

# WALRUS AND BOWHEAD SAFARI

**A journey of awe inspiring and unforgettable panoramas.**

Ice islands draped with walrus, bowhead whales, polar bears and all-night sunsets.



Louise Murray

Approach close to herds of walrus on ice



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## itinerary (Group Size 8-12 people)

### Day 0

Arrive in Ottawa and overnight in hotel of your choice.

### Day 1

Depart Ottawa for Iqaluit, the capital of Nunavut. Change planes and arrive in Igloolik/Hall Beach - the starting communities from which our journey begins. Transfer to our waiting snowmobiles and boats and travel out to the luxury outpost safari-style base camp where our chef has prepared a welcome dinner.

### Day 2

We take our first visit to the floe edge – where sea ice meets the open water. Here we familiarize ourselves with this new environment. Wonder at the numerous sea birds diving and swooping over the water.

### Day 3

We travel by boat far out into the Foxe Basin where we may come upon a pair of walrus huddled on the ice pack. We quietly watch these enormous animals and take photographs from both the ice and boat getting as close as our expedition leaders and Inuit guides will allow. We enjoy a hot lunch on the very same piece of ice as the walrus, which are not at all concerned by our presence. On the journey back we spot a few Bowhead whales cruising the icy waters.

### Day 4

We journey out again by boat. The bright sun reflecting off the crystal-clear flat waters is simply magical. We come upon four large floating islands of ice covered with Walrus. At least a hundred animals sit on each island. Steam rises from the group as they sun themselves. We observe the walrus diving for clams and repeatedly hauling themselves out of the water and back up onto their resting platform on the ice.

### Day 5-7

Daily boat excursions (can be up to 10 hours per day with lunch stops and wildlife viewing) with local Inuit boats and guides out into the waters of the Foxe basin in search of walrus, bowhead whales. If lucky, we will spot polar bears swimming among the ice.

### Day 8

Early morning departure to Ottawa

## life defining moments

- Listen to the breathing and bellows of walrus basking in the sunlight on floating ice islands
- Observe eastern Canada's largest bowhead whale population of 350-400 bowhead whales spyhop, fin, and breach
- Experience the real Arctic, up close and personal, fully escorted and in partnership with local Inuit
- Experience Foxe Basin - the heartland of Inuit culture

## activities

- kayaking
- boat cruising
- hiking
- Optional: Snorkel or Scuba Diving by request

*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.*



Mauro Mozzarelli



Louise Murray

**“ We all had a great time! Were so awed we wanted to stay...We have lots of great pictures and have made friends and family very envious.” ~ R. R. - California USA**

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Observe bowhead whales spyhopping, finning, and slapping their flukes on the water

Eric Baccega



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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
- Accommodations – 7 nights Igloolik/Hall Beach at arctic safari style luxury base camp
- Meals in Igloolik/Hall Beach and at base camp

*Ottawa hotels, transfers and meals not included.*

### details

Trip Length	8 Days
2012 Dates	Jul 01 to 08 and Jul 08 to 15
Price	\$9,100
SGL Supplement	\$2,900
Air Package	\$2,899.00 includes tax and fees
International Gateway	Ottawa
Daylight Hours	24 Hours
Average Temperature	+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 high Arctic.

Set on a pebble beach overlooking Foxe Basin, we enjoy hearty food prepared by a private chef. The dining lounge is a place to relax with your fellow travellers. Afterwards, retire to your spacious tent through a large doorway onto a wooden floor equipped with electric power, heaters, elevated beds and ample standing room. We have perfected the art of a remote camp with all the amenities of home.



David Briggs

Safari-style Luxury Base Camp



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