



# BAFFIN ISLAND, NUNAVUT

Experience the raw beauty, unique wildlife, and endless wonder of the Canadian Arctic. Baffin Island (Inuktitut: Qikiqtaaluk) is the world's fifth-largest island located in Nunavut, Canada. Baffin Island is an incredible wild landscape and playground for intrepid adventurers, from sea ice floes, glaciers, and mountainous coastlines. It holds over 60% of the world's polar bear population and other incredible Arctic biodiversity. Baffin Island is also home to the Inuit, providing opportunities to experience and learn from those who have called the Arctic home for over millennia.





# OUR PARTNER ARCTIC KINGDOM

Arctic Kingdom is a global leader in land-based travel, custom experiences and getaways in the Canadian Arctic. There is an Inuit belief that everything in nature is infused with the spirit of life. At Arctic Kingdom, we strive to create journeys that invigorate the spirit of life in each of our guests. The Arctic Kingdom team has been an expedition outfit for over 20 years, partnering with Inuit community stakeholder to run the trips safely, respectfully, and effectively.

If Narwhals and this part of the Arctic is what you want to experience, this is the trip for you. As the Arctic climate is rapidly changing and with the increase of ship traffic in the area, it will be harder to see narwhals in Nunuavut in the future. Arctic Kingdom and Adventure Quest X have a special package deal for 2025 this year.







Experience the classic spring floe edge where you may have the opportunity to view polar bears, narwhal and icebergs under the Midnight Sun. Travel to the northern reaches of Baffin Island where the sea ice meets the open water, and marine mammals and other wildlife congregate at the floe edge – also known as the "line of life."

Want to go to the best places in the Arctic for narwhal watching with added polar bear viewing? Enjoy an experience with dramatic landscapes and icebergs of Sirmilik National Park, and possibly wildlife. Revel in the stunning landscapes of towering granite cliffs, glaciers and icebergs at our Tented Safari Camp with stunning views of Bylot Island, access to Sirmilik National Park and the world-renowned floe edge of Eclipse Sound.

Search for the unicorn of the sea, one of the most exclusive and mythical creatures in the Arctic Animal Kingdom. At the edge of spring ice floes and icebergs off the coastline, marine wildlife congregate. Narwhals spend their summer months in these areas feeding on Greenland halibut, along with other fish, squid, and shrimp. They depend on the sea ice for their ecosystem and the breathing holes they provide. Narwhals play a vital role in the overall health of the marine ecosystem and are culturally important to Indigenous communities across the Arctic.

Guided by Inuit and travelling in small groups, journey to the floe edge for days of discovery, with good conditions there's fantastic narwhal watching with the chance to see a variety of seabirds, polar bears, seals as well as possibly beluga and bowhead whales.

Perfect for families, first-time visitors to the Arctic, and also professional photographers looking for the ultimate floe edge experience, watching narwhal, and chance to see polar bears in the wild.





#### Day 1

Arrive in Iqaluit, and transfer to Pond Inlet. There, you will be welcomed by our local Arctic King-domrepresentative and Adventure Quest X then transferred to a local hotel. Meet your Expedition Leader for a trip briefing and hot dinner. Overnight in hotel.

### Day 2

After breakfast, an orientation from Parks Canada, meet your guides on the beach in preparation for your departure to our camp on Eclipse Sound. Travelling to our Arctic Safari Camp by qamutik (a traditional Inuit wooden sled with suspension or foam padded seats pulled behind a snowmobile), you will experience the exhilaration of gliding across the ice. The journey's time will vary depending on ice conditions but will include tea and coffee stops. Our Arctic Safari Camp will be set up a few kilometres back from the ice floe edge.

Our Premium Safari Camp brings elegance and comfort to the Arctic. Spacious and warm, the modern, specially designed Arctic yurt-style camp structures provide an inviting home-away-from-home in some of the world's most remote and breathtaking places. The sleep yurts feature double walls with insulation, large windows and a lockable door. The Premium Safari Camp feature shared ecostyle washrooms with hot water sinks and showers.

