

NARWHAL AND POLAR BEAR SAFARI

Experience the Real Arctic

Narwhals, polar bears, glaciers, Inuit culture and icebergs make this an unparalleled adventure.



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itinerary (Group Size 8-12 people)

Day 0

Arrive in Ottawa and overnight at hotel of your choice.

Day 1

Depart Ottawa for Iqaluit and onto Pond Inlet (approximately 4hrs of flying time). Your journey begins when you arrive in Pond Inlet. After dinner, enjoy a truly authentic cultural presentation of Inuit throat singing, drum dancing and storytelling by local elders. Overnight in Pond Inlet hotel.

Day 2

After breakfast, meet your guides on the beach (yes, there are sand beaches in the Arctic!) and depart for the floe-edge where ice meets open water. You will travel Inuit style by qamotiq (kam-oo-tik) and snowmobile across the sea-ice. This journey of almost 90km (3-6 hours) may include tea-stops at historic grave sites, hanging glaciers and an abandoned whaling station. In the late afternoon you'll arrive at base camp, set up just back from the ice edge (conditions permitting.)

Days 3-6

Your safari style base camp on the ice edge is the best location to explore wildlife-rich Lancaster Sound, deemed the Serengeti of the Arctic. While enjoying warm, spring-like temperatures, watch for

narwhals, ring seals, and more than 15 species of migratory birds. During the week there is a chance to observe polar bears in the pack ice possibly on the prowl for seals, and we may get lucky and see bowhead whales. Pure white ivory gulls, king eider ducks, low flying northern fulmars, thick-billed murre and kittiwakes are just a few of the bird species in the area. Ice conditions permitting, we'll visit Bylot Island's nearby bird cliff sanctuary in Sirmilik National Park.

Day 7

Return to Pond Inlet late in the afternoon, explore the hamlet and possibly purchase soapstone carvings or local prints. Overnight in Pond Inlet.

Day 8

Morning departure via Iqaluit for Ottawa.



Expérience distinctive
Signature Experience

life defining moments

- View a vast array of wildlife on their annual migration such as pods of the tusked Narwhal
- Kayak at the floe edge among floating ice, watching Arctic life unfold around you
- Experience the real Arctic, up close and fully escorted, in partnership with the most knowledgeable Inuit guides

activities

- wildlife viewing
- photography
- kayaking
- by request: snorkel or scuba diving



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As with all our expeditions, weather, ice, and other conditions will dictate our daily itinerary. Wildlife sightings and certain activities depend on favourable conditions and cannot be guaranteed.

“ The narwhal whales were an amazing sight and I had one swim right under my feet at the floe edge. The kayaking was excellent...I look forward to my next adventure with you! ” ~A.M., Ontario, Canada

Fiercely dedicated to creating authentic and awe-inspiring travel experiences, Arctic Kingdom is the only tour operator offering land-based trips to the High Arctic. We are not constrained by hotels or cruise ships; we make sure that as little as humanly possible sits between you and the Arctic. Through our unique combination of small groups, safari style arctic camps, expedition experts and the most knowledgeable Inuit guides, we ensure your experience in the world's most captivating region is second to none.



Observe the mystical tusked Narwhal on their annual spring migration

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what's included

- The services of highly qualified Inuit guides and Arctic Kingdom Expedition Leaders
- All transportation for the trip duration beginning in Pond Inlet
- Accommodation: 2 nights Pond Inlet hotel, 5 nights arctic safari-style luxury base camp
- All meals during expedition including those in Pond Inlet
- All activities as listed in itinerary

details

Trip Length	8 Days
2012 Dates	Jun 3 – 10, Jun 10-17, Jun 17-24 & Jun 24 to Jul 1
Price	\$9,700 All prices in CAD dollars
SGL Supplement	\$2,900
Air Package	\$3,256 includes tax and fees
International Gateway	Ottawa
Starting Community	Pond Inlet, Nunavut
Daylight Hours	24 Hours
Average Temperature	-4°C to +4°C

TERMS & CONDITIONS: \$2000 deposit required at time of booking. Full payment due 90 days prior to departure date.

CANCELLATION TERMS: Outside 90 days a full refund of deposit less \$500 admin charge is given. 90 to 60 days prior to a trip entitles client a 50% refund. 0-60 days prior to trip no refund will be offered.

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where we sleep

Gateway village hotel & seasonal Arctic safari-style tented camp.

Inspired by safari camps, we bring you the ultimate in comfort to the exotic Arctic.

Set directly on the sea ice (conditions permitting), with hearty food prepared by a private chef, the dining/lounge tent is a place to relax with your fellow trip members. Afterwards, retire to your spacious tent, through large door ways with ample standing room. We have perfected the art of a remote camp with all the amenities of home.



Safari-style Luxury Base Camp



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