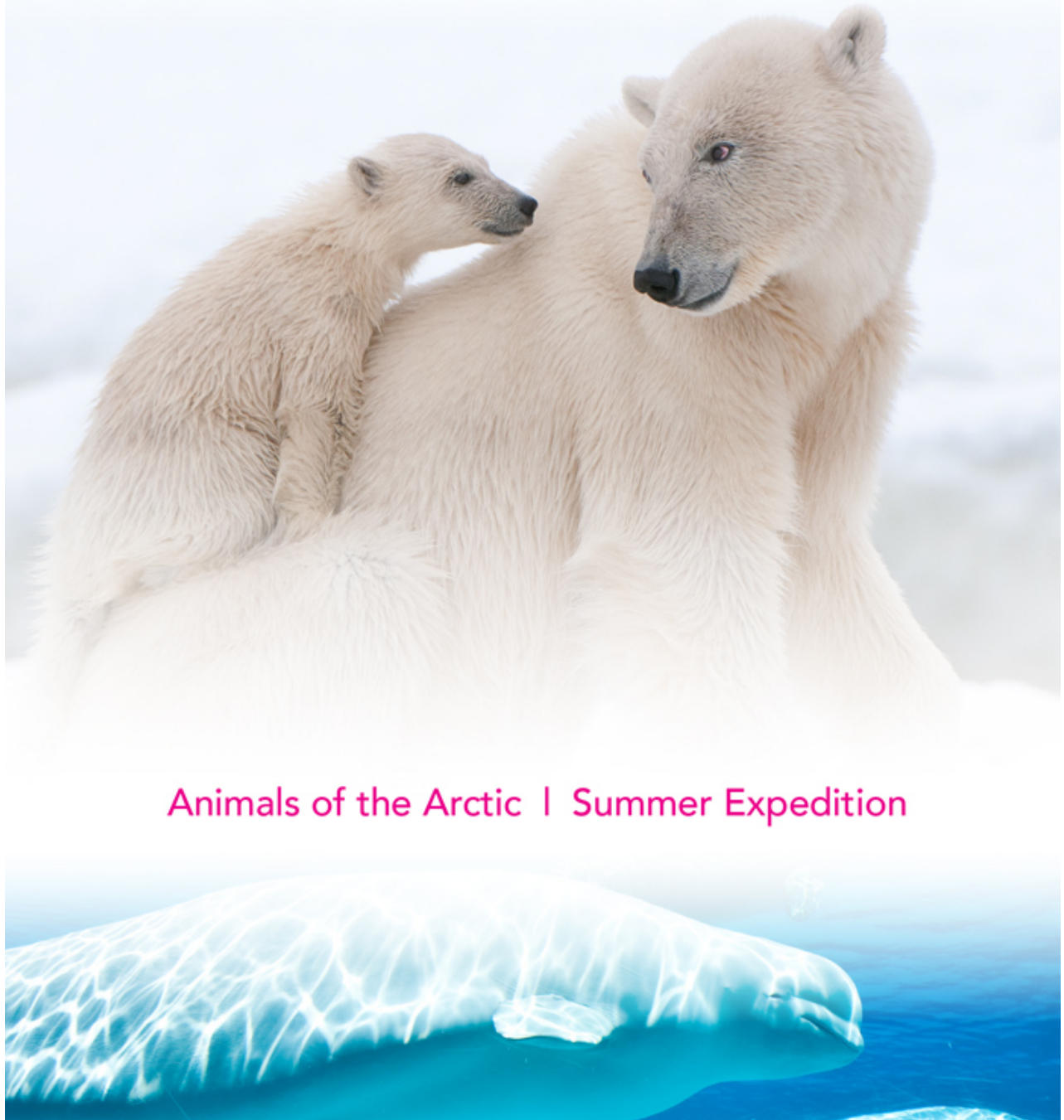


# **Polar Bears & Beluga Whales**



**Animals of the Arctic | Summer Expedition**



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AUGUST 03, 2023 – AUGUST 09, 2023

# POLAR BEARS & BELUGA WHALES

Head north and discover the beauty and wildness of Churchill, Manitoba. This small town on the banks of the Hudson Bay is known for hosting polar bears in the fall. During summer, visitors can possibly spot polar bears along the local shores before they return to the pack ice when it forms in early winter. Summertime is also when the bears share the area with more than 60,000 beluga whales—who come to feed, mate, and give birth in the shallow waters—as well as a wide variety of other wildlife. Come and see this annual exhibition that can only be found here in the Canadian north, and meet the local people who call it home. Pioneering spirits and welcoming smiles are waiting for you.



