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Nature & Cultural Journeys  
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## THE CINCINNATI ZOO & BOTANICAL GARDEN

CORDIALLY INVITES YOU ON A WILDLIFE EXPLORATION OF

### MANITOBA, CANADA

IN SEARCH OF THE "LORD OF THE ARCTIC"

NOVEMBER 10 TO 16, 2017



## YOUR TOUR LEADER IN MANITOBA: DR. ERIN CURRY



### CREW Reproductive Physiologist

Erin Curry, Ph.D., is a staff scientist at the Lindner Center for Conservation and Research of Endangered Wildlife (CREW) at the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden. Dr. Curry's research centers on polar bears, the newest addition to CREW's Signature Projects.

Originally from Philadelphia, Dr. Curry earned her B.S. degree in Animal Science from the University of Delaware in 2003. After working as a veterinary technician for a few years, she decided to pursue graduate studies at Clemson University in South Carolina, where she earned her M.S. (2007) and Ph.D. (2010) in Animal Physiology, with concentrations in reproductive physiology and molecular biology.

Dr. Curry joined CREW as a Post-doctoral Fellow in January 2011 and began working with polar bears, an iconic species for climate change due to their dependence on sea ice for survival and reproduction. In addition to developing novel methods for non-invasively monitoring reproductive activity in polar bears, in 2012, Dr. Curry led a CREW team in performing the first ever artificial insemination procedure in a polar bear. Dr. Curry was hired as a staff Reproductive Physiologist in March 2014.



## YOUR ITINERARY

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### DAY 1~FRIDAY~NOVEMBER 10

#### CINCINNATI/WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

Your journey begins as you gather in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Nestled in the heart of Canada, at the junction of the Red and Assiniboine Rivers, Winnipeg offers a unique blend of lifestyle, commerce and culture. With a population of over 670,000, the city boasts 36 museums, over 900 restaurants, 17 theatres and the famous festival Folklorama.

*Upon arrival in Winnipeg, proceed to your hotel, located just less than one mile from MTS Centre. Each of the guestrooms is fully equipped with top of the line facilities and amenities. Relax and enjoy at the on-site spa and health club or go for some delicious cuisine at their onsite restaurant.*



After a chance to settle in, meet up with your naturalist guide and have a briefing on your upcoming program. Enjoy dinner at your hotel tonight and get to meet your fellow travelers. Overnight at the INN AT THE FORKS. (D) <http://www.innforks.com/>.

### DAY 2~SATURDAY~NOVEMBER 11

#### WINNIPEG



After a hearty breakfast at your hotel, venture out for a day's exploration of Winnipeg. Begin at the famed Manitoba Museum, the province's largest heritage center renowned for its combined human and natural heritage themes. The institution shares knowledge about Manitoba, the world and the universe through its collections, exhibitions, publications, on-site and outreach programs, Planetarium shows and Science Gallery exhibits. The Museum's collections reflect the heritage of Manitoba and other regions of the world. Eight interpretive galleries explore the history and environment of the province from its northern Arctic coast to its southern prairie grasslands. The Museum is noted for its Urban Gallery, which recreates Winnipeg in the 1920s, and the full-size replica ship *Nonsuch*, whose voyage in 1668 led to the founding of the Hudson's Bay Company.

Also visit the Fort Whyte Nature Centre, one of Canada's premier outdoor education and recreation facilities. Fort Whyte features over 400 acres of woodlands, wetlands, grasslands and lakes. You will have some time set aside to explore

some of the center's highlights, including a 70-acre Bison Prairie and viewing mound, interpretive trails, family treehouse, bird-feeding stations, floating boardwalks, and songbirds, deer and waterfowl in their natural habitat. The Interpretive Centre features fascinating exhibits, including the Aquarium of the Prairies (Manitoba's largest indoor aquarium.) You will also see The Forks - one of the loveliest public spaces in Winnipeg, it is an expanse of riverside property in the heart of downtown Winnipeg. A true urban oasis, The Forks has a 6,000 year old history yet holds numerous options for dining and shopping alongside natural and man-made wonders.

Later, tour the Assiniboine Park Zoo and enjoy a presentation by a Zoo representative. The Zoo currently boasts over 1,800 animals of 300 different species in its collection, including such spectacular and popular favorites as the Siberian tiger, polar bear, snow leopard, monkeys and the spirit bear for the



native peoples, a rare white black bear that was orphaned and now makes its home at the Zoo. Due to local weather conditions, the Zoo specializes in cold-hardy species from northern latitudes and mountain ranges. Established in 1904, the Zoo has a long record of displaying and breeding rare and endangered species, such as Bald and Golden Eagles and musk ox. Through cooperative efforts with other zoos, most of the animals have been bred in captivity, lessening the need to capture animals from the wild.

