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## Churchill Practical Information

Churchill, Manitoba is located at the edge of the Arctic in north-eastern Manitoba. It is a remote Inuit community and is only accessible by air, rail or ship. It is home to the only Arctic Seaport in Canada and is known as 'Polar Bear Capital of the World'. It is a tourist hotspot for those wanting to catch a glimpse of polar bears, beluga whales and other unique things Churchill has to offer.



### Churchill Airport

Churchill's only airport is located approximately 6km south-east of town. Air service is available year-round.

### Location and Geography

Churchill lies on the west coast of Hudson Bay at the mouth of the Churchill River. The landscape surrounding Churchill is Sub-arctic Tundra scattered with areas of Boreal Forest. More than 400 native plant species survive in this rugged climate. During the short summers wildflowers explode with an assortment of colors and shapes and in the fall, berries and other plants come to life.

### Population

The permanent population living in Churchill is 899 people (2019). Many tourists visit the community each year.

### People and Culture

The population of Churchill is a combination of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people. Hunting, fishing and trapping are still common amongst the locals as well as other traditional ways of life.

### Language

The most common language used in Churchill is English.



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### **Economy**

Churchill has an active tourist industry with people coming from all over the world to experience polar bears, beluga whales and everything else Churchill has to offer. It a major sector of the economy in Churchill.

### **Climate and Weather**

Churchill has a humid, subarctic climate with cooler summers and no dry season. The cold season lasts from mid-November to late March and has an average daily high of -14°C. The warm season lasts from June to September and has an average daily high of 10°C. Temperatures throughout the year can typically range from -30°C to 21°C.

### **Clothing**

We recommend packing the following for summer visits to Churchill:

- Walking/hiking footwear
- Windbreaker and nylon pants or waterproof jacket and pants
- Short and long-sleeved shirts
- Hat and sunglasses
- Lip balm and moisturizer
- Long pants and a warm sweater
- Reusable water bottle
- Binoculars
- Insect Repellant/bug jacket\*

*\*\*During the summer months in Churchill mosquitos and black flies can be very active. We highly recommend bringing and a bug jacket and insect repellant\*\**

### **Electricity**

Voltage is 110-120V and frequency is 60Hz. Plug types are A and B. European plugs are not compatible.

### **Currency**



The local currency is the Canadian Dollar (CAD). One dollar is equal to 100 cents. There are 5 denomination coins: 5¢ (nickel), 10¢ (dime), 25¢ (quarter), \$1 (loonie) and \$2 (toonie). There are 5 denominations of bank notes: \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100.



### **Credit Cards**

Visa and Mastercard are commonly accepted at most businesses in Churchill.



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### **Telephone and Emergency**

Cell phone coverage throughout Churchill is available.

Emergency Phone number 911

Churchill Health Centre Emergency Department 204-675-8881

### **Health Information**

Churchill Health Centre offers a wide range of health care services including emergency services. It is located at 162 La Verendrye Ave.

### **Tourist Information**

The Parks Canada Visitor Centre is in the Via Rail Train Station on Kelsey Boulevard. Staff can provide information on Prince of Whales Fort National Historic Site, York Factory National Historic Site and Wapusk National Park. The visitor center also features exhibits about the human and natural history of the area.

