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INUKPAK
OUTFITTING

IQALUIT - KIMMIRUT

SNOWMOBILE EXPEDITION

NUNAVUT  CANADA

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIVE & DAY-BY-DAY

LEVEL

3

DAYS

5

NIGHTS

2

HOTEL

2

GROUP
CABIN

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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.

Up first, a perfect introduction to this land: tour the territorial capital of Nunavut with a welcoming Nunavummiuq (Nunavut resident) 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 street, 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 working artists.

At the helm of your own snowmobile, set out on a legendary adventure! Once you cross ice-covered Frobisher Bay, you will come upon the Meta Incognita Peninsula (land of the unknown limits). The trail snakes along over 100 km (62 mi) across Katannilik Territorial Park (where there are waterfalls), the largest territorial park in Nunavut, and ends in the Soper River Valley, surrounded by its high desert plateaux. Perhaps you'll see the Northern Lights dance in waves of green across an inky sky

After a full day of snowmobiling, you will arrive at a large, heated cabin where you will spend the night. Astride your snowmobiles once again on the second morning, you will head for Kimmirut (close to 165km (102 mi) from Iqaluit), crossing through the dwarf-willow forest (the only trees on Baffin Island). Once in the community, we can fill up with gas and tour this friendly, traditional community.

Kimmirut is a small village with close to 389 inhabitants, located on the southern end of Baffin Island. The Kimmirummiutait (Kimmirut residents) are known for their hospitable and welcoming character. We then head back to the cabin before sunset for a well-needed rest, before heading out on the third morning for the long but exciting return expedition to Iqaluit.

You have left behind the well-trodden path, you're on a Bucket List adventure with Inukpak Outfitting.

Experience our private, all-inclusive Iqaluit - Kimmirut Snowmobile Expedition program. This best-selling trip includes: accommodation, ground transportation, expedition-grade apparel and footwear, guided expeditions and more.





DAY-BY-DAY:

AVAILABLE ON DEMAND FROM MARCH TO APRIL

DAY 1



- **Flight from home to Iqaluit, NU** (not included)
- **Transfer from the airport to your accommodation** (by Inukpak Outfitting staff)
- **Historical & Cultural Guided Tour of Iqaluit** (2h)
- **Night at your accommodation in Iqaluit**

Day one: the beginning of a great adventure! Upon your arrival in the Arctic Capital, 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 (B&B option) to check in, drop off your luggage and for a chance to grab a light snack at the coffee shop. We highly suggest that you visit one of our great local restaurants and ask if arctic char or caribou is on the menu.

DAY 2



- **Snowmobile Expedition**
- **Night at Group cabin**

As your guide finishes up the last few tasks before your departure, an Inukpak Outfitting staff member will pick you up at your accommodation (Inukpak Outfitting has all of their expeditions led by one of the owners: Martine or Louis-Philip and when group size requires it, co-led by a second guide). You will head to our office, where we will review the equipment list together, and we will provide you with any equipment you need.

After reviewing the snowmobile operating guidelines, as well as a few simple safety rules, you will take off on your adventure. After crossing Frobisher Bay, you will enter a maze of canyons, valleys and riverbeds. Your group will climb almost 700 metres (2,297 ft) above the sea level to reach the high plateau of the Meta Incognita Peninsula.

By the end of the afternoon, the trail will bring us down to the base of Mount Joy, close to a long narrow esker that serves as a landing strip for the summer canoe expedition on the Soper River. From there, the trail follows the Soper River and will take us, within an hour, to Cabin 7, the heated group shelter where we will spend the night.

DAY 3



- **Snowmobiling Expedition**
- **Night at Group cabin**

On the first real morning of the trip, you'll wake up in a truly awe-inspiring place. Your guide will already be up, coffee should be ready; all that's left is for you is to sit down and enjoy! As you repack camp for the first time, your guide will give you pointers on how to do it efficiently.

The trail today is less technical, so this is the perfect section to pick up a few tricks from your experienced guide. A few kilometres past the Livingstone falls (a secondary landing strip and a large yurt set by Nunavut Parks), a dark



ridge forming two rock towers will rise on the skyline ahead. The Inuit call the largest rock Arnanguaq, which roughly translates to “woman looking out”. Arnanguaq is guarding the willow forest. Protected in this valley is the largest forest on Baffin Island with willows growing to almost three metres high (10 ft), which should still be visible even at the peak of the snow season. Impressive when you know that the forest is located 645 kilometres (400 mi) north of the tree line!

A short stop in Kimmirut will give us a chance to refuel our snowmobiles and quickly visit the hamlet. Why not visit the Nunavut Parks Office while your guide reports on the trail conditions and any event in the park? Spend a moment visiting the location that also serves as the Soper River interpretation centre.