Dear Carolina Alumni and Friends,

Join fellow Tar Heels and friends for a special opportunity to witness the diverse wildlife and pioneering spirit of the Canadian Arctic during summertime.

On this seven-day journey, discover the beauty and magnitude of Churchill, Manitoba—a remote town

on the banks of the Hudson Bay renown for hosting polar bears and beluga whales.

When people think of whale watching excursions, they envision fleeting glimpses of magnificent creatures off in the distance. On this journey, guests are delighted to get amazingly close to a multitude of friendly and vocal beluga whales while exploring the Hudson Bay by flat-bottomed boat or skiff. During the summer, these curious mammals are often found in warm-water estuaries and river basins, making this an ideal place to see them.

Also at this time, polar bears can sometimes be spotted lazily roaming for food on land and along the shoreline, conserving their energy during the warmer months while waiting for the ice to form again.

The expert guidance of an Orbridge Expedition Leader and a local naturalist, plus exclusive educational experiences—including presentations from Assiniboine Park Zoo and Churchill's Northern Studies Centre—distinguish this program.

Space is limited. With significant savings of more than \$1,000 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly, so be certain to reserve your spot today and share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you.

Book this experience today by calling (877) 962-3980 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Yours at Carolina,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug", written in a cursive style.

Douglas S. Dibbert '70  
President, UNC General Alumni Association

*PS: Orbridge and UNC take your health and wellness seriously. Visit [orbridge.com/wellness](https://www.orbridge.com/wellness) to learn about our enhanced COVID-19 protocols.*

*Please note: The information contained in this document is current as of 9/12/2022*

## Program Highlights:

- Begin in Winnipeg with a private reception and three-course welcome dinner at Assiniboine Park Zoo along with a presentation on polar bears.
  - In Churchill, stay at the iconic Lazy Bear Lodge, hand-built by local pioneer Wally Daudrich from stone and reclaimed boreal forest timbers.
  - Embark upon two separate water tours of Hudson Bay to see and photograph many of the 60,000 beluga whales that inhabit the area. Keep an eye out for polar bears, caribou, seals, and a multitude of bird species found along the shore.
  - Aboard the Arctic Crawler™, venture out onto stark and beautiful landscapes, stopping to enjoy the scenery as you search for arctic hare, snowy owl, ptarmigan, or arctic fox.
  - Choose between two optional guided excursion activities (additional fee): a 3-hour kayaking tour or a 3-hour Beluga AquaGliding™ tour.
  - Visit Churchill's Itsanitaq Museum for an exploration of indigenous ways of life while viewing remarkable examples of Inuit craftsmanship.
  - Meet an energetic team of sled dogs and their experienced handler, then climb into a dog cart for your own exciting ride.
  - **What's included:** 6 nights hotel and lodge accommodations; round-trip airfare for the charter flight between Winnipeg and Churchill; 6 breakfasts, 4 lunches, and 3 dinners including a special welcome reception and dinner plus a farewell reception; all excursion transportation and entry fees; full guiding services of an Orbridge Expedition Leader and a local naturalist; and all gratuities.
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## Itinerary:

*ITINERARY NOTE: You are embarking on an adventure where daily activities will be determined by weather, opportunities to view wildlife, and other various elements that make up the incredibly diverse Arctic summer. Guests will receive a daily itinerary while in Churchill, which will be flexible and updated frequently. The itinerary below is a general listing of activities and excursions that may happen during any part of the program.*

### **Day 1: Arrive Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada / Assiniboine Park Zoo**

Thursday, August 3, 2023

Welcome to Canada! Join fellow travelers for a warm welcome, then step out for a special evening reception in the Assiniboine Park Zoo's underwater viewing tunnels. Observe polar bears and seals as they swim in the crystal clear pools above you. A three-course meal with wine is served under the dancing Northern Lights in the Aurora Borealis Theatre. Following dinner, enjoy a presentation on the magnificent polar bears.

