

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1 | Arrive in Iqaluit, NU

Arrive in Iqaluit from Ottawa, where your Arctic Kingdom host will greet you and escort you to your hotel. After settling into your room and enjoying a delicious lunch, embark on a fascinating visit to a local fur clothier showcasing both traditional and modern styles. Later, choose to unwind and explore on your own or join your host for an insightful tour of Nunavut's Legislative Assembly, immersing yourself in the heart of this unique northern community.

Dinner at Arctic Kingdom's Beach House promises an unforgettable experience. This stunning waterfront retreat overlooking Frobisher Bay sets the scene for a meal crafted by a talented local chef, featuring "country food" made from locally sourced ingredients infused with southern flavours. To make the evening even more memorable, you'll have the chance to try on traditional Inuit clothing and capture a keepsake photo.

Following dinner, join our Aurora photo expert for an engaging photography workshop designed to help you capture stunning images throughout your journey. Armed with expert tips, venture out with your Arctic Kingdom host and photo guide to a prime Aurora-viewing spot just outside of town. Experience the magic of the Northern Lights under the open sky, with the added comfort of warming up in one of our cozy tents. Savour hot drinks and snacks as you marvel at the spectacular light show dancing above!

After your Aurora viewing, you will be brought back to your hotel for a great night's sleep.

Meals Included: Dinner

Day 2 | Iqaluit Adventure Continues

Begin your morning with a nice breakfast before setting out on an enriching half-day tour of Iqaluit, where the city's vibrant culture and history come to life. Explore fascinating attractions, including the Nunatta Sunaakkutaangit Museum, the Unikkaarvik Visitor Centre, and a stunning Inuit Art Gallery. Step back in time at the original Hudson's Bay Trading Post, and visit the charming community of Apex, the region's original settlement located just outside of Iqaluit. Immerse yourself in the sights, sounds, and stories of this unique northern hub!

Savour lunch at Nunavut's first and only craft brewery, a true northern gem. Delight in a guided brewery tour and sample a flight of their expertly crafted beer, each sip reflecting the unique flavours of the Arctic. Spend the afternoon at leisure, exploring Iqaluit's unique offerings. Shop for one-of-a-kind gifts, from beautiful Inuit art and textiles to exquisite soapstone carvings and immerse yourself in the charm of this vibrant northern community. It's the perfect opportunity to take home a piece of the Arctic while deepening your connection to the region.

Enjoy dinner at one of Iqaluit's many restaurants, then cozy up in the warmth of a comfortable vehicle as your Arctic Kingdom host takes you to a prime Aurora-viewing location just outside of town. Far from the light pollution, you'll have an unobstructed view of the Northern Lights in all their glory. Your expert host will share photography tips to help you capture stunning, once-in-a-lifetime shots of this breathtaking natural wonder.

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Day 3 | Sylvia Grinnell Territorial Park, NU

After breakfast, get ready to explore the stunning Arctic landscape with a leisurely hike or snowshoe through Sylvia Grinnell Park. This scenic walk offers the perfect opportunity to stretch your legs while taking in the beauty of the wilderness. Along the way, we'll stop for a cozy break and enjoy a warming hot chocolate—an essential treat to complement your adventure!

Later, enjoy a delicious hot lunch paired with a captivating traditional Inuit cultural performance inside the park's heated pavilion. Following lunch, immerse yourself in a hands-on experience with a sewing workshop, where you'll learn the art of crafting a traditional Inuit toy using locally sourced materials.

As evening sets in, travel with your Arctic Kingdom host to our unobstructed Aurora-viewing site just outside of town for more exquisite Aurora opportunities. Enjoy your last night in Iqaluit with new friends under the lights as they swirl across the Arctic sky.

Meals Included: Lunch

Day 4 | Venture to Yellowknife, NWT

Enjoy breakfast and take in the final sights of Iqaluit before meeting your Arctic Kingdom guide at the hotel restaurant for one last meal in Nunavut. Share lunch together before transferring to the airport to check in for your flight to Yellowknife.

Your flight departs in the late afternoon and arrives in the early evening, giving you a smooth transition into the next part of your journey. Upon arrival, your Arctic Kingdom/Blachford Lodge representative will assist with your luggage and escort you to a waiting van for a comfortable transfer to your hotel.