Overnight at the INN AT THE FORKS. (B,L,D)

### DAY 3~SUNDAY~NOVEMBER 12

#### WINNIPEG / CHURCHILL

Depart your hotel on a morning flight for Churchill, located 700 miles to the north (the same latitude of Stockholm, Sweden.) It is here each year, in the fall, along the west shore of Canada's Hudson Bay, where one of the world's most fascinating wildlife events occurs. There's no better place to see some of nature's most magnificent sights, from massive polar bears to the spectacular northern lights of the Aurora Borealis. The town of Churchill is situated in the 7,250-square-mile Cape Churchill Wildlife Management Area. This ecological sanctuary is home to over 150 species of birds, 500 species of plants and 44 species of mammals. As you explore the tundra, you are apt to see Snowy Owls, Eider Duck, Willow Ptarmigan, Gyrfalcons, lemmings, Arctic fox, caribou



and of course, the "Lord of the Arctic" – the polar bear. The ecosystem supports a diverse range of life, including plants and taiga (sub-arctic) forest that have adapted to the harsh surroundings. Among the sights: 100-year-old spruce trees that are scarcely 10 feet tall; lichens, miniature shrubs and flowers that burst into a blaze of colors in the spring; and plants that sprout and produce leaves, blossoms and seeds – all in a month's time.

The wildlife management area was established in 1978 to protect the polar bear. You'll see these giant creatures forage for food in the summer or hunt seal on the ice of Hudson Bay in the late fall. The bears spend the entire winter on the ice. Only pregnant bears move to traditional dens, where they will give birth to cubs weighing a mere 1-1/2 pounds.

Your home for the next three nights will be in Churchill, a small town of about 800 people on the barren, rocky coast of Hudson Bay in Northern Manitoba. It originally was a trading post for furs, then a whaling community. Now, its main boast is that it is the only easily accessible human habitat where polar bears can be seen in the wild.

From October through mid-November, more than 1,200 bears migrate from their summer ranges along the bay south of Churchill up to the capes where the ice forms the earliest and will support their weight so they can begin their annual hunt for seals, their primary source of food.

Upon arrival in Churchill, you will tour the local and historical points of interest such as Cape Merry, the port of Churchill, Miss Piggy and Manitoba Conservation's Polar Bear Holding Facility. Drive through town and head west toward Cape



Merry which provides stunning views of the Hudson Bay shoreline and the distant Prince of Wales Fort across the Churchill River. Stop by the notorious plane wreck, "Miss Piggy"; this plane (apparently) carrying a cargo of pigs met its rocky demise in 1979. Visit the facility of the Polar Bear Alert Program which was established in 1980. The program is unique, and receives a large number of media and group presentation requests each year. The priorities of this program include:

- *protecting human life from polar bears*
- *protecting polar bears from harassment or the need to be euthanized*
- *minimizing damage to property from polar bears*
- *minimizing the potential of food conditioning and/or human habituation of polar bears*
- *ensuring the safety of Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship staff working with the Polar Bear Alert Program*



After lunch visit the Eskimo Museum which was created as a labor of love by the late Jacques-Marie Volant, a member of the clergy who worked toward the preservation of the Inuit culture. Started in 1948, the museum presents an exquisite collection of contemporary Inuit art and also houses sections devoted to the history of the Inuit and life in the Arctic.

Churchill's fame as the polar bear capital is due to the town's proximity to the bear's traditional migration route and because the tundra region just south of town is one of the largest polar bear denning areas on earth. As many as 100



pregnant females make their way there to spend the winter, emerging each spring with between 150-200 cubs. Another 500 to 600 bears gather every autumn in the area where they wait for the bay to freeze so they can cross the ice to hunt the seals that live there.

*Your home for three nights, located on a quiet side street in the northern town of Churchill, will be basic, yet clean and comfortable. The inn has 31 spacious and comfortable rooms all with en suite bathroom, cable television, telephone, and refrigerators. There is free Wi-Fi in all the rooms. Tastefully furnished, you will find this to be a comfortable home away from home in the tundra.*

Overnight at TUNDRA INN. (B,L,D)

