

# AT NANOQ'S HOME, SEARCHING THE KING OF THE ARCTIC



## 1.000 Km route in Baffin island in a sled conditioned for travellers hauled by a snowmobile to watch polar bears with an Inuit experts on tracking Arctic wildlife

1000 Km route in a sled conditioned for travellers hauled by snowmobile through the frozen ice sea of the big Baffin Island, located in the Canadian High Arctic, nearly 3,000 km north of the great cities in Canada. Guided by Inuits with lot of experience in polar bear tracking, we will cross the frozen sea on the east coast of Baffin, in search of the world's largest carnivore. This area is considered one of the **world's Capital of Polar Bear** or "Nanoq" as Inuits call this amazing animal.

Our trip starts in the small Inuit town of Kanngiqtugaapik, located on the East coast of Baffin. Our goal is to observe, photograph and film the Polar Bear in freedom. Therefore we are going into his territory, where this enormous plantigrade is without question **'the King'**. Observing this great mammal in its natural habitat is a real privilege reserved only for those who venture into the **endless white landscapes**.

Accompanied by **Inuits expert in tracking of Arctic fauna**, we will advance on the icy ice pack of Isabella and Home Bay, where pressure ridges, ice plains, snowdrifts and floating ice floes follow each other. This favorite hunting place for polar bears. In this area there is also a good chance of watching seals lying on the ice near their breathing holes.

During our route, we will cross deep fjords as the Eglinton Fiord going through the foot of the **tallest sea cliffs in the world**, such as Polar Sun Spire of more than 1400 meters of vertical fall, located in the legendary Sam Ford Fiord. Or the gigantic rock wall of 4 Km long and 1300 meters high, known as the **Walker Citadel**.

## TRAVEL PROGRAM

### Day 1

- Flight from home to Ottawa.
- Overnight at hotel in Ottawa.

### Day 2

- Day in Ottawa to buy food for the expedition and as a margin in case of flight delays or luggage lost.
- Overnight at hotel in Ottawa.

### Day 3

- Flight Ottawa - Iqaluit (the capital of Nunavut Province) – Kanngiqtugaapik.
- Meeting with the Inuit and preparation of the equipment for the expedition.
- Overnight at hotel in Kanngiqtugaapik.

### Day 4

- We will start our route seating in the sled conditioned for travellers and hauled by a snowmobile driven by an Inuit. This part of the route will be over tundra terrain and heading northwest along the peninsula where is located Kanngiqtugaapik.
- During the whole route, in addition to the Inuit that will carry the snowmobile that hauls our sled, other Inuit will go on another snowmobile for safety, logistical support. He will carry all the equipment and fuel required for the route in his cargo sled.
- After crossing a succession of snowy valleys and frozen rivers we will reach a small bay called Ravenscraig located in the Eglinton Fiord and where there is a hunter's hut where we will spend the night.
- Night in hunters hut at Ravenscraig.

### Day 5

- Our second day of the route goes through the winding Egliton fiord that gradually narrows and whose walls are becoming more and more vertical giving the sensation of being escorted by stone giants.
- When reaching the bottom of the fiord we will go on snowy tundra through the Reservoir Pass, a mountain pass in which we will advance indiscriminately on snowy areas, frozen lagoons or frozen rivers.
- The end of the Reservoir Pass gives us access to the mythical Sam Ford fjord and its impressive marine cliffs, among which are the imposing Sun Spire Polar (which with its more than 1,400 meters high is the tallest marine cliff of pure vertical drop on Earth), the slender Beluga Spire, the granitic Great Cross Pillar and its peculiar black cross formed by nature, etc.
- Next we will go to the Walker Arm, an arm of the Sam Ford Fiord where the Walker Citadel is located, a huge rock wall 4 km long and

an average height of 1,300 meters that falls directly into the frozen sea.

- Our route continues to the mouth of the Sam Ford fjord, flanking impressive marine walls like the wall called "the fin". Bordering the western part of the Remote Peninsula we will reach the frozen ocean of Baffin Bay that separates the coasts of Canada and Greenland.
- Once in the bay we will go around Cape Erik Point and skirt the short peninsula that separates the fiords of Sam Ford and Eglinton. Next we will cross the icy mouth of the Eglinton fiord until we reach the hunter's hut located in Ravenscraig where we will spend the night.
- Night in hunters hut at Ravenscraig.

#### **Day 6**

- In the morning we will head southwest back to Kanngiqtugaapik over the ice sea flanking coast of the great peninsula where is located that Inuit settlement. Over the ice sea we will have options to see polar bears in their natural territory.
- At early afternoon we will reached Kanngiqtugaapik where we can rest and have a well-deserved hot shower.
- Overnight at hotel in Kanngiqtugaapik.

#### **Day 7**

- After having rested and with the refueling of the snowmobiles already made, we will continue the second part of our expedition.
- From Kanngiqtugaapik we will head southeast through the frozen sea crossing the entrance of the Clyde Bay until we reach the Halliday point at the northern end of the great unnamed peninsula that separates the Inugsuin Fiord and the Isabella Bay.
- From there we will go along the coast until we reach Cape Raper at the entrance of Isabella Bay where we will spend the night in a hunter's hut.
- Night in hunters hut at Cape Raper.

#### **Day 8**

- Today our route goes directly to Home Bay, an area where Inuit hunters from Kanngiqtugaapik often go for searching seals and polar bears.
- Surrounding the Henry Kater Peninsula we will reach the Cape of the same name to head later west until we go into the Home bay to a point on the coast called Breakleg Creek where is located a small hunter's hut where we will spend the night.
- Night in hunters hut at Breakleg Creek.