*Overnight: Fort Garry Hotel & Spa (R,D)*

### **Day 2: Winnipeg / Flight to Churchill / Cultural and Heritage Tour**

Friday, August 4, 2023

Arrive in beautiful Churchill after a morning flight and transfer to the Lazy Bear Lodge. Enjoy a Cultural and Heritage Tour where you'll have guided site visits of the town's waterfront area, Miss Piggy Plane Crash, Polar Bear "Jail," and Cape Merry.

*Overnight: Lazy Bear Lodge (B,L,D)*

### **Day 3: Churchill / Boat Tour / Prince of Wales Fort / Dog Mushing**

Saturday, August 5, 2023

Board Zodiac boats with your Orbridge Expedition Leader for a three-hour tour of the Churchill River/Hudson Bay area to learn more about the 60,000 beluga whales that inhabit the area. Visit the Prince of Wales Fort, built to protect the business interests of the Hudson's Bay Company. After lunch, you may choose to explore the area on foot, including several galleries and shops carrying local indigenous art from the Canadian Arctic, or you may select to participate in one of the following two optional excursions available for purchase:

A) 3-Hour Kayaking Tour (\$160 per person): Includes a single or double kayak, paddles, wet suit, life jacket, transfers, and an experienced guide. This is an intermediate-level kayaking excursion and includes limited instruction. It is not recommended for beginners.

B) 3-Hour Beluga AquaGliding™ (\$200 per person): Take advantage of an exciting and unique way to see beluga whales, getting up close and personal without being submerged



underwater. Climb atop an AquaGlider™—a floating mat secured to a watercraft—for a tour around the bay. (A dry suit and all necessary equipment will be provided.)

*Optional excursions must be booked in advance through our Guest Services team. Availability is limited. Excursions and pricing are subject to change and non-refundable within 90 days of departure.*

This evening, meet an energetic team of sled dogs and their experienced handler. Learn about these industrious animals and the important role they play in the heritage of this remote region. Then, get ready for your own exciting dog mushing experience.

*Overnight: Lazy Bear Lodge (B)*

#### **Day 4: Churchill / Hudson Bay Coastal Tour**

Sunday, August 6, 2023

Today we explore the Hudson Bay area during a full-day water excursion aboard a custom designed wildlife-viewing vessel—led by your naturalist leader and boat captain. The shoreline of this entire area is a rich ecosystem of life, home to a diverse group of animals. Polar bears, belugas, caribou, and more than 270 species of birds have been recorded. Harbor, bearded, and ringed seals also thrive here and are the polar bears' primary food source when the bay is frozen. Stop at Seal River, a favorite polar bear gathering spot.

*Overnight: Lazy Bear Lodge (B,L)*

#### **Day 5: Churchill / Arctic Crawler™ Experience / Itsanitaq Museum**

Monday, August 7, 2023

Grab your camera, board your expedition vehicle, and head to stark yet beautiful landscapes, stopping to enjoy the scenery and search for wildlife. Your expert naturalist will provide details on the wildlife, vegetation, and ecosystem of the Arctic tundra. After lunch, visit the well-known local Itsanitaq Museum to learn more about the indigenous population and its rich history and culture. While downtown, take some free time to explore on your own.

*Overnight: Lazy Bear Lodge (B,L,D)*

#### **Day 6: Churchill / Flight to Winnipeg**

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

After breakfast, visit the Churchill Northern Studies Centre before transferring to the airport for a charter flight to Winnipeg for a farewell reception with your fellow travelers.

*Overnight: The Grand Winnipeg Airport Hotel (B,L-aloft,R)*

## Day 7: Depart Winnipeg

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

Enjoy breakfast, then bid a fond farewell to Canada and head to the airport for flights home.  
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B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner, R = Reception

(Itinerary subject to change.)

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## Activity Level:

### Moderate

Guests should be sure-footed on stairs, ramps, and small vessels, and able to walk on uneven ground without assistance. Skiffs provide the mode for much of the exploration on this program, and guests should be sure-footed to enter/exit the vessel.



### Early Reservation Bonus<sup>†</sup>

Reserve your space early and receive a valuable collection of items such as maps, videos, books and field guides for your journey, selected by Orbridge's discriminating experts in the field, absolutely free.

