



Akshayuk Pass, Hiking 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. A trek 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, moraines, boulder fields, and much more. During this hike, you will tread over terrain ranging from arid gravel to humid, fertile tundra, with sharp peaks and a huge glacier in the backdrop. So many images that will remain with you forever.

Following a 3-hour boat ride from Qikiqtarjuaq, making our way through a maze of floating iceberg, we arrive at the park's northern entrance, then follow, 11 days of hiking, 100 km of breathtaking scenery, to be crossed on foot. 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 trek, 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 boat ride will be separating us from Pangnirtung the closest community.

The hiking trip

To hike the Akshayuk Pass you will need to be able to walk with a 40-50 pounds backpack 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 cross glacier river (water high to your knees). 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 camping experience

Kekerten Island and Pangnirtung

After leaving Auyuittuq Park, an Inuit guide will take you on a boat ride to the remarkable Kekerten Island. There, you can see a remaining of an old whaling station that would have been at its busiest in the 1870s. To this day, the artifacts on Kekerten Island are carefully preserved. This guided tour will take you through a part of history that is kept alive by a few elders in the village. Pang for the intimate, is a small northern community with a rich history and a booming arts and crafts scene that serves as the gateway to the park for hikers. Remnants of historical whaling activity, Pangnirtung will fascinate you.



Day by day descriptive:

Day 1 / Monday, August 3rd, 2020

- 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 / Tuesday, August 4th, 2020

- Flight from Iqaluit, NU. to Qikiqtarjuaq, NU. (Departure: 1330 – Arrival; 1545)
- Registration at Park Canada office
- Boat charter to the Park
- Hiking
- Night in the wild (camping)

Day 3 to Day 12 / Wednesday, August 5th, 2020 to Friday, August 14th, 2020

- Hiking
- Night in the wild (camping)

Day 13 / Saturday, August 15th, 2020

- Boat charter to visit Kekerten Island and Pangnirtung, NU.
- Night in accommodation in Pangnirtung

Day 14 / Sunday, August 16th, 2020

- Flight* from Qikiqtarjuaq, NU. to Iqaluit, NU. (Departure: 1150 – 1250)
*With possible connecting flight to Ottawa
- 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:

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\$7,695.00 CAD + GST 5% / person (double occupancy)

Program inclusions:

Included:

- Bilingual guide (Eng/Fr) for the duration of the trip
- Return flights from Ottawa, ON to Iqaluit, NU. (Return only to Montreal is also available)



- Return flights from Iqaluit, NU. to Qikiqtarjuaq, NU – return from Pangnirtung, NU. to Iqaluit, NU.
- Full-service hotel accommodation (or B&B option) in Iqaluit (double occupancy) (day #1)
- Accommodation in Pang (double occupancy) (day #13)
- Ground transportation to and from Iqaluit Airport in Iqaluit
- Meals and snacks during the Auyuittuq hiking trip (field trip only)
- Boat charter between Pang, Auyuittuq National Park and Kekerten (Return)
- 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 (double occupancy) (day #14)
- Hiking personal equipment (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:**

Monday, August 3th, 2020 to Sunday, August 16th, 2020

Day1: Participants need to be in Iqaluit no later than Monday, August 3rd, 2020 at 1500 to attend the group / pre-expedition meeting.

Day 14: It is possible to connect flight directly from Pangnirtung to Ottawa on the Sunday, August 16th, 2020, but flights to Montreal are not available that day. Participants wanting to travel to Montreal could fly on the Monday afternoon, (please note that this extra day is at the participant's own cost)

Group:

Min. 4 / Max. 6 persons

Ratio:

1 Guide – 4 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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