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

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Experience an authentic summer adventure in Nunavut's Baffin Island awaits, home to the Capital Iqaluit, the start of your authentic adventure and Pangnirtung your second destination.

In both communities, engage with locals while you explore town, stopping at landmarks, artisan shops or a museum. Hike across the blooming tundra in the magnificent Auyuittuq National Park. Venture deeper onto the Arctic ocean observe gigantic iceberg, follow migratory path of bowhead whales and visit Kekerten Territorial Park. Perhaps, you'll experience the midnight sun, feel the energizing warmth of our ever too short summer. You have left behind the well-trodden path, you're on a Bucket List adventure with Inukpak Outfitting.

Experience our all-inclusive Pangnirtung, Auyuittuq National Park, Discovery tour. This best-selling trip includes flights, accommodation, daily guided excursions and more.

Pangnirtung or "Pang" for the locals, is world renown for the quality of its art, while touring this welcoming settlement; spend some time exploring the Uqqurmiut Centre host of the tapestry and print making studio

### **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 Nunavummiuq (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 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.



## **Hiking Excursion in Auyuittuq**

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. Explore for a day Auyuittuq National Park in the company of your guide. On your way, you will have an opportunity to see impressive rock formations dating back to the last ice age, moraines, boulder fields, sharp peaks and a huge glacier in the backdrop. Memories like these are unlikely to fade away.

## **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. Pangnirtung, 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:***

#### **Day 1 / Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

- Flight from Montreal, QC. 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 3 hours flight (approx. 0900AM to 1200PM) from Ottawa with our local airline company, one of your guides will meet you at the Iqaluit airport. From the airport, we will take you on a historical and cultural city tour of Iqaluit before we bring you 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.

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 /Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

- Flight from Iqaluit, NU to Pangnirtung, NU (Departure: 0800 – Arrival: 0900)
- Cultural and Art Tour in Pangnirtung
- Night at your accommodation



With the Inukpak Outfitting van waiting for you outside the hotel, you will join your fellow travellers and your guide for your next destination: Pangnirtung. A quick hour flight will take you to Iqaluit's neighbouring community to the North. While flying over the Cumberland Sound, keep an eye on the scenery; the mountains surrounding Pangnirtung are simply stunning.

As soon as we land, you will meet our friends from Pang, the local guides who will take us through the town as we discover all it has to offer. History is on the menu today; after a tour of the Angmarlik Visitor Centre, you will meet an elder for a qulliq ceremony, drink tea, and eat palaugaaq (bannock) that has been prepared traditionally; then, you will visit the Uqqurmiut Centre, internationally renowned for its tapestry shop and its print making studio. Take a minute to exchange a few words with the artists about the piece they are working on. The old Hudson Bay Trading Post and Whaling Station is also near-by, offering to its visitors a window into our unique Northern history.

The night will be spent at the Auyuittuq Lodge. Accommodations in Arctic communities have limited capacity and could differ from what you are used to in the rest of North America. Since we will be in Pangnirtung at the busiest time of year, please expect to have to share a room (with your partner or a person of the same sex for solo travelers).

### **Day 3 / Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

- Hiking Excursion in Auyuittuq National Park
- Night at your accommodation

After a good night's sleep and breakfast, our group will head to the Parks Canada office. Staff from Parks Canada will be expecting us, as it is mandatory to go through the safety briefing given by one of the experienced park wardens. As you watch the video on polar bear safety, your guide will take care of the last few details of the group registration. Wait until you see the view from the deck between the Parks Canada office and the Visitor Centre! And this is really just the beginning!

You will then meet Peter, our long term Pangniqtuumiut friend, owner of Peter's Expediting & Outfitting Services. He will take us aboard his boat to travel to the entrance of the park. Peter was a Member of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut from 1999 to 2008, where he personally participated to the formation of Nunavut; he is much more than just a boat captain! Feel free to ask him questions as he always has amazing stories. The boat ride (approx. 60 min over 30 km) will take us to Overlord Camp, the southern entrance of Auyuittuq National Park.

As soon as we touch ground, our group will get into hiking mode, as our goal is to cover few kilometers before setting a temporary camp and have lunch surrounded by Auyuittuq's magnificent peaks and glaciers! A bucket list lunch scenery for sure! Photos are a must!



