

Narwhal & Polar Bear Safari

2020



ARCTIC KINGDOM





DESIGNED FOR EXCLUSIVITY & THE ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME

Arctic Kingdom's Narwhal & Polar Bear Safari brings you an unprecedented Arctic safari expedition.

Travel to this NEW floe edge location at the northern reaches of Baffin Island for a chance to see narwhal, polar bear and other iconic Arctic wildlife.

Revel in the wonder of the floe edge, where the sea-ice meets open water, and marine mammals and other wildlife congregate at the floe edge – also known as the “line of life”.

Stimulate all your senses in one of the most spectacular places on the earth. Take in stunning aerial views of dramatic landscapes and icebergs on the private flight to our Premium Safari Camp. Set on an Arctic beach with views of Bylot Island, your home-away-from-home is a comfortable respite after an exciting day spent out on the floe edge. Located in Navy Board Inlet, surrounded by Sirmilik National Park, (which means “place of glaciers”) our camp enjoys a striking backdrop of towering cliffs and glistening glaciers.

A fascinating and thriving eco-system welcomes you for your chance to view pods of narwhal and beluga, a variety of sea birds, polar bears, seals, and possibly bowhead whales and walrus.



A FLOE EDGE REVOLUTION

Narwhal & Polar Bear Safari takes traditional floe edge tours to the next level. This is the premier experience for travellers and wildlife enthusiasts seeking an extraordinary adventure in one of the most special places in not just the Arctic, but on Earth: the floe edge.

Here's what makes this trip special:

Exclusivity

- Arctic Kingdom is the only tour operator offering a floe edge program in Navy Board Inlet, Nunavut.
- Strategically situated far from communities or other tour groups, allowing us to avoid hunting groups and have full access to one of the most stable floe edges in the Arctic.

Fly-In Experience to Camp

- Enjoy unforgettable aerial views of dramatic High Arctic landscapes and Sirmilik National Park on the one-hour private flight to and from camp and Pond Inlet.

Reliable & Productive Floe Edge

- Experience the floe edge of Lancaster Sound – a region world-renowned as one of the most prolific wildlife areas in the Arctic.
- One of the most consistent floe edges year-over-year. The reliable location and conditions allow for unparalleled wildlife viewing opportunities.

Maximize Your Time at the Floe Edge

- Other floe edge tours travel to camp via snowmobile, that can take four to six hours, just to get to the camp, longer yet to the floe edge.



- We arrive in camp from Ottawa on Day 1 and are at the floe edge early on Day 2.

Enhanced Small-Group Safari Experience

- Personalized schedule with flexible departure times from camp to the floe edge and daily itineraries based on your interests.
- Daily lecture series with programming by expert Trip Leaders, naturalists, scientists and film-makers.

4:1 Guide-to-Guest Ratio

- Our high guest-to-guide ratio of 4:1 is unmatched by any other operator, allowing you to have personalized attention from our staff.
- Arctic Kingdom expedition staff includes naturalists, photography experts, experienced trip leaders and local Inuit guides.

Gourmet Meals

- Enjoy mouth-watering appetizers and gourmet meals prepared by our Executive Chef and culinary team.

Land-Based Premium Accommodations

- Arctic Kingdom is the only operator to run a land-based camp for floe edge tours.
- Our land-based premium camp offers increased safety, enhanced accommodation options and amenities while allowing a longer season with the chance to experience the full progression of the floe edge, from first cracks to accelerating breakup. See pg. 7 for departures.



Community Support & Sustainability

- Empowering local communities is an important part of sustainable travel in the North.
- Our programs create more jobs, as well as, longer-term and meaningful employment for Inuit in northern communities, as compared with that of any other Arctic tours or cruises.
- Economic benefits also include greater potential for in-community purchases and visitor purchases including souvenirs and Inuit art.

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Narwhal & Polar Bear Safari offers an excellent opportunity for viewing Arctic wildlife, as well as, spectacular landscapes.

The vast expanses, seemingly-endless skies, tranquility of the Arctic, and our small group program, allows for a serene and unhurried experience of the Arctic. Relax with the freedom to linger and discover the Arctic's beauty or photograph the magnificent scenes around you.

DAY 1 (Dinner included)

Commercial flights from Ottawa to Iqaluit by jet (approx. 3 ½ hours) Change to turboprop or other plane and fly Iqaluit to Pond Inlet (approx. 3 ½ hours).