## DAY 4~MONDAY~NOVEMBER 13

### CHURCHILL

Your day begins with a hearty breakfast before departing on the half-hour to 45-minute ride to the tundra, where your buggy is stationed. From here, you'll travel the tundra, looking for polar bears and other fascinating wildlife. Exploring on the tundra buggies is an adventure in of itself. These all-terrain vehicles lumber across the tundra at a leisurely pace. Expert guides accompany you, leading you through the wilderness to discover the polar bears. From a height of nearly 15 feet, the buggy provides the best view of the bears in their natural habitat. While your vehicle is heated, the windows are open for photography. When there is a strong



breeze, the temperature inside can drop well below freezing. The vehicle floors are metal, so do wear warm footwear, with wool socks and thick soles. Driving over the tundra can be rough, but the seats are padded and upholstered. There is a deck on the back of the vehicle which can be used as a viewing platform when the bears are not close. Remember, polar bears are carnivorous and wild, so they can be dangerous. Therefore, keep your arms and heads inside the "Tundra Buggy" when bears are nearby. You'll stay in the tundra till late in the afternoon, and return to your comfortable Inn when it gets dark.



While on the tundra, your meals will be provided in picnic form, including hot items such as soup! Lunches will consist of hot soup, bread, hot beverages and soft drinks.

A Polar Bears International species expert will join you on board the Tundra Buggy for an in-depth discussion on polar bears and their habitat. The only conservation organization in the world whose sole purpose and focus is on polar bears, this organization's mission is 'to conserve polar bears and the sea ice they depend on. Through media, science, and advocacy, they work to inspire people to care about the Arctic, the threats to its future, and the connection between this remote region and our global climate.'



On one of the evenings in Churchill (*weather permitting*) you will return to the tundra to view the infamous Northern Lights. If the sky is not overcast, the Aurora Borealis (meaning "dawn of the north") will add another treat to this night's excursion. Throughout a single night, the auroral display varies in intensity and form according to a process known as the auroral substorm. The light is produced by a high vacuum electrical discharge, a passage of electricity through thin gas usually accompanied by a glow, arc or spark. Energy from the sun creates the Aurora and the color depends on the type of atoms and molecules struck by the energetic particles. A very scientific explanation for a mystical and unpredictable phenomenon which will leave you spell-bound and enveloped in the glorious moving art above! The fire and light of the aurora borealis fills the sky over Churchill with astonishing frequency. The erratic dance is accompanied by changing colors. The aurora is about 80 miles above the ground but local lore has it that if you whistle at the aurora, it will make them dance and come down to the ground.



Overnight at TUNDRA INN. (B,L,D)

## DAY 5~TUESDAY~NOVEMBER 14

### CHURCHILL

Today offers another day on the tundra. Besides the star attraction polar bear, there are close to 150 bird species that congregate in Churchill each summer and fall, including the Tundra Swan, Horned Grebe, Snowy and Short-eared Owls, Golden Plover, Arctic Loon, Snow Goose and Sandpiper. You may also spot the heart-warming Ross's Gull or the Willow Ptarmigan, which changes from its brown summer coat to a wintry white coat.



The Arctic Tern makes the most amazing journey, traveling twice each year from pole to pole (13,000 miles) thus receiving more hours of sunlight than any other creature on earth. One can also spot various fox species while the ringed seal makes the river its home each spring. Beluga whales are also a treasure and can be spotted each summer. Over 5,000 of these creatures populate Hudson Bay with 3,000 frequenting the Churchill River in order to feed on the fish that teem there.

Scores of polar bears gather along the shore near Churchill, Manitoba waiting for the bay to freeze to begin the annual hunt for their choice prey, seals. Polar bears are normally solitary creatures, but in Churchill, at this time of year, they gather, often even mothers and cubs. Polar bears are the world's largest land-dwelling carnivores. These magnificent animals, which average in weight from about 500 pounds for females to well over 1,000 pounds for males, have been called "The Lords of the Arctic." They are skilled hunters, with keen noses that can detect odors 20 miles away and pick up the presence of seals under three feet of ice and snow. They have no natural enemies and therefore no fear.

Tonight, enjoy a wine and cheese reception where a Polar Bears International representative will have a presentation on the polar bears.

Overnight at TUNDRA INN. (B,L,D)

## DAY 6~WEDNESDAY~NOVEMBER 15

### CHURCHILL/WINNIPEG

Your morning begins with an exhilarating dogsled excursion hosted by a local resident and dog sledding expert. You will learn about the historical significance of dog sledding in the north as well as enjoy an exhilarating ride behind a strong team of huskies on a custom-made sled.

You will also have a chance for an optional helicopter ride (*at an additional cost*). Your pilot will be a truly experienced polar bear research aviator. Your aerial tour gives you a bird's eye view of polar bears, arctic foxes, caribou and wolves. The helicopter ride is a 60 minute tour.



Schedules, accommodations and prices are accurate at the time of writing. They are subject to change .