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## What's Included:

- 6 nights ideally situated and comfortable accommodations
- Round-trip airfare for the charter flight between Winnipeg and Churchill
- 6 breakfasts, 4 lunches, and 3 dinners—including a special, private welcome reception and three-course dinner at Assiniboine Park Zoo—and a farewell reception
- Full guiding services of an Orbridge Expedition Leader and a local naturalist
- All excursion transportation and entry fees
- All gratuities



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## Your Guide(s):

### Orbridge Expedition Leader



On this program, you will have the benefit of an expert Expedition Leader with extensive local knowledge and experience as a cultural, historic, and naturalist interpreter. With their contribution of exceptional know-how and enthusiasm adding depth to your experience, enjoy the cultures and locations you explore with added confidence, understanding, and appreciation.

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## Accommodations:

### Fort Garry Hotel & Spa



August 3

After an exciting day of exploration, retire to this landmark property in the heart of downtown Winnipeg, featuring high-tech amenities and a modern mix of contemporary style and Old World elegance.

*Room Amenities: Individual climate control, complimentary Wi-Fi, coffee maker, bathrobes, and en suite bathroom with L'Occitane sundries and hair dryer.*

### Lazy Bear Lodge



August 4 - August 7

This remarkable, handcrafted log lodge will provide cozy comfort during your stay.

A log house builder by trade, Wally Daudrich built the Lazy Bear Lodge himself, literally. Drawn to the area by its sense of freedom, he and a partner dragged logs from the forest by snowmobile, crafting them first into a small café, then a small lodge and finally the two-story, modern lodge of today. Even the wood floors and windows were sustainably sourced. The flooring, made of Douglas fir, was recycled from the Canadian National Railway warehouse built in the early 1920s. The windows were once part of an 1800s Hudson Bay Trading Post.

The friendly staff and scenic surroundings make this property supremely memorable. Get cozy in the comfortable lounge and feast on homemade northern cuisine at the Lazy Bear Cafe.

Lodge rooms are small, but cozy, with limited counter and storage space for belongings. Each room has two double beds, one luggage rack, one small clothes rack, a small desk, one small nightstand, and a small

bathroom shelf large enough to hold a few small items. We recommend packing light and carefully utilizing available space.

Additional lighting sources in the lodge rooms are limited. Consider bringing a small portable reading lamp or flashlight if you prefer stronger light.

*Room Amenities: Two double beds, cable television with movie channels, complimentary Wi-Fi, coffee maker, and en suite bathroom with shower, sundries and hair dryer.*

## Grand Winnipeg Airport Hotel



August 8

Located next to the Winnipeg airport terminal, this boutique property provides beautifully appointed accommodations and thoughtful amenities. The hotel's restaurant, Blue Marble, uses locally produced ingredients to create an unforgettable dining experience.

*Room Amenities: Individual climate control, Samsung Smart TV, iPad with Netflix, complimentary Wi-Fi, mini-fridge, safe, device powering station, and en suite bathroom with sundries and hair dryer.*

(Accommodations subject to change.)

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## What Guests Are Saying:

“The program exceeded my expectations. Sighting polar bears, so many beluga whales, the presentation on photography and birds, the research station tour, and talking to townspeople. All staff—guides, front desk, servers, park and museum docents—were friendly, very knowledgeable, helpful and fun.”

–Donna V., Salinas, CA

“This was our first organized tour. It was excellent. The friendly guide was very knowledgeable and anticipated the little things that helped guests enjoy the activities even more. Very well organized from beginning registration to the farewell. Top quality. Lazy Bear Lodge and the guides were outstanding.”

–Gary & Joan C., Bozeman, MT

“I try not to set up expectations, so I was delighted to be so close to the belugas, polar bears and caribou. The dog mushing was a special treat. The program was very well organized. Great attention to detail with many special touches. Lazy Bear Lodge was delightful and having the owner take us out on the boat felt special.”

–Dona P., Marana, AZ

“This is our seventh Orbridge experience—we keep coming back for more due to the outstanding programs and guides. This program was better than expected! Highlights included the Hudson Bay tour, and the Assiniboine Park Zoo experience was excellent.”

–Bob & Kim B., Deerfield, IL

“We had high expectations to begin with, so we consider having met our expectations a high mark. Our overall impressions of this program are very positive. The leaders were patient, positive, helpful, well-informed, and organized. We'd be happy to take another trip with them! The dog mushing and kayaking were highlights.”

–George & Marcia E., Austin, TX

“We loved Lazy Bear Lodge—very rustic, and the food was excellent.”

