



# Aurora Borealis Sample Itinerary









## Churchill Northern Studies Centre

### The Centre

The Churchill Northern Studies Centre (CNSC) is an independent, non-profit research and education facility, located 23 km outside of Churchill, MB.

The CNSC facilitates scientific research and programming on the natural sciences and the environment in pursuit of its mission to understand and sustain the north.

No matter the season, guests enjoy a variety of immersive experiences in subarctic surroundings, all while benefiting from the CNSC's community atmosphere, which includes dorm-style bedrooms and a vibrant cafeteria, where researchers and visitors alike can mingle and share ideas.

-  On-site accommodations *(up to 84 people)*
-  Full service cafeteria
-  Five laboratories
-  Three classrooms
-  Audio-visual lounge
-  360° Aurora viewing dome
-  Fitness room
-  Outdoor viewing platform

### Itinerary Overview

This sample itinerary is for six days and five nights at the Churchill Northern Studies Centre. All meals, activities, and lodging are included in the booking fees, with the exception of one meal at a local restaurant.

Each night, an expert will provide an engaging lecture on your featured topic.

In this itinerary, featured activities include:

- Green Building Tour
- Dogsledding
- Beading Workshop
- Rocket Range Walk
- Subarctic Outdoor Adventure
- Parks Canada Visitor Centre
- Churchill and Area Tour
- Itsanitaq Museum
- Polar Bear International
- Cultural Presentations

Other activities may be available depending on the time of year and size of your group.



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### DAY 1

- 12:45 **Calm Air arrival**
- 13:30 **Lunch at CNSC**
- 14:15 **Orientation**
- 15:00 **Green Building Tour**  
*Enjoy a compelling journey through the CNSC's environmentally friendly 27,000 sq. ft. LEED-certified research station.*
- 17:30 **Dinner at CNSC**
- 19:00 **Skywatching**

### DAY 2

- 8:00 **Breakfast at CNSC**
- 10:00 **Dogsledding**  
*Indigenous owned and operated tour company, sharing stories, culture and love for the outdoors.*
- 12:00 **Lunch at CNSC**
- 13:30 **Beading Workshop**  
*Spend the afternoon with a Churchillian telling stories of family and heritage while engaging in a beading workshop.*
- 17:00 **Dinner at CNSC**
- 19:00 **Skywatching**

### DAY 3

- 8:00 **Breakfast at CNSC**
- 9:30 **Swampy Cree - Cultural Teaching**  
*Learn about the swampy cree peoples of Churchill and their relocation from York Factory. Experience a drum song and stories of the cultural practices.*
- 12:00 **Lunch at CNSC**
- 13:30 **Rocket Range Walk**  
*Take a guided tour of the Churchill Rocket Range National Historic Site - built in 1954 - and learn about its ties to the Canadian Space Agency and NASA.*
- 15:00 **Current Research Lecture**  
*Dynamic presentation includes and overview of some of the research projects currently being pursued and the Centre.*
- 17:00 **Dinner at CNSC**
- 19:00 **Skywatch**

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### DAY 4

- 8:00 **Breakfast at CNSC**
- 9:30 **The Snow Walker Film**  
*Based on Farley Mowat, short story and family on location in Churchill.*
- 11:00 **Polar Bear Presentation**  
*Learn about the natural history, behaviour, and adaptations that polar bears have evolved to live in the harsh Arctic environment. You will receive the current information on the studied iconic species.*
- 12:00 **Lunch at CNSC**
- 13:30 **Subarctic Outdoor Adventure**  
*Spend your afternoon learning about snow science and participating in outdoor activities, such as igloo and inukshuk building.*
- 17:00 **Dinner at CNSC**
- 19:00 **Skywatch**

### DAY 5

- 8:00 **Breakfast at CNSC**
- 9:30 **Churchill and Area Tour**  
*See the town's famous landmarks — including the MV Ithaca shipwreck, the polar bear holding facility, and the Miss Piggy plane wreck — on this guided driving tour.*
- 11:45 **Lunch at local restaurant**
- 13:00 **Itsanitaq Museum**  
*Explore various Inuit carving and artefacts with an interpretive tour.*
- 14:00 **Parks Canada Visitor Centre**  
*Take an interpretive tour and learn about the town's history.*
- 15:00 **Free time to visit gift shops and murals**
- 17:00 **Dinner at CNSC**
- 19:00 **Sayisi Dene Cultural Teaching**  
*Spend an enriching hour with Florence to learn about the Dene people's relocation from Little Duck Lake and how they are getting back to their Dene Roots.*
- 20:00 **Traditional Food and Farewell Gathering**

### DAY 6

- 8:00 **Breakfast at CNSC**
- 9:00 **Check Out**
- 11:00 **Polar Bear International**  
*Understand how Polar Bear International contributes to polar bear conservation through research and education.*
- 12:00 **Departure**