

CANADIAN WILDERNESS MONGOLIA & BEYOND BY PRIVATE JET

Fly around the world by business class private jet, reaching remote regions visited by few others. Departing from London, lap up the Canadian wilderness during stays on Fogo Island and within Manitoba's polar bear country. Experience the nomadic life in Mongolia's Gobi Desert. Encounter arresting architectural contrasts across the city of Tashkent. And immerse yourself in the vibrant culture of Baku. Just 44 guests will join our Tour Manager and Tour Doctor on this remarkable journey.



A JOURNEY OVERVIEW

London – Newfoundland –
Churchill – Anchorage – Gobi
Desert – Tashkent – Baku –
London

20 Days
Departing 5 August 2028

Day 1 London (United Kingdom)

Join your private transfer from London to our hotel, Flemings Mayfair. Meet your fellow guests during dinner this evening.

Day 2 Gander (Canada), Fogo Island

A group transfer brings us to London Stansted Airport. Departing aboard our private jet for the first time, we soar across the North Atlantic to the Canadian province of Newfoundland and Labrador, and the town of Gander. From here, a privately chartered flight takes us to remote Fogo Island, where we check into the striking waterfront Fogo Island Inn. The structure's bold angular design has been realised at a modest scale, respecting both nature and the community, without compromising on luxury. A short orientation tour familiarises us with the fishing heritage and dramatic scenery, before we return to our accommodation for dinner.

Day 3 Fogo Island

Over the next two days, a range of optional, included experiences are available. Your schedule will be informed by individual preferences, as well as the local conditions on the day. Perhaps explore the island during a guided coastal walk. Or visit the workshops of local artisans to see the processes behind the products, including colourful quilts and distinctive furniture. Back at the inn, enjoy the comforts of home-cooked cuisine during a 'boil-up', one of Newfoundland's culinary traditions.

This afternoon, take in the rare contrast of a rooftop sauna or hot tub, overlooking the vast expanse of the North Atlantic. Afterwards, choose to join some of the island's local musicians to hear the stories and songs of the region. You may prefer to settle in at the inn's very own cinema for a screening of specially selected films and documentaries. Or marvel at the boundless skies above during a stargazing session.

Day 4 Fogo Island

Your day is once more dictated by your preferences. You might like to search for seals upon the ice floes. Or keep watch for bigger species, including humpback and minke whales. Take to the water in a kayak and explore the harbour along Joe Batt's Arm. Or become more familiar with the local fauna and flora during birdwatching and berry picking experiences.

After lunch, gain a greater perspective of your surroundings at a nearby lookout. Meet local fishermen for insights into the region's major industry. Or learn to make jams and jellies from the island's freshly picked berries. Fogo Island's produce is further celebrated during this evening's dinner.

Day 5 Gander, Churchill

We arrive in the small community of Farewell this morning aboard the local ferry. A scenic drive then allows us to take in more of the sights on our return to Gander. It's here that we meet back with our private jet and continue to Churchill, in the province of Manitoba. Over two full days, we will explore the sub-arctic wilderness of the Hudson Bay coast. Check into Lazy Bear Lodge, on the edge of Hudson Bay, where we receive our orientation and safety briefing. Settle in this evening and get to know our expert local guides over dinner.

Day 6 Churchill

Following breakfast, our guides present us with a plan for each day, allowing for the weather conditions while getting the most from our time in this remarkable setting. Our guides lead us across the tundra aboard purpose-built vehicles. Should the conditions permit, we may also embark on guided explorations on foot. Although polar bear sightings are our primary focus, a wealth of other wildlife also occupy the Churchill wilderness, including caribou, wolves, Arctic foxes and hares, and moose.

Aboard the lodge's custom-designed cruise vessel, keep watch for pods of beluga whales and their newborn calves. There will also be opportunities to explore by Zodiac and kayak.

Beyond the wildlife, the setting itself provides remarkable photo opportunities, and we have plenty of time for stops along the coastal flats and open tundra for that purpose. At the end of the day, we compare notes and photos during fireside drinks.

