

WATER TRANSPORTATION

The Port of Churchill provides Manitoba with a unique distinction among the Prairie Provinces - direct access to the sea. Strategically located on the west coast of Hudson Bay, the Port of Churchill brings the world of ocean trade to the doorstep of Western Canada. Churchill's unique location provides opportunities for the export of grain, manufactured mining and forest products, as well as the import of ores, minerals, steel, building materials, fertilizer and petroleum products for distribution in the heartland of Canada and the US.

Churchill can be reached by rail, air and sea. Close coordination with the Hudson Bay Railway allows efficient access to all North American railways through a connection with the Canadian National Railway system. The community is served by an all-weather airport that can accommodate large jet aircraft and daily flight service from Winnipeg to Churchill along with regularly scheduled year round VIA rail passenger service.

The location of the Port is ideal for shipping products to and from Europe, Russia, Africa, Latin America and the Middle East. Using the Port of Churchill eliminates time consuming navigation and additional handling costs of the St. Lawrence Seaway and avoids congested ports of the West Coast of Canada.

Inbound freight to Churchill can also be brought by sea. Churchill is 2,405 nautical miles from Halifax, 2,900 nautical miles from Montreal, and only 2,996 nautical miles from Liverpool.

The Port of Churchill handles various cargos and provides custom handling services including: consolidation, marshalling, packaging and heavy equipment moving. The Port is used as a staging location for general cargo that moves through the Northern Corridor up to Nunavut. General cargo transported through the Port include: vehicles, dry and perishable goods, building supplies, machinery, lumber, and barrelled fuels. The Port of Churchill and the Churchill Marine Tank Farm manage the handling and distribution of bulk products such as: gasoline, diesel, heating oil and aviation fuel.

The current shipping season runs from mid-July to the beginning of November, however changing global weather patterns has provided for longer ice-free periods in the Hudson Strait and Hudson Bay.

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