#### **Day 9**

- Using the Breakleg Creek hunt as a starting point and back, today we will enter into Home Bay, one of the "world capitals" of the polar bear.
- Throughout the day we will move through the ever changing ice sea searching the "King of the Arctic", looking for recent traces that reveal the presence of polar bears in the vicinity.
- During our route to see polar bears we will go to the island of Kingittuqsit located in Alexander Bay. In this area we will explore the surroundings looking for the "Nanoq".
- On our way back we will stop at Niaqurnak point where from time to time there are males looking for females and where those ones also go to that area.
- At the end of our route of the day we will return to Breakleg Creek to spend the night in the hunters hut.
- Night in a hunters hut at Breakleg Creek.

#### **Day 10**

- In the morning we will go directly to the frozen ocean where the pressure ridges, the snowdrifts, the broken ice and the frozen plains follow without interruption.
- Throughout the day we will move through the ever changing sea in search of the "King of the Arctic", looking for recent traces that reveal the presence of polar bears in the vicinity.
- The objective is to get as close as possible to the area of the floating ice floes, one of the favorite places of the polar bears and where the seals love to lie on ice under the arctic spring sun.
- After a day touring the ice sea where the bays of Baffin and Home meet, we will return to Breakleg Creek to spend the night in the hunters hut.
- Night in a hunters hut at Breakleg Creek.

#### **Day 11**

- Today we will head south to explore the islands that dot the western area of Home Bay.
- On our way we will try to reach the mouth of the Ekalugad fjord where there are islands that reach 700 meters high directly from the sea.
- As every day in the Home Bay our priority is to locate "Nanoq", the great white bear and our Inuit guides will follow traces left by polar bears that roam the area.
- Night in a hunters hut at Breakleg Creek.

#### **Day 12**

- Today we will return to the Inuit settlement of Kanngiqtugaapik, crossing the tundra of the Henry Kater peninsula until we reach

Isabella Bay.

- Once in Isabella Bay we will cross the frozen sea between the imposing islands of Aulitiving and Aulitvik until we reach the southern coast of the unnamed peninsula that separates the fiords of Mcbeth and Inugsuin.
- Our route climbs up to the plateau of that peninsula heading north direction. After crossing the plain we will at the Inugsuit fjord.
- Then our tour continues through the frozen sea to reach the Clyde Inlet and from there we will arrive to the Inuit settlement of Kanngiqtugaapik ending more than 1,000 km of crossing in one of the most remote, beautiful and unknown places on the planet .
- Night in hotel at Kanngiqtugaapik.

#### **Day 13**

- Extra night in Kanngiqtugaapik in case of bad weather, bad ice or snow or logistical problems inherent in the Arctic.
- Overnight at hotel in Kanngiqtugaapik.

#### **Day 14**

- Flight Kanngiqtugaapik - Iqaluit – Ottawa.
- Overnight at hotel in Ottawa.

#### **Day 15**

- Flight Ottawa – home.
  - Depending on the timetables and direction of the flight (east or west) the arrival at home could be the next day.
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### **WARNING**

This trip is an expedition where unforeseen circumstances may occur and therefore the program is subject to change on the ground for weather factors, ice and/or snow conditions, logistical factors inherent to the arctic or force majeure beyond the control of Mundo Artico - Arctic World.

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### **DATES**

12 or 15 days tour between 15 March and 30 April 2022

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### **PRICE**

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### **REGISTRATION DEADLINE**

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### **RESERVATION**

Before 120 days of the trip: 50% of the trip price + flights. After 120 days: 100% + flights

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### **MINIMUM GROUP**

No minimum group required

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### **INCLUDED**

- 4 nights of accommodation at hotel In Kanngiqtugaapik.
  - Return transfer from Clyde River airport to Kanngiqtugaapik.
  - 9 days route in a sled conditioned for travellers hauled by a snowmobile (2 travellers/sled).
  - 1 Inuit guide expert in tracking polar bears with his own snowmobile and sled for travellers during 9 days.
  - 1 Inuit guide with his own snowmobile and cargo sled for as safety, logistic support and equipment and fuel cargo during 9 days.
  - Gasoline and engine oil for 2 snowmobiles for 1.000 Km route.
  - Multiadventure trip insurance.
  - 1 piece of 23 Kg of personal baggage per traveller.
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### **NOT INCLUDED**

- Flights.
- Air taxes.

- Accommodation in Ottawa and other places (except accommodation included in Kanngiqtuqaapik).
  - Meals in Ottawa, Kanngiqtuqaapik and other places.
  - Expedition food for the sled snowmobile route.
  - Transfers in Ottawa and other places (except the transfers included in Kanngiqtuqaapik).
  - Meals at airports and planes.
  - Extra costs of accommodation, flights tickets, transfers, extra days of snowmobiles rental and meals due to flight delays, weather factors, ice and/or snow conditions, logistics factors inherent in the Arctic, strikes at airports, force majeure and any cause beyond of Mundo Artico -Arctic World control.
  - Activities, excursions, meals, accommodation and transfers not specified in the expedition plan.
  - Costs and applications for visa to Canada or other countries if required.
  - Anything not specified in the "Included" section.
  - Personal winter and mountain clothes and equipment (including winter sleeping bag).
  - Excess of personal baggage.
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## SUPPLEMENTS

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## NOTES

Arctic World as specialists in the polar regions, organize tailor made trips according the interests, budget, available time and wishes of the traveller. So, to this trip are possible adding activities, days, meals, excursions, etc., in order this will be an unforgettable experience. Just tell us the days, activities and meals you want to do and **we will prepare your customize trip.**

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