Our Expedition Leader went over and above to make sure we always knew what was going on and when. She was very knowledgeable about Churchill and the wildlife.”

–William & Luanne T., Centreville, VA

“The Zodiac ride was outstanding! We saw a bear and the whales were awesome—came so close to the boat I actually was able to touch one. Amazing experience. The zoo experience, particularly the food, was also outstanding.

Our Expedition Leader was very nice, very knowledgeable and always available to us.”

–Tom H., Miami, AZ

“This was our second experience with Orbridge and we were not disappointed. They are the best travel group we've encountered. Our guide was an excellent, knowledgeable leader. We could not have had better!”

–Frances & Michael S., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA



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The GAA requires there be a GAA member in the room. For membership information, and to join the GAA, visit: [alumni.unc.edu/membership](http://alumni.unc.edu/membership).

**GUEST INFORMATION:**

Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alt. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**DEPOSIT PAYMENT:**

Check    ACH (Automated Clearing House)    MasterCard/Visa    American Express    Discover

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV: \_\_\_\_\_

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**DEPOSIT:**

# \_\_\_\_\_ guests joining pre-tour (\$500/person) +

# \_\_\_\_\_ guests joining program (\$850/person) = **TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**MAIN PROGRAM OPTIONALS** (added to your final invoice):

# \_\_\_\_\_ guests joining Kayaking Tour (\$160/person)

# \_\_\_\_\_ guests joining AquaGliding Tour (\$200/person)

I/we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at [terms.orbridge.com](http://terms.orbridge.com) and the COVID-19 Acknowledgement at [orbridge.com/wellness](http://orbridge.com/wellness); and I/we agree that Orbridge, LLC is authorized to charge my credit card above and/or take my/our deposit for this program.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Special group rate; limited offer; subject to change. Rate is per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars. Single availability limited. Group airfare for the round-trip charter flight between Winnipeg and Churchill is included. Airfare otherwise not included.



†Place your deposit on or before the specified date (see above), and one Expedition Library per room reserved will be sent after receipt of final payment.

# Terms and Conditions

THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS ARE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022.

**Note: Travel credits and transfers are subject to the Terms and Conditions agreed upon at the time of the original reservation.**

## ORBRIDGE® TERMS AND CONDITIONS, RELEASE AND BINDING ARBITRATION AGREEMENT

This Agreement includes contractual terms and conditions and releases Orbridge, LLC from liability. Any payment to Orbridge, including but not limited to deposits or full payments, constitutes your acknowledgement of, and agreement to, this Terms and Conditions, Release and Binding Arbitration Agreement Orbridge set forth below and in subsequent tour documents.

**Limitation of Responsibility.** Orbridge LLC, its shareholders, directors, officers, employees and affiliates (collectively, "Orbridge"), does not own or operate any entity that provides goods or services for your trip including, for example, ownership or control over hotels or other lodging facilities, airline, vessel, bus, van or other transportation companies, local ground operators, providers or organizers of optional excursions or equipment used thereon, food service or entertainment providers, etc., even if they use the "Orbridge LLC" or "Orbridge" name. All such persons and entities are independent contractors. As a result, Orbridge is not liable for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any such person or entity, or of any other third party. Without limitation, Orbridge is not responsible for any injury, loss, or damage to person or property, death, delay or inconvenience (collectively, "losses") in connection with the provision of any goods or services occasioned by or resulting from, but not limited to, acts of God, acts of government, force majeure, acts of war or civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, strikes or other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind, or the threat thereof, overbooking or downgrading of accommodations, structural or other defective conditions in hotels or other lodging or vessel facilities, mechanical or other failure of airplanes or other means of transportation or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart timely or safely, dangers associated with or bites from animals, pests or insects, marine life or vegetation of any sort, dangers incident to recreational activities such as scuba diving, snorkeling, paddle boarding, surfing, swimming, kayaking, sailing, canoeing, rafting, hiking, bicycling, rock climbing, etc., sanitation problems, food poisoning, lack of access to or quality of medical care, difficulty in evacuation in case of a medical or other emergency, illness, epidemics, pandemics or the threat thereof or for any other cause beyond the direct control of Orbridge. In addition, I release Orbridge from its own negligence and assume all risk thereof.