Not enough snowmobiling for you today? No worries: this is only half-way point. We will be snowmobiling back the same camp as the previous night. After a long day of riding, take some time to stretch your newly discovered upper-body muscles while your host is cooking dinner.

DAY 4



- **Snowmobiling Expedition and return to Iqaluit, NU**
- **Night at your accommodation**

The last day on the trail; there is so much to see, we bet you won’t recognize it. Surprisingly, the easier section on your way in might become the tricky one on your way back. The first challenge of the day is the steep hill at the base of Mount Joy: this section of the trail is notorious for causing trouble, especially if the snow has been blown away in a recent storm.

On your way back to the capital, you may encounter hunters, families and friends travelling the same route as you. You will be amazed to see how friendly everyone is, waving at each other, sharing information on trail conditions or even lending a hand to anyone in need on the trail.

Once we reach Iqaluit, you will surely be happy to reconnect with the comforts of the hotel, a warm bath, clean, dry clothes and a delicious meal in one of our great restaurants.

DAY 5



- **Free morning in Iqaluit**
- **Transfer to the airport**
- **Flight from Iqaluit, NU to home** (not included)

You will have a few hours before lunch to wander in the capital; pay a second visit to the visitor centre (it’s impossible to see everything in one visit) or get your fix of Inuit art by dropping in at one of the many art galleries and studios.

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 few minutes to tour our almost new airport (built in the summer of 2017), it contains an impressive Inuit art collection.

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

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



PROGRAM DETAILS:

Due to potential reasons out of our control, please note that prices, dates and inclusions/exclusions may vary without notice. Website information always prevail.

Price:

Program: Iqaluit – Kimmirut Snowmobile Expedition

Please refer to the [Program's section](#) of our website.

Dates:

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The Iqaluit – Kimmirut Snowmobile Expedition tour operates **on demand, from March to April**. March offers the best Northern Lights viewing and the most reliable snowpack, April offer; longer days and the annual Toonik Tyme festival in Iqaluit.

PROGRAM INCLUSIONS:

Included:

- Full-service hotel accommodation in Iqaluit
 - B&B option
 - double occupancy
 - days #1 and #4
- Guided Expedition for the duration of the trip
 - bilingual guide (English / French)
- Meals, trail snacks and hot drinks during the expedition
- Specialized equipment, safety and communication gear
- Snowmobile / gas (1 for 2 participants) *
- Expedition-grade apparel and footwear (boots, insulated pants, parkas, mittens)
- Ground transportation to/from airport and activities while in Iqaluit. Kimmirut is by foot
- Admission fees to the Territorial Park
- Historical and cultural guided tour of Iqaluit (2h)

* When a snowmobile is available per participant, you will be offered to drive your own if you wish so. Otherwise, two participants may have to share a double seating snowmobile and take turns for driving. A supplement can be paid, at the time of booking, to guaranty your access to your own snowmobile for the entire duration of the excursion/ expedition, according to availability.

* Driver must be an adult (19 years old+) w/ valid driver licence. If needed, participants may have to double up

Not included:

- Airfare from home to Iqaluit, NU (return)
- Meals in Iqaluit
- Camping, clothing and personal equipment (sleeping bag**, mattress**, personal clothing, personal hygiene kit, medication)
- 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 in advance.

Payment:

Please refer to the [Terms & Conditions](#) section of our website.

Cancellation:

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Group:

Min. 4 / Max. 6 participants

Ratio:

1 guide – 6 participants

Custom Add-Ons:

Inukpak Outfitting is dedicated to ensuring your Nunavut trip exceeds expectations. Please contact us to inquire about our flights at preferential rates between home and Iqaluit, additional nights, customizations add-ons and/or activities to this program.

Difficulty level:

Participants must be able to walk on firm packed snow and uneven terrain for few hundred meters. Snowmobile driving experience is a requirement, participant driving snowmobile should possess a valid driver license in home country.

Days will be spent in the great outdoor while nights are spent in a heated group cabin. You should be prepared to live outside for the entire expedition and have some camping experience.

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Flights:

Airfare from home to Iqaluit, NU (return) is NOT included.

* Inukpak Outfitting has a great working relationship with the airline company that serves the Arctic. If you would like to take advantage of our preferential rates between home and Iqaluit, it will be a pleasure for us to help you book your flights at that reduced rate.

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.

A group heated cabin will be our base camp, during the expedition. A large sleeping platform will be installed as we set for the bedtime. No running water available but cold and hot water will always be available. Sheltered portable dry toilet on site.

Traveling in Nunavut:

Traveling in Nunavut can be one of your lifetime 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.

B = Breakfast **L** = Lunch **S** = Snack **D** = Dinner **N/A** = Not Applicable

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