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After lunch, visit the Parks Canada Interpretive Centre for an educational presentation about the history of the Churchill area. Later, transfer to the airport for your evening flight back to Winnipeg. Return to your hotel and enjoy a farewell dinner. Time to reminisce about all the bears you've seen and the wild adventure you had in the north.

Overnight at the GRAND WINNIPEG AIRPORT HOTEL. (B,L,D) <https://www.lakeviewhotels.com/hotels/grand-winnipeg-airport-hotel/>

#### DAY 7~THURSDAY~NOVEMBER 16

#### WINNIPEG/CINCINNATI

After breakfast, bid farewell to your Arctic adventure as you head out to the airport, bringing with you the memories of this special place. (B, Meals Aloft)



## INCLUSIONS

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- Two nights accommodation at the Inn at the Forks in Winnipeg and one night at the Grand Winnipeg Airport Hotel.
- Entry to Manitoba Museum, Assiniboine Park Zoo and Fort Whyte Alive.
- Roundtrip flights from Winnipeg to Churchill, Manitoba.
- Three nights accommodation at the Tundra Inn in Churchill. Accommodation is rustic, but comfortable with private facilities.
- Churchill and area tour, including a stop at the Churchill Eskimo Museum.
- Dogsled excursion in Churchill and interpretive program.
- Parks Canada Interpretive Centre.
- Northern lights viewing session (weather permitting).
- Evening presentation and wine and cheese reception hosted by Polar Bears International.
- Two full-days guided Tundra Buggy Adventures.
- All transfers in Churchill and Winnipeg.
- GST taxes.
- All meals are included in Churchill. A welcome and farewell dinners are included in Winnipeg. All other meals as indicated in the itinerary.
- Cincinnati Zoo escort will accompany the group with a minimum of 10 travelers.
- Led by an Interpretive Guide throughout.
- Gratuities for baggage handling, hotel tips and taxes.
- All entrance fees to places of interest visited and on sightseeing tours indicated in the itinerary.
- Complimentary passport wallet and baggage tags.
- Emergency Evacuation Insurance.

## EXCLUSIONS

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- Roundtrip flights from Cincinnati to Winnipeg including departure taxes and fuel surcharges (quoted separately.)
- Tips to Drivers, Guides and Lecturers and other conveyance attendants.
- Cost of passport.
- Helicopter tour.
- Excess baggage charges levied by airlines.
- Meals other than specified and all beverages.
- Personal, trip cancellation, accident and baggage insurance.
- Any cost not specifically included in the listing above.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ITINERARY SEQUENCE IS CORRECT AT THE TIME OF WRITING  
BUT IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES.



## OPTIONAL HELICOPTER TOUR IN CHURCHILL

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Experience the majesty of Canada's largest ecosystem from a few hundred feet (approximately 328 feet) above the ground on a one-hour helicopter excursion. You will set out from the town of Churchill in a three- or six-passenger helicopter with an experienced interpretive pilot and fly across the desert-like tundra and northern sections of the boreal forest in search of wildlife, including polar bears, moose, ringed-seals, caribou, and Arctic fox.

### Adventure Highlights

#### The changing landscape

- The aerial tour includes historical sites such as the Ithaca shipwreck and the Prince of Wales Fort, which played a key role in the 18th-Century French/English rivalry for control of the territory and resources around Hudson Bay.

#### Delving into the history

- Covering more than half of the country, Canada's boreal forest is alive and teeming with waterways and plant-life. You'll begin at the most northern tip of the boreal forest before sweeping northward over the frozen desert-like tundra, far above Manitoba's tree line.

#### Plenty of Wildlife spotting

- The tour takes guests directly over Wapusk National Park, home of Legendary Cape Churchill and elusive 1,500 lb. sparring polar bears. The helicopter tours are adapted daily to the migration patterns of the animals which enable you to experience the best wildlife viewing and photographic opportunities.

At present, the cost is \$550 per person, currently subject to change. Reservations are required in advance. Please indicate on your reservation form if helicopter is required. If due to weather the helicopter ride is not possible, the cost will be refunded to travelers upon their return. There's no refund if travelers cancel while on tour.



## THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

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### Winnipeg

Every effort will be made to provide all the touring in the itinerary, but it is dependant on arrival and departure times from your home city. We will do our utmost to give enough time at the marvelous Manitoba Museum, Assinaboine Zoo and fit in Fort Whyte Nature Center as best we can. Please understand that due to time constraints these tours might be rushed, or amended.



