



## Arctic Discovery - Winter



### ***Program Descriptive:***

#### **Arctic Discovery - Winter**

Experience an authentic adventure in Nunavut's capital. Imagine, it's winter and you're travelling to the Canadian Arctic. Baffin Island awaits, home to Iqaluit, capital of Nunavut and the start of your authentic adventure through this beautiful and culturally rich land.

Engage with locals in Iqaluit while you explore town, stopping at landmarks, artisan shops or a museum. Travel across tundra or sea ice on a traditional dogsled. Venture deeper into the landscape on a sensational snowmobile excursion. Build an igloo and savour a cup of hot tea inside. Perhaps you'll see the Northern Lights dance in waves of green across an inky sky, or witness the dawn of a new spring under 20 hours of daylight? You have left behind the well-trodden path, you're on a Bucket List adventure with Inukpak Outfitting.

Experience our private, all-inclusive Winter Arctic Discovery tour. This best-selling trip includes flights, accommodation, expedition-grade apparel, daily guided excursions and more.

### **Daily Guided Excursions:**

#### **Historical & Cultural Guided Tour of Iqaluit**

Up first, a perfect introduction to this land: tour the territorial capital of Nunavut with a welcoming Nunavummiut (resident of Nunavut) as your guide. Engage with your friendly host, discovering insights about daily life in this unique Inuit community. Uncover fascinating local history as you tour the snowy street, from the settlement of Frobisher Bay, to the official formation of Nunavut, to today. This excursion is tailored to your interests, perhaps you'll stop at Unikkaarvik Visitor Centre or Nunatta Sunakkutaangit Museum, or visit boutique shops to peruse wares crafted by Nunavut's many working artists.



### **Dog sledding Excursion**

A team of energetic Canadian Eskimo Dogs barks and howls in anticipation, a picturesque scene in the wintery landscape. Today, you're an Arctic musher. You'll learn established dogsledding techniques from a talented guide before heading out on a fast-paced canine-powered adventure. Interact with friendly, socialized dogs while your guide hooks up a classic fan-hitch harnessing assembly. During the early season (December through February), you'll dogsled across tundra in scenic Sylvia Grinnell Territorial Park; later-season excursions (March to June) will feature sled-runs onto the frozen Arctic sea. Unharness, feed and assist in the care of your dependable dog team upon your return, bonding with these animals in gratitude for their hard work.

### **Snowmobiling Excursion**

Sea ice heaves upwards, forming sculptures that glow blue in the Northern sunlight. Boundless tundra stretches north along Baffin Island's great expanse. You're set to explore it via snowmobile, a machine both efficient and exciting that typifies the modern Arctic lifestyle. Enjoy detailed training from an experienced guide, then pilot your own snowmobile through an icy wonderland. Travel on migration paths used by caribou for tens of thousands of years, keeping watch for rock ptarmigan and Arctic foxes along the way. Follow the rhythm of the land as you explore, speed onto sea ice or ride for hours into the tundra, inspired by the territory and the people who call it home.

### **Igloo Building Workshop\***

It's the essential Arctic experience, you'll drive to nearby Sylvia Grinnell Territorial Park to build a real igloo, from scratch, under the thoughtful instruction of your Igloo Master. Learn the proper technique to build a sturdy and long-lasting igloo, just as Nunavut's First Peoples have done for millennia. Enjoy a snack and hot tea inside your newly built home, then pose for photos in and around the igloo, priceless souvenirs from this authentic Arctic adventure.

*\*Five-day tour or custom add-on only.*

### **Custom Add-Ons**

Inukpak Outfitting is dedicated to ensuring your Winter Arctic Discovery exceeds expectations. Please contact us to inquire about customizations and/or add-ons to this tour (Ice Fishing, Polynya/Snowmobile, and Igloo Building)



***Day by day descriptive:***

***Available on demand, from December to June***

**Day 1**

- Flight from Montreal, QC. (If available on day of travel) or Ottawa, ON. to Iqaluit, NU.
- Transfer from the airport to accommodation by Inukpak Outfitting staff
- Historical & Cultural Guided Tour of Iqaluit
- Night at your accommodation

**Day 2**

- Dogsledding Excursion (AM or PM)
- Night at your accommodation

**Day 3**

- Snowmobiling Excursion (AM or PM)
- Night at your accommodation

**Day 4 (4 days package)**

- Free morning in Iqaluit
- Transfer to the airport
- Flight from Iqaluit, NU. to Montreal, QC. (If available on day of travel) or Ottawa ON.