Upon landing in Pond Inlet, you will be welcomed by an Arctic Kingdom representative. Private aerial flight (approx. 1 hour) to camp provides stunning aerial views of the vast Arctic landscapes, including dramatic mountains and icebergs in and around Sirmilik National Park. Settle into camp and enjoy a hot gourmet dinner with your group. If conditions allow, travel to



the floe edge on your first evening of the adventure!

DAY 2-5 (Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Included)

Head out each day in small groups to the floe edge, travelling by snowmobile and qamutik (traditional Inuit sled). Flexible departure times allow a more personalized schedule, where daily activities are designed based on your interests.

One of the greatest highlights for many guests on this safari is the opportunity to observe a variety of Arctic wildlife in their natural habitat, including narwhal, beluga, bowhead whales, seals, and polar bears. Migratory birds are also in abundance. Ice conditions permitting, you may also visit the Bylot Island Migratory Bird Sanctuary, where more than 200,000 birds choose to nest each year.

Delve into the Inuit culture on a journey to traditional Inuit hunting grounds, by qamutik and snowmobile. You may also have a chance to visit evocative ancient Thule sites, where you will see the traditional tent rings and learn about the culture and history of the ancestors of Inuit.

DAY 6 (Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Included)

Enjoy your final day in the High Arctic wilderness before flying directly out of camp to Pond Inlet. Explore the town at your leisure and spend your final night in a hotel. This evening we will enjoy an Inuit cultural presentation.

DAY 7 (Breakfast Included)

Arrive at Pond Inlet airport. Board your commercial flights back to Ottawa.



TRIP DETAIL

LENGTH: 7 Days / 6 Nights

DATES: May & June departures. See all dates on pg. 8.

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT*: 180% (of trip portion only)

*fee waived if you request to share with another single traveller

BOOKING TERMS: CAD \$2,500 deposit required at time of booking. Full payment due 120 days prior to departure date.

INSURANCE: Due to the nature and remoteness of this trip; trip cancellation/interruption insurance is highly recommended. To join this expedition, you must be insured against medical and personal accident risks and have search and rescue coverage.

(<https://ss.globalrescue.com/partner/arctickingdom/>)

LOCATION: Navy Board Inlet, Nunavut

GROUP SIZE: 8 – 16

CAMP CAPACITY: 32

CANCELLATION TERMS: All requests for cancellations must be received in writing. Cancellations received up to 180 days prior to departure are refunded less an administrative fee of CAD \$1,000 per person. If cancellation is received between 179 and 120 days prior to departure, the deposit is forfeited. For cancellations received between 119 days and the departure date, all payments are forfeited.

Full Terms & Conditions can be found at:
www.arctickingdom.com/legal

INCLUDED

- Round-trip flights Ottawa to Pond Inlet, and charter flight to camp
- Meals: 6 breakfasts, 6 lunches and snacks, 6 dinners
Hot drinks and snacks available 24/7
- Accommodations: 5 nights in Premium Safari Camp,
1 nights in a hotel in Pond Inlet
- Services of Arctic Kingdom Expedition Leaders and Inuit guides
- Use of kayaks and dry-suit, mask, fins, hood, and gloves for snorkeling
- Return transfers in Pond Inlet
- Guided interpretive hikes

NOT INCLUDED

- Accommodation in Ottawa
- Tips, gratuities, personal expenses
- Travel, medical, trip cancelation/interruption & evacuation insurance
- Additional costs associated with weather and/or layovers in Pond Inlet, Iqaluit or Ottawa
- Polar Clothing Rental Package strongly encouraged

2020 DATES AND RATES

2020 Dates	Safari and Air Rate	Trip & Air Tax	Total
Early Season			
May 13 – May 19			
May 14 – May 20	\$20,275 CAD	\$1,440 CAD	\$21,715 CAD
May 18 – May 24	Approx.\$16,220 USD	Approx.\$1,152 USD	Approx. \$17,372 USD
May 19 – May 25			
High Season			
May 23 – May 29			
May 24 – May 30			
May 28 – June 3			
May 29 – June 4	\$20,775 CAD	\$1,465 CAD	\$22,240 CAD
June 2 – June 8	Approx.\$16,620 USD	Approx.\$1,172 USD	Approx.\$17,792 USD
June 3 – June 9			
June 7 – June 13			
June 8 – June 14			
June 12 – June 18			
June 13 – June 19			

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All rates to be paid in Canadian dollars. Based per person double occupancy. Single supplement add \$13,280 early season; \$13,730 high season. We also book guaranteed single if one is willing to share accommodation. To upgrade to private toilet & washbasin en suite in yurt add \$1,000 CAD/yurt. If booking family rate in tent that accommodates up to four guests – 3rd and 4th person pays \$17,285 + \$1,290 tax on early season; \$17,685 + \$1,310 tax on trips beginning May 23rd or after. Please note – Evacuation insurance (not included) is mandatory and it is strongly recommended to purchase trip interruption/cancellation insurance as terms and conditions do not cover weather delay expenses.