### Churchill

The weather could be cold and quite windy. Snow may be on the ground hindering walking. Layering and warm clothing is essential. You must be able to climb the stairs of the tundra vehicle as well as of your hotel. It can be cold in the buggy and essential footwear, thermal undergarments, parkas and appropriate clothing is highly recommended. Our operator provides gear rental as follows:

- Canada goose parka - CAD \$25 per day, currently
- Canada goose pants - CAD \$20 per day, currently
- Baffin boots - \$15 per day, currently

If any of these items are required, contact us to make the arrangements.

### General

- True adventure in travel can sometimes be accompanied by unexpected changes in conditions, itineraries and occasionally your accommodations. Participants should travel with a spirit of adventure and flexibility. Remember to pack your patience and sense of humor! Be willing to look past self-imposed ideals of Western amenities and do not compare these new experiences with your life back home.
- Travel often includes visiting destinations with modest infrastructures and a bending definition of comfort. Accommodations in Churchill are comfortable, but quite rustic.
- Participants should generally be in good health.

### Air Schedules

Choosing the best possible air arrangements for our travelers is always a challenge. We work with many airlines that offer the best level of service, routings and value for our programs. While there may indeed be more direct routings available with another airline, the cost of these flights may not be within the budget that allows us to give you the best value possible. If you prefer to purchase your own international air, please feel free to choose the "land only" rate for this program. **The start and end city for this program is Winnipeg, Manitoba.**

*Upon registration, you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with reissuing the ticket.*

## YOUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

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**INCLUDING:** WINNIPEG & CHURCHILL

**HOSTED BY:** CINCINNATI ZOO & BOTANICAL GARDEN

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**DATES:** NOVEMBER 10 TO 16, 2017

<b><u>COSTS:</u></b> BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	<b>MAIN PROGRAM BASED ON 10 TRAVELERS</b>
LAND ONLY COST	\$7,695 PER PERSON
ESTIMATED AIRFARE FROM CINCINNATI, ECONOMY, INCLUDING TAXES & FUEL SURCHARGES (CURRENTLY, SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**	\$890 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL
SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT	\$1,795 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL
HELICOPTER RIDE (CURRENTLY, SUBJECT TO CHANGE)	\$495 PER PERSON, ADDITIONAL

*\*SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: VALID FOR FIRST TWO SINGLE ROOMS BOOKED. IF MORE THAN TWO SINGLE ROOMS, ADDITIONAL SUPPLEMENT MAY APPLY. SINGLES ARE ASSIGNED ON A FIRST COME/FIRST SERVE BASIS.*

*\*\*ALL INTERNATIONAL AIRFARES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE AND BASED ON MINIMUM OF 10 TRAVELERS. TAXES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE UNTIL TICKETED. IF LESS THAN 10 TRAVELERS, THE FARE WILL INCREASE & SUPPLEMENTAL COSTS WILL BE GIVEN TO THE TRAVELERS PRIOR TO ISSUING THE TICKETS, APPROXIMATELY TWO MONTHS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE. **NOTE THAT THE SPECIAL RATES NEGOTIATED BY CLASSIC ESCAPES ARE NOT UPGRADABLE***

**DEPARTURE CITY:** CINCINNATI

(DEPARTURES FROM OTHER CITIES ARE POSSIBLE AT EXTRA COST)



## CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL:

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### REGISTRATION

**HOW TO BOOK:** Fill out and sign the enclosed reservation form and send it, along with the relevant deposit as shown below, to: CLASSIC ESCAPES, 58-25 Queens Blvd., Woodside, NY 11377. Upon receipt of your signed reservation form and deposit, we will, subject to availability, reserve your spot on the tour. You may consider your booking confirmed when you receive a confirmation notice and invoice from us.

### PAYMENTS

**DEPOSIT:** A deposit of \$1,000 per person must be submitted at the time of booking. Deposits may be paid by check or charged to American Express, MasterCard, Visa or Discover.

**FINAL PAYMENT:** Final payment is due 95 days before departure (August 7, 2017) – you will receive a final invoice. Final payment is payable by check or money order ONLY.

**RATES:** Rates are based on the minimum number of guests outlined in this document, plus airfare costs, currency exchange rates and other factors and are subject to change. Though it is rare for Classic Escapes to make a price adjustment after promotion of an itinerary, we do reserve the right to assess a surcharge if the minimum is not met, or if increases are forced upon us by airlines or other partners or because of changes in currency exchange rates.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Cost of passport and visa fees, and service charges for obtaining visa fees; excess baggage charges levied by airlines; laundry and other items of a personal nature; optional travel insurance policy; cost for anything not specifically included in listing above.

**SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:** The quoted rate is valid for the first two single rooms booked and on a first-come, first-served basis. If more than two single rooms are needed, an additional supplement may apply. Single accommodations are not guaranteed, but will be provided at additional cost if available (see reservation form for cost.) The single room supplement pays for privacy, not better accommodations. For passengers who are traveling alone and wish to share a room with another tour member, we will do our best to provide a roommate. However, if this is not possible, you will be required to pay the single room supplement prior to your departure from the USA.