Settle into your room, then enjoy a delicious dinner at the hotel with your Arctic Kingdom/Blachford Lodge representative, who will share exciting details about the next day's ski-plane flight to the lodge, setting the stage for your unforgettable adventure ahead.

Meals Included: Lunch, Dinner

Day 5 | Depart to Blachford Lodge

Meet your Blachford Lodge representative after breakfast and transfer to the Air Tindi Float Base in Old Town Yellowknife. Here, you'll receive a briefing on your scenic 25-minute ski-plane flight to the lodge, along with a safety overview from your experienced pilots. Upon arrival at Blachford Lodge, you'll be warmly welcomed by the staff, enjoy a delicious meal, and get acquainted with the lodge before settling into your cozy accommodations. It's the perfect beginning to your immersive wilderness retreat.

Spend the day immersed in the magic of this winter wonderland by participating in one of the exciting activities available, each offering a unique way to experience the North's breathtaking beauty.

As evening arrives, your guide and on-site Aurora photo expert will be on hand to answer any questions and offer a refresher on capturing the perfect Northern Lights shot. Then, unwind with a fun evening under the stars—soak in the hot tub or gather around the bonfire, sipping warm drinks and enjoying delicious snacks while the mesmerizing auroras dance above.

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Day 5 | Depart to Blachford Lodge Continued

Optional Activity: Heli ice-fishing to the far reaches of Blachford Lake or nearby smaller lakes to fish for trophy-sized Lake Trout and Northern Pike

Meals Included: Lunch, Dinner

Day 6 | Adventure and Aurora at Blachford

Following breakfast, rev up the excitement with one of our thrilling half-day snowmobile tours! Whether you're a beginner or seasoned rider, our expert guides will lead you through breathtaking landscapes, from frozen lakes to the vast beauty of Great Slave Lake. As you race across the snow, soak in the majesty of the wilderness, then warm up with hot drinks and a delicious snack during this unforgettable Arctic experience.

If snowmobiling isn't your thing, there's no shortage of exciting outdoor and indoor activities to enjoy at the lodge. Relax in the sauna or unwind in the outdoor hot tub, taking in the breathtaking surroundings. For the truly adventurous, take the plunge and experience the exhilarating thrill of a polar dip—if you're up for the challenge.

Later, gather around the bonfire to share stories and reflect on your day. Then, head to a perfect vantage point on the property for a guided Northern Lights viewing experience, where you'll be treated to the awe-inspiring beauty of the auroras dancing across the night sky.

Optional Activity: Flight-seeing tour to the community of Hay River and the picturesque Twin Falls Gorge Territorial Park. Here, witness the beautiful and dramatic Twin Falls, Alexandra Falls & Louise Falls in all their frozen winter glory.

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Day 7 | Northern Wonders and Farewell Fires

Enjoy breakfast, then get ready for an unforgettable Northern experience where you'll learn the ancient art of igloo or quinzhee building. As you work together to shape blocks of snow and carve out your shelter, you will gain a deeper appreciation for the ingenuity and skill of those who have thrived in this environment for generations. The experience is both hands-on and inspiring, offering a rare connection to the land and its history.

In the afternoon, embrace the spirit of adventure with a friendly hockey match on the outdoor rink, or lace up your skates and glide across the frozen lake, soaking in the stunning winter scenery. Take in the crisp air, the sparkle of the snow, and the stillness of the surrounding wilderness as you enjoy this quintessential Canadian pastime.

As evening falls, gather around the crackling bonfire to share stories and highlights of your day under the northern sky. The warmth of the fire and the quiet beauty of the landscape create a perfect setting for reflection. Join your Arctic Kingdom host for one final, unforgettable Northern Lights viewing experience at the lodge's prime location, where the aurora dances overhead.

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Day 8 | Depart from Blachford

Savour your final breakfast at the lodge, capturing cherished memories and breathtaking photographs of the serene wilderness. Your ski-plane will arrive in the morning to whisk you away on a scenic flight back to Yellowknife. From there, continue your journey home or extend your adventure with a stay to explore the vibrant charm of Yellowknife.

Meals Included: Breakfast

Ready to Begin Your Northern Lights Odyssey?

Connect with our team to secure your place on this unforgettable adventure.

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