**Rates.** Program rates are based on minimum participation levels, current fares and costs (air, water, land, rail), tariffs and currency values. While Orbridge does everything possible to maintain the listed program rates, they are subject to change effective immediately upon posting unless otherwise specified by Orbridge. In the case of invoicing errors, we reserve the right to re-invoice with the correct pricing.

**Reservations, Deposits and Final Payment.** To secure your reservation, deposits are due upon placing a reservation as follows: (1) \$850 per person per program and \$500 per person per pre-tour and/or post-tour except for programs noted in (2) and (3); (2) \$2,500 per person for Antarctica Discovery and Trans-Siberian Railway and \$500 per person per pre-tour and/or post-tour; (3) a non-refundable \$1,500 per person is due for Tanzania Wildlife Safari's Rwanda pre-tour. Deposits are payable by check, automated clearing house ("ACH"), wire transfer or major credit card.

Final payment, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, optional excursion(s) fees and optional electives, is payable by check, ACH or wire transfer, and is due for: (1) all programs except Antarctica Discovery and Trans-Siberian Railway—no later than 90 days prior to the program's scheduled departure date; (2) Antarctica Discovery and Trans-Siberian Railway—no later than 195 days prior to the program's scheduled departure date.

If your reservation is made between the final payment due date and the program's scheduled departure date, the full cost of the program, plus any pre-tour and/or post-tour, optional excursion(s) fees and optional electives, is due at the time of registration, payable by check, ACH or wire transfer.

If final payment is not received by Orbridge by the final payment due date, Orbridge may, at any time and with or without notice, cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right of refund.

**Reservation Cancellations and Refunds.** All cancellations must be submitted to Orbridge in writing and will be processed as follows:

(a) For all programs except those noted in (b) and (c), if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge more than 90 calendar days prior to the program's scheduled departure date, all monies paid to Orbridge for the main program and for any pre-tour and/or post-tour will be refunded in full. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 90 and 60 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 25% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, and the balance will be refunded. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 59 and 30 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 50% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, and the balance will be refunded. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge within 29 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 100% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour.

(b) For Antarctica Discovery and Trans-Siberian Railway, if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge more than 195 calendar days prior to the scheduled departure date, all monies paid to Orbridge for the main program and for any pre-tour and/or post-tour will be refunded in full. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 195 and 150 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 25% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, and the balance will be refunded. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 149 and 120 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 50% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, and the balance will be refunded. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge within 119 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 100% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour.

(c) All payments made for Tanzania Wildlife Safari's Rwanda pre-tour are non-refundable at all times.

In addition to and not in lieu of the foregoing, a Cancellation Fee equal to 100% of the carrier charge applies to all non-refundable airfares due to your cancellation made at any time prior to the scheduled program departure date, as applicable. Refunds, if any, will be processed within 30 calendar days of our receipt of your written notice.

**Travel Insurance.** Orbridge strongly recommends that you purchase travel and cancellation insurance to protect your investment in the event of unexpected or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, we recommend that you consider obtaining a policy(ies) that will cover emergency medical evacuation insurance and cancel for any reason insurance. Travel and cancellation insurance policies and dates by which policies must be purchased vary by provider/insurer, maximum coverage (including cancel for any reason) is generally only available for purchase within 14 days of your reservation being confirmed. It is advised to determine your insurance needs and make necessary arrangements soon

after reserving on tour. If you do not have, but are interested in purchasing, travel and cancellation insurance please contact us.

**Program Cancellations or Postponements.** All programs are subject to cancellation or postponement by Orbridge prior to the scheduled departure date for reasons such as, but not limited to, insufficient participation, or logistical problems that, in Orbridge's sole judgment, may impede program operations or represent conditions or events that may expose program guests and/or Orbridge to undue risk of harm, injury, damage or inconvenience. In the event of program cancellation or postponement by Orbridge, Orbridge may offer you alternative arrangements such as the option to join the same tour on a different date or a different tour. If the price of your alternative booking is lower than your original booking price, Orbridge will refund the difference within 30 days of the alternative program's departure date. If it is higher than your original booking price, Orbridge will invoice you the difference and you will be responsible therefor. Transferred guests are subject to the terms of the original tour. Except for force majeure, if a program is cancelled or postponed by Orbridge, Orbridge will refund all payments made within 30 calendar days of notice of program cancellation or postponement if an alternative arrangement is not offered.