**GRATUITIES AND TAXES:** Gratuities for baggage handling, service charges and taxes imposed by hotels, and entrance fees to all points of interest as outlined in the itinerary are included. U.S. and foreign airport taxes are included in air costs. Tips to drivers and naturalist are NOT included.

### CANCELLATIONS, DEVIATIONS & CHANGES

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** We recommend travel insurance. Travel insurance can provide financial reimbursement should the unexpected occur.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this tour:

- Up to August 7, 2017, \$300 handling fee.
- August 8 to September 11, 2017, deposit is forfeited.
- September 12 to 26, 2017, less 50% of tour cost.
- After September 26, 2017, no refund is possible.

**CHANGE FEES:** Once you reserve your tour, changes are possible at a fee of \$150 per person subject to availability of air or land space at the time of request. Should there be any change fees imposed by airlines or ground operators, or additional costs incurred due to availability of any space, this cost will be invoiced to you.

**SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS:** We would be happy to make additional travel plans for you, including specially arranged pre- or post-tour extensions different than those that may be offered in conjunction with this tour. A service charge of \$150 per person (over and above the cost of the services required) will be assessed.

## DOCUMENTS

**PASSPORT & VISAS:** The onus is upon the guest to ensure that passports and visas are valid for the countries visited and for the applicable time period, as outlined by the U.S. Department of State ([travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov)) or by the passport holder's country. Classic Escapes, their staff and their agents cannot be held liable for any visas, etc. not held by the guests, nor for the cost of obtaining visas.

**PRE-DEPARTURE INFORMATION:** Upon receipt of your registration and deposit, we will send a pre-departure packet to you. This packet contains all the information you need to prepare for your tour, including the complete itinerary, packing checklist, required documents, etc.

**FINAL DOCUMENTS:** Final documents and tickets will be sent to you approximately two weeks prior to departure, provided all monies have been paid in full.

## TRANSPORTATION

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:** Roundtrip, economy-class flights via DELTA AIR LINES and/or other IATAN carriers are between CINCINNATI and the destination city noted in the itinerary. Rates are based on special promotional fares; cancellation fees apply once tickets are issued. Departures from other cities in the USA are possible at additional cost; inquire at the time of reservation. Please note that these promotional fares are subject to 10 passengers traveling together on the same airline routing and itinerary. If this minimum is not met, the special group rates are not applicable and it might become necessary to issue instant purchase tickets earlier than when final payment is due in order to take advantage of airfares that are similar to the group rates. Should this occur, you will be contacted with the details.

**AIRLINE SEATING:** For DELTA AIR LINES, we request seats together for the group. All planes are non-smoking. We can request a seating preference on your behalf, however requested seats cannot be guaranteed. Requests should be made in writing no later than 60 days prior to departure. Bulkhead and/or emergency row seats can only be requested at airport check-in on the day of departure. Boarding passes will only be issued at the airport on the day of departure. You may inquire about seat changes during check in, based on availability and is at the sole discretion of airport staff.

**FREQUENT FLYER MILEAGE:** As mentioned, we work primarily with DELTA AIR LINES. For a list of the airline's partners, visit [http://www.delta.com/content/www/en\\_US/skymiles.html](http://www.delta.com/content/www/en_US/skymiles.html). You may obtain frequent flyer mileage on any of these carriers. Present your frequent flyer card for all flight check-ins and keep the boarding passes until you receive a statement with the mileage credit

**TRANSFERS:** Roundtrip airport transfers are included in the tour for guests arriving on group flights.

## TRIP DETAILS

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** You will marvel at the wonderful accommodations provided throughout your tour. All rooms have private bathroom facilities and heating. All rates are based on double occupancy. Most rooms are twin-bedded, but king-size beds are occasionally available and should be requested in advance. Accommodations listed in this itinerary are correct at time of writing, but on rare occasions may be substituted for a different property of comparable quality.

**MEALS:** All meals as specified in the itinerary. Please notify us if you have special dietary needs or requests, and we will do our best to accommodate.

**INOCULATIONS:** When it comes to vaccination and disease prevention, we suggest that travelers first review information provided by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([www.cdc.gov/travel](http://www.cdc.gov/travel)) and then review those details with their personal physicians.

**WATER:** It is always advisable to drink bottled and/or filtered water when traveling overseas. Safe drinking water will be provided to travelers free of charge in the vehicles and during meals.

