



## Arctic Discovery - Winter

### ***Program Descriptive & Day-by-day:***

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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
- Dog sledding Excursion
- Snowmobiling Excursion
- Igloo Building Workshop\*

*\*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 additional nights, customizations and/or add-ons to this tour (Ice Fishing, Polynya/Snowmobile, and Igloo Building)



## ***Day-by-day:***

### ***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 one: the beginning of a great adventure! After a three-hour flight (approx. 0900AM to 1200PM) from Ottawa with a local northern airline, one of your guides will meet you at the Iqaluit airport. From the airport, we will stop at your full-service hotel (your accommodation for the night) to check in, drop off your extra luggage and for a chance to grab a light snack at the coffee shop.

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 streets, from the settlement of Frobisher Bay, to the official formation of Nunavut, to today. This excursion is tailored to your interests; perhaps after your tour, you'll stop at Unikkaarvik Visitor Centre or Nunatta Sunakkutaangit Museum, or visit boutique shops to peruse wares crafted by Nunavut's many artists.

Once back at your hotel, we highly suggest that you visit one of our great local restaurants, ask if Arctic Char or Caribou is on the menu.

#### **Day 2**

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

Jump in the Inukpak Outfitting van, waiting for you outside of the hotel, to go meet your furry teammates. 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.



Use the second half of the day at your discretion; maybe you will want warm up and relax in a coffee shop, or head back to the Visitor center or the Museum to spend some more time.

### **Day 3**

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

Boundless frozen 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, and 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. Sea ice heaves upwards, forming sculptures that glow blue in the Northern sunlight. 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.

Once again, you have the rest of the day to venture out on your own; will you spend some time exploring the art galleries in town, or will you walk around town and take as many pictures as you can?

### **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.

Already the end of your Arctic voyage! We hope to see you again soon; how about a little summer exploration?

It's time to say goodbye. An Inukpak Outfitting staff member will pick you at the hotel and take you to the airport. Take a couple minutes to tour our (almost) new airport (built in the summer of 2017 for an impressive total budget of 380 million dollars). Flights to Ottawa leave shortly after lunch, so you should be back in the Canadian capital just in time for dinner.

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### **Day 4 (5 days package)**

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

Before the end of the day, you'll be standing in front of your very first igloo. It's the essential Arctic experience! After driving to nearby Sylvia Grinnell Territorial Park, you will build your own Arctic shelter from scratch, with the help of your guide – a local 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 in your newly built home, and take some time to capture these priceless memories from an authentic Arctic adventure!

## 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.

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*\*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 2020 season

4 days package: \$3,295.00 CAD + GST 5% / person (double occupancy) \*\*\*

5 days package: \$3,895.00 CAD + GST 5% / person (double occupancy) \*\*\*

Prices valid for the 2021 season

\*\*\*solo traveller pricing available

## Program inclusions:

### Included:

- Return flights from Ottawa, ON. or Montreal\*, QC. to Iqaluit, NU.
  - \*If city of departure available on travel days
- Full service hotel accommodation in Iqaluit
  - B&B option
  - double occupancy
- Bilingual guide (English / French)
- Half-day excursions:
  - Historical and Cultural Guided Tour of Iqaluit



- Dogsledding Excursion
- Snowmobiling Excursion
- Igloo Building Workshop (Included in the 5 days program)
- Trail snacks and hot drinks during the excursions
- Specialized equipment, safety gear and expedition grade apparel and footwear\*
- Transportation to/from airport and activities in Iqaluit.

\*boots, insulated pants, parkas, mittens, etc.

### **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: EMT, cash at Inukpak Outfitting office (contact us prior), 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 participants

**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:*****Inukpak Outfitting**

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