DISCOVER CANADA'S HIGH ARCTIC

NAVY BOARD INLET, NU

Travel to the northern reaches of Baffin Island for an Arctic adventure of a lifetime. Our Premium Safari Camp is set on an Arctic beach in Navy Board Inlet.

This remote location provides access to the world-renowned floe edge of Lancaster Sound. It also borders the famed Northwest Passage.

POND INLET, NU

Navy Board Inlet is accessible only by private charter from the gateway community of Pond Inlet. This small, predominately Inuit hamlet has been occupied for over 1,000 years.

Close to both Tamaarvik Territorial Park and Sirmilik National Park, the awe-inspiring scenery is a mix of mountains, picturesque fiords, inlets, glaciers, and icebergs. Located on the eastern entrance to the Northwest Passage and overlooking Bylot Island, mountain ranges are viewable in all directions and icebergs often dot the ocean.



ACCOMMODATIONS

PREMIUM SAFARI CAMP

Inspired by African mobile safari camps, our Premium Safari Camp brings elegance and comfort to the Arctic. The modern, specially designed Arctic yurt-style safari camp structures provide a warm and inviting home-away-from-home in one of the world's most remote, yet breathtaking places. The safari camp features a large dining and lounge area, with a 24-hour snack and drink buffet.

Sleeping quarters are spacious and warm, 4.8m (16') in diameter, with over 3m (10') cathedral ceilings. They have double walls with insulation and are entered via a lockable door. The camp includes a shared washroom facility with on-demand hot water showers. Accommodations with private washrooms are also available.

Accommodation choices include:

Premium Yurt: Our standard accommodation is a heated, premium yurt. These double occupancy accommodations can include two twin beds or one king bed.

Deluxe Yurt: This option includes a heated, double occupancy, premium yurt with a private en-suite bathroom. Configurations can be with two twin beds, or one king bed.

Family Tent: Perfect for families of four, this quad occupancy heated premium tent includes two twin beds or a king bed, and a set of bunk beds.

No matter the accommodation option you choose, each bed is complete with mattress, duvets, pillow, and a warm comforter. No detail has been overlooked – from large windows, to coat hooks and heaters for those that would like it a little warmer.



TRIP NOTES

The intent of our Narwhal and Polar Bear Safari is to introduce you to the Arctic as spring transitions into summer and wildlife is abundant. While we cannot guarantee sightings of specific Arctic animals, you can expect to find an array of natural wonders and a truly unique experience on this exciting Arctic adventure.

This Arctic safari will provide you with opportunities to observe and photograph a variety of animals, and incredible icescapes and landscapes. You will also be exposed to Inuit culture, with an opportunity to learn about some of the ancient settlements and ancestral people that inhabited the area. The Arctic has many variables that can influence travel plans so being relaxed, patient, and flexible are important attitudes. Itineraries are general guidelines and may change due to weather and unexpected conditions.

IS THIS ADVENTURE FOR YOU?

This safari is perfect for anyone looking for a relaxed adventure. We'll be heading off the beaten track and out of the usual tourist route. You don't need to have previous Arctic experience, but you do need to have an adventurous spirit. Our expeditions are typically represented by an international range of participants. Having a laid back, open-minded and patient demeanor is important.

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

Arctic Kingdom's expeditions are somewhat active, but not too strenuous. One can choose to do as little or as much as he/she would like throughout the adventure.



SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE REQUIRED

Arctic Kingdom trips are not intended to have set itineraries or sights to be seen crossed off in a short period of time. We believe in taking things as they come, to relax and enjoy the opportunities, be it a sunny or foggy day, to appreciate where you are in the moment, and fall into the lifestyle of the local people.

It is assumed that participants have the spirit within themselves to enjoy the unique solitude of the Arctic and free time provided. If this outlook is not for you we can assist in finding an alternative Arctic trip that offers a more structured itinerary, and “observer” role versus actively participating in an adventure of discovery.

Good health is fundamental to travel in any remote region. All participants will be required to obtain emergency medical and evacuation travel insurance. Age should not be considered a deterrent.

