

## **Polar Bear Instructors/Expedition Leaders: Winnipeg and Northern Manitoba Natural Habitat Adventures**

*Natural Habitat, Inc.*, operating as *Natural Habitat Adventures* (NHA), has been perfecting the art of nature expedition for over 30 years. Its head office is located at 833 West South Boulder Road, Louisville, Colorado, 80027, U.S.A.

We require 30 Expedition Leaders to serve as guides/naturalists to 85 groups of more than 1,500 travelers passing through Winnipeg and Churchill during our operating season. Our guests will view areas of abundant wildlife or other natural phenomena in Churchill, Manitoba and the surrounding area near the Hudson Bay Region. Our tours being in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The Polar Bear Instructor/Expedition Leader position is a field-based seasonal role. This is an independent contractor position (full time, short term) beginning in early October 2019 and ending in late November 2019 (approximately 8 weeks). A commitment to work the full term in a given destination is necessary (i.e. project-based term of employment for polar bear season).

### **Main Job Duties of this position include, but are not limited to, the following:**

- Teach travelers about polar bears, the wildlife, culture and the natural history of the area visited, developing an organized plan of lectures and other field presentations
- Explain the unique ecology of the area and any interesting features. Share facts and interesting anecdotes about what the group is viewing. Educate the entire group
- Develop and prepare teaching materials and outline for trip
- Uphold the highest regard for the safety of our travelers in light of adverse weather conditions and the potential dangers of wildlife encounters
- Prepare and present evening education programs such as slide shows on topics relevant to the arctic and/or its wildlife
- Coordinate with local vendors to ensure a smooth and consistent client experience. This may include confirming operations such as hotels, transfers, meals, flights, activities, etc.
- Communicate with the head office on potential project improvements
- Keep apprised of recent reports, articles, etc. regarding the current environment of the region.
- Help preserve the environment through education and sound eco-tourism principles
- Ensure the well-being and comfort of the clients, including but not limited to, assisting in food serving, group transportation, passenger special needs assistance. Demonstrate courtesy and helpfulness at all times
- Represent NHA as a fully trained, professional staff member. Read NHA brochures/website to keep current on our expedition offerings and other involvements
- Complete required post-expedition reports and any other paperwork in a timely and accurate manner
- Participate in telephone conference calls with head office regarding project format (as scheduled and as required)
- Job Duties are required in English only

### **Education/Experience:**

Bachelor's degree with major course work in the natural sciences, or related field OR minimum of 5 years' experience leading group travel related to polar bears or large carnivores. Must have a demonstrated passion for travel/tourism, environmental responsibility, and nature/wildlife.

**Knowledge, skills, and abilities:**

Requires knowledge of bear biology and familiarity with other arctic wildlife. Knowledge of other marine mammals and Aurora Borealis is preferred. Knowledge of Manitoba's ecology, natural history, and culture highly preferred. Maintain current knowledge of the area visited: its wildlife, its culture, climate issues and other influences affecting the destination. Fluency in oral and written English required. Ability to memorize and recall facts, figures and information required. Ability to make independent decisions and respond to immediate needs of guests, emergency situations, and program needs. Ability to walk on uneven terrain (occasionally while assisting others), tolerate adverse weather conditions and lift heavy objects. Ability to work long hours to include early mornings, late evenings, weekends and holidays. Excellent communication, interpersonal and organizational skills required. High levels of integrity, maturity, patience and enthusiasm required. Must be able to adapt expedition to changing weather conditions. Ability to work individually and as part of a team. Current Wilderness First Aid certification required.

**Compensation**

\$36 - \$40/hour CDN plus gratuities

**Benefits**

Accommodations, meals and uniform provided. Round Trip transportation to and from the job site provided.

When in Churchill, accommodations will be at 87 Radisson Blvd, Churchill, Manitoba R0B0E0. (90% of the time)

When in Winnipeg, accommodations will be at the Fort Garry Hotel, 222 Broadway, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C0R3. (10% of the time)

**Contact**

To apply, please email a cover letter and resume to [pbstaff@nathab.com](mailto:pbstaff@nathab.com). No phone calls please.

**ABOUT NATURAL HABITAT ADVENTURES (NHA)**

Natural Habitat Adventures has been perfecting the art of nature expedition for more than 30 years. Operating ethically and responsibly in the areas where we operate our expeditions, and in our own community, has always been a crucial component of our core ideology. Our adventures take travelers off-the-beaten path where they can experience our planet's greatest natural wonders, such as observing mountain gorillas in a rainforest, viewing polar bears on the arctic tundra, exploring the Galapagos Islands from an intimate yacht, or any number of other enriching wildlife and nature encounters. For more information about NHA, see <http://www.nathab.com>.