# Day 3-6

During the next few days, our excursions will include trips out to the floe edge to look for wildlife. Enjoy the mild spring weather and engage in a variety of activities at the floe edge. Snorkel and kayak amongst sea ice when conditions permit. 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. Migratory birds are also in abundance, and with the stillness of the Arctic, you are able to hear the songs of the birds before you even see them. Ice conditions permitting, you may also visit the Bylot Island Migratory Bird Sanctuary, where more than 200,000 birds choose to nest each year. For birders, the earlier departures are best for this activity.

## Day 7

After breakfast, depart camp by qamutik and snowmobile to Pond Inlet. Enjoy your final night in Pond Inlet with a special Inuit cultural Arctic Circle

# Day 8

Depart for Ottawa with the spirit of the Arctic, and a full album of memories and friendships.







# 2025 GROUP AND DATES

- May 31 June 7th 2025
- Group size limited to 16 persons

#### **COST**

- A 8 day/7 night safari package is \$20,790.00 per person CAD including tax (approximately \$15,383.14 USD as of today).
- Airfaire package is estimated at \$5,299.70 CAD including tax (approximately \$3,988.00 USD as of today)
- The combined total of the safari package and airfare package is \$26,089.70 CAD (19,304.55 USD)

**Note:** The present price for the 2025 <u>Arctic Kingdom Narwhal Safari</u> is \$29,970.00 per person CAD including the airfare package. Our special rate gives you a savings of \$3880.30 CAD (\$2,871.15 USD)

#### **BREAKDOWN**

Safari Package Breakdown including airfare:

- Accommodations
- 2 nights in Pond Inlet hotel
- 5 nights in Tented Safari Camp on ice
- All meals, snacks & non-alcoholic beverages while in Pond Inlet & camp
- Services of Inuit Guides and Arctic Kingdom expedition staff
- All ground transportation in Pond Inlet and camp
- Hotel transfers in Pond Inlet
- Use of kayaks
- Drysuit, mask, fins, hood, gloves for snorkeling
- Travel Package includes round-trip flights Ottawa to Pond Inlet

#### Not included:

- Round-trip airfare from your hometown to Ottawa
- Polar Clothing Rental Package (Canadian Goose gear rental for \$895 CAD)
- Accommodation in Ottawa
- Gratuities, personal expenses
- Travel, medical and evacuation insurance (14-day package \$179/person)
- Additional costs associated with weather and/or layovers in Pond Inlet, Iqaluit or Ottawa
- Accommodations, meals and other expenses incurred during your stay in Ottawa

To book, access our Adventure Quest X Booking Form





Reservations: Verbal, faxed or written reservations will be held for 7 days. A \$5,377.49 CAD (\$4,000.00 USD) non-refundable deposit per person is required within 7 days to confirm a reservation. Substitution of guests is permitted with approval of Adventure Quest X. If payments are not received at the designated times Adventure Quest X reserves the right to cancel your reservation, with forfeiture of all monies to date. Trip cancellation insurance is highly suggested.

In addition, we appreciate your promptness in returning the completed (unaltered/scanned) application and liability release form with your deposit. Both forms must be completed and in our office prior to departure. The forms can be found at the forms and information page of the web site. All payments are non-refundable. All rates and conditions are subject to change. Please keep in consideration the fluctuation of CAD currency.

2nd installment \$5377.49 CAD (\$4000.00 USD) is due 480 days prior to travel (February 6, 2024).

3rd installment \$5377.49 CAD (\$4000.00 USD) is due 360 days prior to travel (June 5, 2024).

4th installment \$5377.49 CAD (\$4000.00 USD) is due 240 days prior to travel (October 3, 2024).

Final payment of \$4,579.74 CAD (\$3,406.83 USD) is due 120 days prior to travel (January 31,2025).



