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Polar Bears Abound!

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Another amazing arctic adventure! This small but fun group took off from Winnipeg Thanksgiving weekend 2004 – ready for the cold and snow of Churchill, Manitoba. Weather was with us this time as we toured the historic sites of Churchill with super guide Wally in shirtsleeves!! Should have brought sunscreen! Our days on the tundra vehicles were filled with ptarmigan, arctic fox, the black derivation of red fox (unique and beautiful) and of course the great white bears. We were treated to many behavioral observations thanks to the presence of a large male whose main purpose was to harass a mom with 2 cubs and the other local individuals. He was curious and very handsome – often reaching up to the very bottom of the window line of the vehicles affording great images and even the odd “steam” on the lens – no

my head was not even close to this image . . . All in all – a great trip, great bears – wonderful lodge, great meals and good company!