

Churchill, Manitoba, Canada

The Polar Bear Capital of the World sits where the Churchill River meets Hudson Bay — a rare subarctic port call combining big Arctic wildlife, 18th-century fortifications, and Inuit heritage.

Docked (Port of Churchill grain pier)

Typical call: 8-10 hrs

Canadian Dollar (CAD)

English

Wildlife: polar bears & beluga whales

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Deep-water bulk cargo pier at Port of Churchill; cruise ships dock portside, short walk to town

Best For: Beluga whale encounters (June–Aug), polar bear sightings, Arctic history

Walk to centre: ~10 min on foot from pier to town centre

Don't Miss: Cape Merry National Historic Site and the Itsanitaq Museum

Getting around: **Taxi** **Varies** (metered/arranged)

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Beluga Whale Boat Tour** — Thousands of beluga whales gather in the Churchill River from June through August.
- Tundra Buggy Polar Bear Tour** — Ride a purpose-built Tundra Buggy across the Churchill Wildlife Management Area for a safe, close-up look at polar...
- Prince of Wales Fort** — A massive stone fortress built by the Hudson's Bay Company starting in 1731, across the Churchill River from town.
- Helicopter Tundra & Coast Flight** — A 60–90 minute helicopter tour over Hudson Bay, the tundra, and the Churchill River delta offers sweeping views of the...
- Itsanitaq Museum & Town Walk** — The Itsanitaq Museum (founded 1944) holds one of Canada's finest collections of Inuit carvings and artifacts dating...

BEST WALKS

- Pier to Cape Merry** 2.5 km one-way | Easy | Polar bear caution — Walk from the Port of Churchill pier along the waterfront toward Cape Merry National Historic Site at the mouth of the Churchill River.
- Town Centre Stroll** 1-2 km loop | Easy | Guided recommended — Walk from the pier into the small town centre to visit the Itsanitaq Museum on La Verendrye Avenue, browse local shops, and see the...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	21°	7°	5d
Jun	54°	39°	8d
Aug	62°	50°	12d
Sep	52°	42°	12d
Oct	37°	29°	10d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:15AM–8:07PM · Jun 4:54AM–9:28PM · Aug 5:57AM–8:32PM · Sep 6:46AM–7:24PM · Oct 7:35AM–6:17PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Polar bears are real and present year-round. Never walk alone outside of town. Use the Polar Bear Alert line (204-675-2327) if you encounter one. and shelter immediatelv.

Churchill, Manitoba, Canada — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



1 Cape Merry Historic fort with cannons, offering views of Hudson Bay.

2 Itsanitaq Museum

Museum dedicated to Inuit art, culture, and history.

P Cruise port / terminal