**BAGGAGE:** On average, international flights from the USA allow one piece of checked luggage, each not exceeding 50 pounds; however we always recommend that you check your airline's policy just before departure, as luggage limitations are always subject to change. Despite this weight allowance, we always suggest guests travel light. Also soft-sided duffel bags are ideal for this tour, as they stow best in vehicles, cabins and airplanes with limited space.

## **TERMS & CONDITIONS**

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** Neither Classic Escapes (the Company) nor any person or agent acting for, through or on behalf of the Company shall be liable for any loss or damage whatsoever arising from any cause whatsoever and without restricting the generality of the foregoing shall particularly not be responsible for loss or damage arising from any errors or omissions contained in its brochure or other literature, loss or damage caused by delays, sickness, theft, injury or death. In addition the Company shall have the right at any time at its discretion to cancel any trip or the remainder thereof or make any alteration in route, accommodation, price or other details and, in the event of any trip being rendered impossible, illegal or inadvisable by weather, strike, war, government or interference or any other cause whatsoever, the extra expenses incurred as a result thereof shall be the responsibility of the passenger. The Company may at its discretion and without liability or cost to itself at any time cancel or terminate the guest's booking and in particular without limiting the generality of the foregoing it shall be entitled to do so in the event of the illness or the illegal or incompatible behavior of the guest, who shall in such circumstances not be entitled to any refund.

**PHOTOGRAPHY:** The Company reserves the right without further notice to make use of any photograph or film taken on the tour by our photographers without payment or permission. We guarantee that no photographs of a compromising nature will be used.

**CHANGES TO SCHEDULES:** Although every effort is made to adhere to schedules it should be borne in mind that the Company reserves the right and in fact is obliged to occasionally change routes and hotels as dictated by changing conditions.

**REFUNDS:** While the Company uses its best endeavors to ensure that all anticipated accommodation is available as planned, there shall be no claim of any nature whatsoever against the Company for a refund either in the whole or part, if any accommodation or excursion is unavailable and a reasonable alternative is not found. If the guest is unable to use any service provided in the itinerary, then there are no refunds due.

**AIRLINE CLAUSE:** The airlines concerned are not to be held liable for any act, omission or event during the time the passengers are not on board their planes or conveyance. The passengers' tickets in use by the airline or by other carriers concerned when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchaser of these tickets and/or passengers.

**DELAYS:** We cannot be held liable for any delays or additional costs incurred as a result of airlines not running to schedule. If one of our guides is unable to take a trip due to illness, etc. we reserve the right to substitute with another guide. This agreement is made subject to and shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of the country in which the trip takes place. Classic Escapes act merely as an agent for the operating companies. To the best of our knowledge the itinerary is correct at the time of printing. We cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies or changes that may occur after printing.

**CONSENT:** The payment of the deposit OR any other partial payment for a reservation on a trip constitutes consent by all guests covered by that payment to all provisions of the conditions and general information contained in this brochure whether the guest has signed the booking form or not. The terms, under which you agree to take this trip, cannot be changed or amended except in writing signed by an authorized director of the Company.

**INSURANCE:** It is a condition of booking, that the sole responsibility lies with the guest to ensure that they carry the correct comprehensive travel and medical insurance to cover themselves, as well as any dependents/traveling companions for the duration of their trip. Classic Escapes, including their representatives, employees and agents will take no responsibility for any costs, losses incurred or suffered by the guest, or guest's dependents or traveling companions.

Please visit the website to enroll - <http://www.travelguard.com/classicescapes/>. For any questions you may have on insurance, contact Travel Guard at 1-866-385-4839 and refer to ARC #71298.

**INCLUDED EMERGENCY EVACUATION COVERAGE:** For the convenience of our travelers, Classic Escapes provides a complimentary Medical Insurance Plan during this trip through Travel Guard Group, Inc. This includes:

- Emergency evacuation insurance up to \$100,000.
- Up to \$25,000 medical expense and up to \$500 dental expense coverage subject to the terms and limitations of the insurance policy.
- 24-hour worldwide travel and medical assistance.

Please click here to view complete coverage of details.

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Reminder Invoice with balance due	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paid-in-Full Invoice	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Final Documents - species list, journal and final booklet	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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# RESERVATION FORM:

CINCINNATI ZOO ~ MANITOBA

17NA1110/Cincy

Enclosed is my deposit for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$1,000 per person) to hold \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) on the Manitoba, Canada program departing on November 10, 2017. Cost is \$7,695 per person, double occupancy. Additional international air from Cincinnati is \$890 including taxes and fuel surcharges (subject to change). (As of May 31, 2016- subject to change)

Final payment due date is: **August 7, 2017**

Please make check payable to CLASSIC ESCAPES and mail to 58-25 Queens Blvd., Woodside, NY 11377 **OR**

Charge deposit to  MasterCard  Visa  American Express  Discover

(Credit Card Authorization form needs to be completed and returned to Classic Escapes via mail or fax to 718-204-4726)

Deposits can be made by credit card; however, all final payments are required to be made by check or money order only.