Day 7 Churchill

Explore the remote terrain again today, looking out for more polar bears, as well as Arctic foxes, seals and seabirds. Churchill also invites us to discover its fascinating aviation and military sites, with visits to the wreck of a C-46 plane and the Churchill Rocket Range. The Prince of Wales Fort National Historic Site offers us a glimpse into the lives of 18th-century fur traders, while the Itsanitaq Museum showcases thousands of years of Indigenous art and artefacts. The region is also known for its sightings of aurora borealis; our hosts will alert us should the spectacular, illuminating swirls of green, blue and purple light present themselves during our stay.

Day 8 Churchill, Anchorage (U.S.A.)

Board our private jet again this morning, as we set out for Anchorage. Enjoy the spectacular Alaskan scenery during a drive along Seward Highway, between the Chugach Mountains and the waters of the Turnagain Arm. Amidst this wondrous setting, we may also spy Dall sheep roaming the hills, or small pods of beluga whales making their way across Cook Inlet. During our two nights in Alaska, we stay at the renowned Alyeska Resort, in the charming haven of Girdwood. Enjoy some time to settle in later this afternoon, before we gather for dinner in this stunning mountain setting.

Day 9 Anchorage

Following breakfast, explore Alaska's vast wilderness during one of the following Your World experiences:

- ★ Board the Coastal Classic train, winding through the remote Alaskan wilderness from Girdwood to Seward. Then alight and join a cruise of the Kenai Fjords National Park, admiring colossal glaciers, while also keeping watch for sea otters, seals, sea lions, and whales. At the conclusion of your cruise, return to our resort by coach.
- ★ Soar over the snow-capped peaks of the Chugach Mountains aboard a helicopter. Enjoy awe-inspiring aerial views of expansive glaciers before gently touching down upon one of these ice giants. Here you will meet an expert musher who will reveal the finer points of dog sledding. Return to Girdwood for lunch and enjoy your afternoon at leisure.

- ★ Head to the Alaska Native Heritage Center, where you will learn about the history, traditions and stories of Alaska's Indigenous peoples. Afterwards, return to Girdwood for lunch and enjoy your afternoon at leisure.

Enjoy your choice of dining this evening, either at our resort or at one of Girdwood's local restaurants.

Day 10-11 Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia)

This morning, we return to the airport in Anchorage, where we find our private jet waiting. During our flight to Ulaanbaatar, we cross the international date line, causing us to skip forward a day. Along the way, we also pause briefly in Sapporo, Japan, to refuel. On arrival in Ulaanbaatar, we check into our overnight hotel. Take the opportunity to relax this afternoon, as we prepare for our Gobi Desert adventures.

Day 12 Gobi Desert

After breakfast, a fleet of chartered aircraft whisks us straight to Dalanzadgad, on the fringes of the Gobi Desert. A 4WD journey then takes us off-road, tracing the Gurvan Saikhan National Park, on our way to Three Camel Lodge, the only luxury eco-lodge in the Gobi Desert. Settle into your traditional, yet lavish, ger. We begin our desert explorations this afternoon with a visit to a nearby nomadic family, who reveal insights into the local culture, livestock herding, and the role of horses and camels in daily desert life. Take advantage of our secluded setting tonight, enjoying some of the world's finest stargazing.

Day 13 Gobi Desert

We spend today investigating the Flaming Cliffs, the result of millions of years of sedimentation and erosion. A palaeontologist's delight, the site is today one of the richest fossil beds in the world. Ablaze with soaring red sandstone, the extensive escarpment is also a photographer's dream, and we wait to capture its most striking aspects in the changing light. We then follow desert tracks on our return to the lodge, where we enjoy a cultural program comprising traditional music and dance. An expert will also be on hand to deliver a talk on Mongolian history, ecology and nomadic traditions. Dinner will then be served at the lodge, followed by an optional night-sky interpretation.

Day 14 Gobi Desert

Tailor your final day in the Gobi Desert to your liking. Trek across the desert aboard a camel. Or set out on foot during a guided hike and learn about the desert flora and fauna. There may also be opportunities to visit dramatic dunes, hidden valleys, or various viewpoints across the foothills of the Gobi-Altai Mountains. You may prefer to explore the surrounds of the lodge by bicycle, or simply relax, leaving some time available to enjoy the benefits of a Mongolian massage. Our hosts send us off in style during sunset drinks and a private dinner, while we bask in the beauty of the desert surrounds.