POLAR CLOTHING PACKAGE

A recommended clothing packing list will be provided upon enrollment confirmation. We recommend that anyone travelling to the Arctic dresses in layers. The insulating outer layer is of particular importance. Regular ski jackets and pants are not suitable for the changing Arctic climate.

We realize that good quality Arctic-worthy equipment is expensive to purchase all at once, and may not be necessary for a one-time Arctic adventure. Arctic Kingdom has a top-of-the-line Arctic Polar Clothing Rental Package that will enhance your Arctic experience and allow you to enjoy your expedition in comfort, no matter what Mother Nature brings.

With more than a decade of experience in all types of Arctic



weather, we know what works and what doesn't. All of our staff have depended on the same clothing package for years of Arctic adventures, so you can rest assured you are getting the best options available.

GOURMET MEALS

We know that no amazing Arctic experience is complete without delicious food. Our private chef manages the kitchen tent. It will be here that your chef and culinary team will prepare the day's meals, snacks and delicious desserts baked in camp. The dining/lounge area will have a convenient buffet table where unlimited snacks and hot drinks are provided all day long.

Menus showcase the best the Arctic has to offer. A fusion of locally sourced delicacies such as Arctic char and caribou, with specialty foods sourced "down south".

The kitchen is not kosher. If you have special dietary needs, please advise us at time of booking.

DAYLIGHT HOURS

In May and June, the sun is constantly shining for 24 hours. The sun shines high above at noon and by 10 PM it dips on the western horizon. It continues to skim across the tops of the distant mountain ranges until it reaches the eastern horizon, where it then begins to climb higher into the sky again.

The Midnight Sun allows for extended hours for adventure. Imagine coming across incredible wildlife encounters late in the day, and still having beautiful light to capture stunning photographs. In addition to more time to spend out on the land, the soft, warm glow of the Midnight Sun is a photographer's delight.



WEATHER

In May and June, temperatures during this season range from -5°C (23°F) to $+10^{\circ}\text{C}$ (50°F). May will normally be the coldest (usually around -5°C), but the temperatures rise as the days lengthen. June typically sees temperatures approximately -1°C (30°F) to $+5^{\circ}\text{C}$ (41°F). Dressing in layers will make adjusting to the temperatures easier.

WHAT TO EXPECT

This Arctic expedition is designed for viewing animals in their natural habitat. However, there is more to this stunning vista of ice, land, and sea than the wildlife that inhabits it. For centuries, these creatures have shared this wilderness with Inuit people.

We encourage our trip participants to be sensitive to the cultural and historical ways of Inuit, including their traditional hunting lifestyle. You may see evidence of hunting, including dead animals, as you wander through the communities. Examples include the stretching of seal skin boots or gloves, and Inuit dog teams being fed Arctic char or seal meat. While on our adventures, we may also come across an Inuit hunting party returning from or travelling to a hunt.

If you are open to the experience, these sights can provide a window into cultural traditions that stretch back for generations and exist in harmony with the wild Arctic. As part of the Inuit cultural experience you may enjoy some local food such as seal, caribou or Arctic char and you may observe how an Inuit hunts the local wildlife. This tradition dates back thousands of years. They will show you how to stalk wildlife for viewing and photography, the same techniques a hunter does.



WHAT TO EXPECT ON A QAMUTIK RIDE

The mode of transportation to move over the ice is the traditional Inuit sledge pulled by a snowmobile called a qamutik (also spelled qamutiq or komatik). Each of the two to four persons on a qamutik is provided with a suspension seat to sit on. We move over flat sea-ice and even though Arctic Kingdom has added suspension seats to the qamutiks for a smoother ride, the later one goes in the season, the bumpier the ride could potentially be.



RESPONSIBLE TOURISM

It is our desire that the Narwhal and Polar Bear Safari contribute to the transformation of the economic base of this region from hunting to one that is focused on tourism. Tourism and film production can be a real boon to local communities, providing income, positive cultural exchanges, and a financial incentive to protect their natural environment.

Arctic Kingdom takes a 'total approach' to responsible tourism. Everything, from the way we plan and operate our trips to the practices of Arctic Kingdom as a company, is geared toward making a positive impact on the regions we visit. Arctic Kingdom trips are designed to allow a high degree of economic benefit to the local communities; we hire local guides and local drivers, buy locally and use local services to ensure as much money as possible is retained within the local economy and the host communities. We are continually reassessing our trips, always ensuring that they are socially, economically, and environmentally sound.

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