-or-

**Day 4 (5 days package)**

- Igloo Building Workshop (AM or PM)
- Night at your accommodation

**Day 5**

- Free morning in Iqaluit
- Transfer to the airport
- Flight from Iqaluit, NU. to Montreal, QC. (If available on day of travel) or Ottawa ON.

*\*Please note that this is a suggested itinerary and schedule, depending on good weather and flight availability*

***Price:***

**Program:**

4 days package: \$3,085.00 CAD + GST 5% / person (double occupancy)

5 days package: \$3,610.00 CAD + GST 5% / person (double occupancy)

\*\*\*Prices valid for the 2019 and 2020 season

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## ***Program inclusions:***

### **Included:**

- Return flights from Montreal, QC. (If available on days of travel) or Ottawa, ON. to Iqaluit, NU.
- Full-service hotel accommodation (or B&B option) in Iqaluit (double occupancy)
- Half-day excursions:
  - Historical and Cultural Guided Tour of Iqaluit
  - Dogsledding Excursion
  - Snowmobiling Excursion
  - Igloo Building Workshop (Included in the 5 days program)
- Snacks and hot drinks during excursions
- Expedition-grade apparel and footwear
- Specialized and safety equipment
- Transportation to and from Iqaluit Airport and excursions

### **Not included:**

- Meals in Iqaluit
- Personal travel insurance (mandatory)
- Bad weather / out of our control, cancellation related fees
- Gratuities

## ***Program details:***

### **Payment:**

Payment is due in full (100%) upon reservation. Payment can be made by: cash at Inukpak Outfitting office (contact us prior), EMT, VISA, MasterCard, corporate cheque, wire transfer.

### **IMPORTANT:**

2% interest charges per month on balance over 30 days

### **Cancellation:**

- Receive full refund less non-refundable expenses contracted by Inukpak Outfitting for cancellation made 30 days prior trip departure.
- Charge of 100% of total program/package cost will be requested for any cancellation within 30 days of the trip departure.
- Please note that some activities are requesting good weather forecast, in case of cancellation due to weather (the decision will be taken by Inukpak Outfitting's guide), only the non-refundable expenses contracted by Inukpak Outfitting will be charged to you.

**Dates:**

The Winter Arctic Discovery tour operates on demand, from December to June. December through February offers the best Northern Lights viewing; March to May brings the most reliable snowpack, longer days and the annual Toonik Tyme festival; May through June sees 20 hours or more of daylight and the warmest temperatures.

**Group:**

Min. 2 / Max. 4 persons

**Ratio:**

1 Guide – 4 Participants

**Difficulty level:**

Daily excursions are tailored to guests' needs; average duration is two hours for the Historical & Cultural Guided Tour of Iqaluit and four hours for the other excursions. All ages are welcome; all guests should be able to walk for short distances on variable snowpack terrain.

**Accommodation:**

Full-service hotel accommodation (or B&B option) in Iqaluit (double occupancy). Snacks and hot beverages are included on excursions (except Historical & Cultural Tour of Iqaluit); convenient in-town restaurant options range from take-out, to pub fare, to fine dining.

**Traveling in Nunavut:**

Traveling in Nunavut can be one of your life time adventures. Scenery, people and wildlife are only few of a million things giving such a unique taste to the Canadian arctic. But traveling in Nunavut, also mean, traveling following permitting weather, and so, bad weather cancellations are not impossible. Also, "out of our control" situation can happen even with the best preparation. Replacement pieces for aircrafts and specialised workers to fix engines often need to be brought from South and are not always available the next morning.

To enjoy your next experience up North it is important to be ready to face those situations and to be ready to play with your schedule. Following those comments, we highly recommend that everybody traveling to the Arctic take few days off at the end of their trip to accommodate delay, with a smile.



***For more details contact us at:***

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