



Auyuittuq, Hiking Expedition

Program Descriptive:

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. After a two-day hike surrounded by severe-looking, barren plateaus, we will set up base camp. From there, you will go on a day hike to one of the most spectacular lookouts of the park, Mount Thor. 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 five-day hike, you will tread over terrain ranging from arid gravel to humid, fertile tundra, with sharp peaks and a huge glacier in the backdrop. Memories like these are unlikely to fade away.

The hiking trip

To hike Auyuittuq Park you will need to be able to walk with a 30-40 pound back pack for a distance of 8 to 18 km per day (4 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, July 6th, 2020

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

Day 2 / Tuesday, July 7th, 2020

- Flight: Iqaluit to Pangnirtung (Departure: 0900 – Arrival: 1000)
- Registration at Park Canada office



- Boat charter to the Park
- Hiking
- Night in the wild (camping)

Day 3 / Wednesday, July 8th, 2020

- Hiking
- Night in the wild (camping)

Day 4 / Thursday, July 9th, 2020

- Hiking
- Night in the wild (camping)

Day 5 / Friday, July 10th, 2020

- Hiking
- Night in the wild (camping)

Day 6 / Saturday, July 11th, 2020

- Hiking
- Night in the wild (camping)

Day 7 / Sunday, July 12th, 2020

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

Day 8 / Monday, July 13th, 2020

- Flight: Pangnirtung to Iqaluit (Departure: 1045 – Arrival: 1145)
*Possible to connect flight to Ottawa or Montreal
- Night at your accommodation in Iqaluit if you decide to leave the next day (not included)

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

Price:

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\$5,010.00 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 Pangnirtung, NU.



- Full-service hotel accommodation (or B&B option) in Iqaluit (double occupancy) (day #1)
- Accommodation in Pang (double occupancy) (day #7)
- Ground transportation to and from Iqaluit Airport
- Meals and snacks during the Auyuittuq hiking trip (field trip only)
- Boat charter between Pang, Auyuittuq National Park and Kekerten (Return)
- 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 #8)
- 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, July 6th to Monday, July 13th, 2020

Day 1: Participants need to be in Iqaluit no later than Monday, July 6th, 2020 at 1500 to attend the group / pre-expedition meeting.

Day 8: It is possible to connect flight directly from Pangnirtung to Ottawa and Montreal on the Monday, July 13th, 2020.

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.

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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