As we make our way further into the park, get set for our first river crossing! As you sit on a rock, you'll soon learn your new river crossing mantra: Boots off, sandals on. We'd like to remind you your guide has crossed river like this hundreds of time; they will give you a safety briefing and they will advise on the best group strategies to cross safely. Yikes! I agree: The first one is always the coldest!

By the end of the afternoon, we will be back to Overlord, hiking as close as possible to the boat pick up point for another boat ride going back to Pangnirtung. Who knows, maybe some seals and whales will be tagging along!

Once back in town, we will head back to the Parks Canada office for the group de-registration. You will spend the evening and night at the Auyuittuq Lodge.

#### **Day 4 / Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

- Boat Excursion to Kekerten Territorial Park
- Night at your accommodation

Next up is a boating day! Make sure to keep your warm clothing handy, as the boat ride can be cold sometimes. Peter will take us to Kekerten Island Territorial Park for a day visit. There, you will see the remains of an old whaling station that was 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. The remnants of historical whaling activity, icebergs and wildlife of Kekerten will fascinate you. Keep an eye on the water, as there are still bowhead whales in the area.

You will spend the evening and night at the Auyuittuq Lodge.

#### **Day 5 / Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

- Free morning in Pangnirtung
- Transfer to the airport
- Flight from Pang, NU to Iqaluit, NU (Departure; 1045 – Arrival: 1145)  
\*with possible connection to Ottawa, ON.
- Night at your accommodation in Iqaluit if you decide to leave the next day (not included)

Our last few hours spent in Pangnirtung will be used to relax, to take one last picture of the impressive Pang Fjord, and maybe some last minute shopping at the Uqqurmiut Centre. Your eyes can feast on internationally recognized local art and, if you were to fall in love with a piece, the centre's staff will help you pack it to make it travel proof. This is also the place to buy the famous "Pang Hat".

Two options are available as you flight back South: flights from Pangnirtung to Iqaluit can connect with flights to Ottawa or Montreal, so you could fly all the way to



Southern Canada. For those who decide to stay in Iqaluit for an extra night, you will be on your own and will be able to enjoy a bit more of what our Nunavut Capital has to offer.

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

### **Price:**

#### **Program: Pangnirtung, Auyuittuq National Park, Summer Discovery**

\$4,925.00 CAD + GST 5% / person (double occupancy) \*\*\*

\*\*\*solo traveller pricing available

### **Program inclusions:**

#### **Included:**

- Return flights from Ottawa, ON. or Montreal, QC. to Iqaluit, NU.
  - If city of departure is available on travel days
- Return flights from Iqaluit, NU. to Pangnirtung, NU.
- Full service hotel accommodation in Iqaluit
  - B&B option
  - double occupancy
  - days #1
- Full service hotel accommodation in Pangnirtung
  - B&B option
  - double occupancy
  - days #2-3-4
- Guided Expedition for the duration of the trip
  - bilingual guide (English / French)
- Half-day excursions:
  - Historical and Cultural Tour of Iqaluit
  - Art Tour in Pang
  - Hiking Excursion in ANP
  - Boating Excursion to KTP
- Meals, trail snacks and hot drinks while in Pang and Pang excursions
- Specialized equipment and safety gear
- Transportation to/from airport and activities while in Iqaluit. Pang is by foot.
- Boat charter between Pang, Auyuittuq National Park and Kekerten (Return)
- Admission fees to the Parks

#### **Not included:**

- Accommodation in Iqaluit day #5
- Hiking, clothing and personal equipment (hiking gear, personal clothing, personal hygiene kit, medication)
- 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:**

Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Day 1: Participants need to be in Iqaluit no later than Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Day 5: It is possible to connect flight directly from Pangnirtung to Ottawa on the Tuesday September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020, but flights to Montreal are not available that day. Participants wanting to travel to Montreal could fly on the Wednesday afternoon, (please note that this extra day is at the participant's own cost)

#### **Group:**

Min. 4 / Max. 8 participants

#### **Ratio:**

1 guide – 8 participants

#### **Custom Add-Ons:**

Inukpak Outfitting is dedicated to ensuring your Nunavut trip exceeds expectations. Please contact us to inquire about customizations, activities add-ons and/or additional nights to this program.

#### **Difficulty level:**

All ages are welcome; all guests should be able to walk for up to few hours on variable, non-technical trails and terrain.



### **Accommodation:**

Full-service hotel accommodation in Iqaluit (double occupancy), convenient in-town restaurant options range from take-out, to pub fare, to fine dining. Accommodation in Pang (double occupancy), include daily meals.

### **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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