



## **Akshayuk Pass, Ski Expedition**

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

#### **Akshayuk Pass, Auyuittuq National Park**

Majestic towers, carved in bedrock by glaciers, shooting straight for the sun: such scenery is what Auyuittuq National Park has to offer. It is, without a doubt, one of the most awe-inspiring places on Earth. Set in the middle of the Penny Ice Cap, bisected from North to South by the Akshayuk pass, an immense valley opens inland. An expedition surrounded by austere looking, barren plateaus, that will take you to two of the park's most spectacular lookouts, Thor Peak and Mount Asgard.

On your way, you will have an opportunity to see impressive rock formations dating back to the last ice age, ice caps, moraines, boulder fields, and much more. During this ski expedition, you will tread over terrain ranging from arid gravel to frozen river, with sharp peaks and a huge glacier in the backdrop. So many images that will remain with you forever.

Following a 3-hour snowmobile ride from Qikiqtarjuaq we arrive at the park's northern entrance, and then follow 11 days of cross-country skiing and 100 km of breathtaking scenery, to be crossed on skis, boots and crampons over the more difficult sections (especially the river's ice cascades). Along the way, you will have an opportunity to see impressive rock formations dating back to the last ice age, moraines, boulder fields, with spectacular views of Mount Thor and Mount Asgard. Throughout the expedition, you will be mesmerized by the presence of glaciers, landscapes and mountains each more impressive than the last. Our goal, reaching the Southern entrance of the Park, where 30km of snowmobile ride will be separating us from Pangnirtung the closest community.

#### **The cross-country ski trip**

To ski the Akshayuk Pass, you will need to be able to ski, pulling a 50-70 pound sled for a distance of 8 to 15 km per day (6 to 8 hours a day). Trail is not technical and do not present an altitude challenge, be ready to have, at moment to put crampon on your ski boot to cross section of frozen rivers and cascades. Days will be spent in the great outdoor while nights will be spent in tent. You should be prepared to live outside for the entire trip and have minimal winter camping experience

### ***Day by day descriptive:***

#### **Day 1**

- Flight from Montreal, QC. or Ottawa, ON. to Iqaluit, NU.
- Meeting with the guide (preparation of equipment and briefing in the afternoon)
- Night at your accommodation



## Day 2

- Flight to Qikiqtarjuaq
- Registration at Park Canada office
- Snowmobile charter to the Park
- Skiing
- Night in the wild (camping)

## Day 3 to Day 12

- Skiing
- Night in the wild (camping)

## Day 13

- Snowmobile charter to Pangnirtung, NU.
- Free afternoon to tour Pangnirtung (Visitor center and Uqqurmiut Centre / art gallery)
- Night in accommodation in Pangnirtung (host family)

## Day 14

- Flight to Iqaluit possible connecting flight to Ottawa, ON. or Montreal, QC.
- Night at your accommodation (B&B option) (in Iqaluit) (not included)

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

## **Price:**

### **Program: Akshayuk Pass, Ski Expedition**

\$7,275.00 CAD + GST 5% / person (double occupancy)

## **Program inclusions:**

### **Included:**

- Bilingual guide (Eng/Fr) for the duration of the trip
- Return flights from Ottawa, ON. or Montreal, QC. to Iqaluit, NU.
- Return flights from Iqaluit, NU. to Qikiqtarjuaq, NU – return from Pangnirtung, NU.
- Full-service hotel accommodation (or B&B option) in Iqaluit (double occupancy) (day #1)
- Accommodation in Pang (host family, double occupancy) (day #13)
- Ground transportation to and from Iqaluit Airport



- Meals and snacks during the Auyuittuq hiking trip (field trip only)
- Snowmobile charter to and from, Auyuittuq National Park
- Admission fees to Parks
- Activity specific and camping equipment
- Cooking and group gear
- Safety equipment and repair kit

**Not included:**

- Full-service hotel accommodation (or B&B option) in Iqaluit (day #14)
- Expedition personal equipment (Ski gear\*, sleeping bag\*, mattress\*, personal clothing, personal hygiene kit, medication)
- Meals in Iqaluit
- Personal travel insurance (mandatory)
- Bad weather / out of our control, cancellation related fees
- Gratuities

\*can be rented at no additional cost (Please notify 30 days prior to departure)

***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:**

2018 Dates available on our website. Visit us at [www.InukpakOutfitting.ca](http://www.InukpakOutfitting.ca)

**Group:**

Min. 4 / Max. 6 persons

**Ratio:**

1 Guide – 6 participants

**Difficulty level:**

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**Accommodation:**

Full-service hotel accommodation (or B&B option) in Iqaluit (double occupancy) is included in the price. Convenient in-town restaurant options range from take-out, to pub fare, to fine dining.

During the expedition part of the trip, nights will be spent in camping, tent, sleeping bag and mattresses can be rented from Inukpak Outfitting (at no extra cost), quantities are limited, please confirm 30 days prior to the expedition. Participants will share tents with the person of their choice when possible or will be partnering with a person of same gender.

**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.

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