**Itineraries.** Accommodations, the itinerary, travel directors or expedition leaders, lecturers, hosts, faculty or organization representative, and arranged excursions are subject to change or substitution at any time due to unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond Orbridge's control. Reasonable efforts will be made to operate programs as planned, however adjustments, substitutions and changes may occur after the final itinerary has been issued. Orbridge may, in its sole discretion, withdraw a program or any part of it, make such alterations or substitutions to the itinerary or program inclusions as it deems necessary or desirable, and pass on to program participants any expenditures or additional costs caused by any such adjustments, or by delays or events beyond its reasonable control.

**Not Included.** Unless otherwise specifically noted in the itinerary, program prices do not include the following expenses, which if applicable are your sole responsibility to pay and satisfy: trip cancellation insurance and passenger travel protection plan; domestic, international, and internal airfares except as indicated in program inclusions; transfers and luggage handling fees except in connection with scheduled group flights; costs associated with obtaining passports or entry visas; airport departure taxes; airline ticketing fees; airport transfers when arriving/departing on other than scheduled group dates; excess baggage charges; any new value added taxes or other taxes added to program costs by applicable governmental authorities; gratuities to drivers, guides, or ship's crew not specified; meals and beverages other than those specified as being included in the itinerary; sightseeing not included in the itinerary; personal expenses such as laundry, communication charges and optional activities (which are subject to availability); ship, air, or transportation fuel surcharges, if applicable; any items not on the "included" list of the tour documents

**Health and Fitness to Travel.** Through your participation in your tour, you assume responsibility for your own health, safety, and welfare and acknowledge that Orbridge cannot absolutely guarantee your safety or health. Your physician can provide guidance on your personal health risk and precautions to take while traveling. Some programs include physically active elements. To enjoy these programs as intended, a minimum level of fitness is required and Orbridge will require all guests to follow local, state, national and/or World Health Organization health and safety mandates. Accordingly, you must be in good physical and mental condition to participate. You represent that you have no physical, mental or other condition, impairment or disability that may or will cause or create a risk of injury or other hazard to yourself or others in respect to any aspect of the program you have selected. Orbridge may, in its sole discretion, limit, restrict or prohibit from participation in any aspect of any program any individual that it considers in its sole discretion to be impaired or unsuitable due to fitness level. In addition, Orbridge may, in its sole discretion and at the participant's sole expense, remove the guest from the program, or restrict the program-related activities of any individual whose physical or mental condition may or is likely to cause a hazard to himself/herself or others, or otherwise impair the enjoyment of other program participants. Any physical condition requiring special attention, diet, or treatment must be reported in writing to Orbridge at the time a program reservation is made. Should you have any questions or need any clarification about a specific program, please ask for details at the time of registration. Orbridge will try to accommodate your situation if possible.

**Accessibility.** Orbridge cannot guarantee that the transportation, lodging, and entertainment/sightseeing accommodations will be accessible to all persons regardless of their physical and mental condition. In addition, many of the activities involved in each program include walking or the like for some distance on uneven ground or pavement or moving water as well as the ability to walk up and down stairs without assistance. Should any individuals seeking to participate in a travel opportunity need special accommodations to ensure their enjoyment of the trip, kindly provide notice at the time the reservation is submitted, and we will see if your participation is feasible. Please understand that the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside the United States.

At the time of reservation, Orbridge needs to be notified to determine if the special needs of an individual traveler can be met through special arrangements. It is possible that minor modifications to the services can be provided, but only if Orbridge is made specifically aware of anticipated needs. This notification should be made in writing no less than two weeks prior to the planned travel. Neither Orbridge nor any of the providers of transportation, lodging, or other services can provide special accommodations without this advance notice.

Where an individual with certain specific needs will be traveling with a group, it is necessary for other members of that person's group to be available to assist as necessary. Neither employees of Orbridge nor any suppliers of services can allow any of their employees to provide physical assistance to any guests.

**Travel Advisories.** The State Department and the Centers for Disease Control periodically issue statements and advisories about risks to travelers. These statements are country specific and contain important information. The State Department information can be found at [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov), and the CDC statements can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov>. Orbridge highly recommends everyone to review these sites.