1) NAME (As appears on passport):  Mr.  Mrs.  Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (M/D/Y) \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Passport No. \_\_\_\_\_ Green Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

2) NAME (As appears on passport):  Mr.  Mrs.  Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth (M/D/Y) \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Passport No. \_\_\_\_\_ Green Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONES: HOME: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ OFFICE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

**A copy of your passport must accompany this form to confirm reservation. Upon receipt of your signed reservation form, passport copy and deposit we will, subject to availability, reserve your spot on the tour. Passport must be valid for at least 6 months after the return of your trip and have two consecutive blank pages in the visa section.**

- I certify that I have not recently been treated for, nor am I aware of any physical or other condition or liability that would create a hazard to myself or the other members of this tour.
- The two of us above are sharing a room and, where possible, we would like a room with:  ONE  TWO Beds (Make one selection only)
- I am sharing with \_\_\_\_\_ (form sent separately)
- I need assistance in securing a roommate. I understand if the Cincinnati Zoo or the tour operator cannot locate one for me by final payment date, I agree to pay the additional single supplement amount. I prefer to share with:  Smoker  Non-smoker
- I/We wish to participate in the optional helicopter tour at an additional per person cost of \$495:
- I desire single accommodations, if available, and will pay the single supplement additional cost of \$1,795.

- Please make my/our round trip air reservations on the group flights via DELTA AIR LINES from Cincinnati
  - Please make domestic round-trip air reservations for me from my home city: \_\_\_\_\_ to connect with the group flights and let me know the additional cost.  
Please send me information on air upgrades for:  Business/First Class (only one class - business/first - exists)  
Airline Seating Preference  Aisle  Window  Frequent Flier # \_\_\_\_\_
- \*\*We can request a seating preference on your behalf; however, this is only a request and NOT guaranteed, as some seating assignments may be airport check-in only. Requests should be made in writing no later than 60 days prior to departure. Bulkhead and/or emergency row seats can only be requested at airport check-in on the day of departure. Also note that even if we do obtain your preferred seat, it is not guaranteed that the seat will be provided during check-in as there might be equipment changes that nullify our selection. The special rates negotiated by Classic Escapes are not upgradable.*
- I/We will make own air arrangements and will provide you with an itinerary before trip departure.

All rates quoted are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of May 31, 2016, and are subject to change. There's no refund possible of the deposit. Cancellation charges are levied in accordance with the policy outlined in the accompanying Conditions of Travel. **WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN TRAVEL INSURANCE. RESERVATIONS ARE ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO TOUR CONDITIONS AND WILL BE CONFIRMED ONLY IF ACCOMPANIED BY COMPLETED FORM SIGNED BY THE TOUR PARTICIPANT(S).**

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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(We recommend that you keep a copy of your selections as noted above for your future reference)



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CREDIT CARD PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION

*Please Note: If you wish to charge your deposit to Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover, this authorization form MUST be completed and returned to us along with your reservation form before we can process your application.*

I authorize (Classic Escapes Inc.) to charge my VISA/MASTERCARD/DISCOVER/AMEX listed below:

Name appearing on credit card \_\_\_\_\_

Card number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

Card Verification Number\* \_\_\_\_\_ Card Type \_\_\_\_\_

Billing address of credit card \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of transaction \_\_\_\_\_

Services rendered/Items purchased \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

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

**\*How To Locate Your Card Verification Number:**

(**Visa, MasterCard, Discover:** Locate the credit card number on the back of the card above the signature box. Enter the 3 digit number that follows the credit card number. **American Express:** Enter the 4 digit number found directly above and to the right of the credit card number.)

I understand that all rates quoted on this tour I'm making a payment on are based on tariffs and value of foreign currencies in relation to the U.S. dollar in effect as of May 31, 2016, and are subject to change Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this tour:

- Up to August 7, 2017, \$300 handling fee.
- August 8 to September 11, 2017, deposit is forfeited.
- September 12 to 26, 2017, less 50% of tour cost.
- After September 26, 2017, no refund is possible.

These cancellation fees are also in addition to any imposed by airlines.

PLEASE NOTE: At times, our bank requires a photocopy of credit card (both sides) and driver's license or document showing signature of cardholder, in order to process the charge. While it is not required at this time that you include these materials with your deposit, if our bank requests it, we will contact you for these copies.