Day 15 Tashkent (Uzbekistan)

Reboard our private jet in Dalanzadgad this morning for the flight to Tashkent. Following a short orientation tour of the city, we check into the JW Marriott Hotel Tashkent, where we also enjoy dinner.

Day 16 Tashkent

Today, immerse yourself in Tashkent with a Your World experience:

- ★ Make a beeline for Chorsu Plaza, a lively marketplace whose vendors trade in everything from fresh produce to clothing and wood carvings. From here, head to Tashkent's underground metro network, the first to be established in Central Asia. Each station is individually styled, often lavishly so, with different themed murals and ornamentation throughout. At Abul Kasim Madrassah, observe the creation of many art and craft pieces, and perhaps purchase a one-off keepsake.
- ★ Appreciate the detailed craftsmanship of Uzbek ceramics at the Rakhimov Family Ceramics Studio. Akbar and Alisher are a father and son team who have studied hundreds of years of Uzbek styles and techniques, which now suffuse their own work. Following your visit, take the afternoon on your own schedule.
- ★ Take a tour of some of the city's imposing Soviet architecture. Your guide will explain what daily life was like behind the Iron Curtain for the residents of Tashkent. Contemplate the facades of the State Museum of History of Uzbekistan, the Tashkent Circus, and the Peoples' Friendship Palace, among other grand structures.
- ★ You may like to pay a visit to the Alisher Navoiy Opera and Ballet Theater, whose productions include Uzbek music and dance, as well as international opera and ballet. Afterwards, wander Sayilgoh Street, also known as Broadway. This bustling pedestrian area is renowned for the many artists and musicians who line the street and offer their goods and services.

Tonight, Uzumfermer Winery hosts us for a Gala Dinner. Folk musicians provide the accompaniment to our vineyard views, as we dine on regional dishes along the terrace.

Day 17 Baku (Azerbaijan)

After breakfast at our hotel and a leisurely morning, return to our private jet for the flight to Baku, on the edge of the Caspian Sea. On arrival, enjoy a relaxing afternoon before dining at the Four Seasons Hotel Baku, where we stay for the next three nights.

Day 18 Baku

Set out on an in-depth exploration of Baku, whose three distinctive 'Flame Towers' symbolise the fire which has emerged from the region's extensive natural gas vents over many centuries. In the Old Town, we pass mosques, madrassahs and merchant houses. The 15th-century Palace of the Shirvanshahs is an architectural highlight and was once the home of the former kingdom's royals. Another striking structure is the Maiden Tower, whose summit provides panoramic views of the city and the Bay of Baku.

Our day of discovery then brings us to Ateshgah Fire Temple, once a place of worship for Hindus, Sikhs, and Zoroastrians. At the Mugam Club this evening, savour a range of traditional Azerbaijani dishes, served within the setting of an authentic caravanserai.

Day 19 Baku

Along the coast, beyond Baku's outskirts, we arrive in Gobustan, an extraordinary assemblage of open-air rock carvings. Attesting to the daily life of ancient peoples, these petroglyphs depict evidence of hunting, culture and trade. Continue to the Heydar Aliyev Cultural Center, whose sleek and mesmerising design invites us inside to admire its equally captivating interiors and curated artwork. Afterwards, we are guests during a private performance of Mugham music and national folk dance. This fusion of Persian and Turkic traditions is a largely improvised artform, featuring expressive singing accompanied by stringed and percussive instruments.

This evening's dinner takes place at Villa Petrolea Nobel Brothers Museum. Sample some genuine Caspian Sea caviar while hearing illuminating stories of the industrious siblings.

Day 20 Baku, London (United Kingdom)

Enjoy a final breakfast at our hotel. We are then transferred to the airport for our flight to Heathrow, where our journey concludes. Should you choose, transfers can also be arranged to a post-tour London hotel.