**Children.** Orbridge welcomes the participation of children in most of its programs. However, in the event you do include your children or other minors for whom you serve as legal guardian ("Dependents") in your travel plans, you hereby agree that you are and shall be at all times solely responsible for their care, actions, safety and protection during the program and any pre-tour and/or post-tour. Should you have any questions whether a particular program or inclusion is possible or suitable for your Dependent(s), please contact us.

**Baggage.** Program rates include the price of one piece of policy-compliant baggage per person during the land, cruise or rail portion of the program only unless specified in the itinerary. Air carriers and motor coaches often impose significant other restrictions or limitations on the number of pieces, size and weight of luggage and may reject or impose additional fees on luggage exceeding such limitations or restrictions. All such fees are your sole cost and responsibility. In addition and regardless of location or transportation method, your baggage and personal effects are and shall at all times be at your sole risk throughout the entire program. Please check with your air carrier for other applicable baggage restrictions and limitations.

**Travel Documents.** All guests are responsible for possessing and maintaining necessary travel documents. These documents shall be valid under state and federal law and as required by foreign countries being visited. Orbridge is not responsible for invalid travel documents and repercussions thereof.

For U.S. citizens, valid passports are required for travel to foreign destinations and some countries require specific visas prior to entry. Please direct any questions in respect to visa requirements to Orbridge, which shall use commercially reasonable efforts to provide answers as a courtesy, provided that it shall remain your sole responsibility and obligation to obtain and verify that you have all required travel documents, including visas, necessary and appropriate for the program location(s) and sufficient blank pages in your passport for visas and immigration stamps. In addition, some countries require your passport to have an expiry date of not less than six months after your anticipated return to the United States. Orbridge disclaims all liability for any expenses or costs you may incur due to your prohibition or restriction from entering a country on the program itinerary or reentering the United States at the conclusion of the program. If travel documents fail to meet these requirements, boarding of aircraft or ship to any international destination may be denied and entry into such countries may be denied.

**Photos and Videos.** Orbridge may take photographs and/or video of its trips and participant grants Orbridge permission to do so and for it to use such for promotional or commercial use without payment of any compensation to participant. In addition, Orbridge may use, without compensation, any photographs or video taken by tour participants and submitted to Orbridge or to SmugMug without payment of any compensation. In submitting any such photographs or videos to Orbridge or SmugMug, participant warrants that he or she took the image and that the dissemination of same does not violate the copyright rights of any person.

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**Other.** Dates, program details and costs are based on tariffs, exchange rates and other information current at the time of printing, but are subject to change at any time. While we do not anticipate material revisions of the itinerary or its included features, we do reserve the right to substitute accommodations or modes of transportation and to make any changes in the itinerary Orbridge, in its sole discretion, deems necessary and in that case any additional expense or cost will be paid by the individual guest. Your baggage and personal effects are your sole responsibility at all times. It is prohibited by federal law and Orbridge policy to bring illegal drugs, firearms, or other contraband (including marijuana for medical or recreational purposes) on any program.

Orbridge may at any time and without notice modify these terms and conditions, and any modification so made will be effective for all reservations made from and after the posted Effective Date.

In the event any term in these terms and conditions is deemed unenforceable the unenforceable clause shall be interpreted to give effect to the parties' intentions to the greatest enforceable extent, and all other provisions hereof shall remain fully enforceable according to their terms.

**Binding Arbitration.** I agree that any dispute concerning, relating, or referring to this contract, the brochure, or any other literature concerning my trip, or the trip itself shall be resolved exclusively by binding arbitration in Seattle, Washington, either according to the then existing commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association or pursuant to the Comprehensive Arbitration Rules & Procedures of the Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services, Inc. (JAMS). Such proceedings will be governed by substantive (but not procedural) Washington law. The arbitrator and not any federal, state, or local court or agency shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable. By agreeing to these terms and conditions, both parties are waiving their right to a trial by jury. Any arbitration commenced against Orbridge must be on behalf of only the individual(s) to this Agreement and his or her immediate family members travelling with them, such as a spouse or child. Under no circumstances can participant be part of a class or other joint action.

**Acceptance of Contract.** ANY PAYMENT TO ORBRIDGE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO DEPOSITS OR FULL PAYMENTS, CONSTITUTES YOUR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF AND AGREEMENT TO THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET FORTH ABOVE AND IN MORE SPECIFIC TOUR DOCUMENTS.

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