TRACKING THE NANOQ FOOTSTEPS: THE ARCTIC KING







Snowmobile expedition in mythical Northwest Passage to watch and photograph polar bears with an Inuit guide

400 Kilometers of snowmobile crossing through the key point of the legendary Northwest Passage in northern Canada. Guided by an experienced Inuit, who was born in an igloo, we will cross the frozen Barrow and Lancaster Straits. A frozen ice sea zone where pressure ridges and plains of ice follow one after other.

Departing from Resolute, base of many sports expeditions to the North Pole Geographic, our goal is to achieve the polynia, an area of sea that never freezes, located near Devon Island. This polynia is rich in wildlife where it is common to find seals and their natural predator, the polar bear, a marvel of adaptation to arctic climate and terrain.

On our route we will stop at Beechy Island, an archaeological site where the remains of ill-fated expedition of Sir John Franklin, the source of much of the American High Arctic exploration. After observing and photographing extensively polar bears and other Arctic wildlife we will head to Cape Sherard, the entry point of the Northwest Passage, where it is easy to find muskoxen.

We will return to Resolute along the coast of Somerset Island through spectacular gorges and cutting rock canyons. Before arriving in Resolute we will visit the Canadian Military Survival School, where the Canadian Air Force learns polar survival techniques taught by our Inuit guide. Right there we can build an igloo with our Inuit teacher and sleep in the snow shelter warmed by a traditional seal oil lamp.

TRAVEL PROGRAM

Day 1
Flight to Ottawa. Overnight at hotel.

Day 2
Flight Ottawa - Resolute. Overnight at hotel.

Day 3
Day in Resolute to prepare the equipment, learning the use of snowmobiles and visit the village. Overnight at hotel.

Day 4
Load all gear, food, fuel and equipment on sleds. Starting of the trip in Resolute to go through the Barrow Strait to Beechy Island, where we will sleep in the same place where wintered the expedition of Sir John Franklin over 150 years ago. Overnight in tent.

Day 5
We will continue our journey along the south coast of Devon Island until the polynia located in its vicinity, located in the Lancaster Strait. Overnight in tent on the frozen sea.

Days 6 to 11
We will look for polar bears with the help of our Inuit guide to photograph and observe them closely. In our route we will reach Cape Sherard, the eastern tip of Devon Island and the Northwest Passage entrance. A place where we can easily find one of the most elusive animals in the Arctic: the musk ox. Overnight in tent on the frozen sea.

Day 12
Return to Resolute Bay along the coast of Somerset Island. This day we will travel with snowmobiles along spectacular snowy ravines and canyons. Before arriving in Resolute we will visit the Canadian Military Survival School, where the Canadian Air Force learns polar survival techniques taught by our Inuit guide. Right there we can build an igloo with our Inuit teacher Inuit and sleep in the snow shelter warmed by a traditional seal oil lamp.

Day 13
Arrival in Resolute Bay and time to relax and quietly visit this small population of 200 Inuit. Overnight at hotel.

Day 14
Free time in Resolute. Overnight at hotel.

Day 15
Flight Resolute - Ottawa. Overnight at hotel.

Day 16
Flight Ottawa - home.

WARNING

This trip is an expedition where unforeseen circumstances may occur and therefore the program is subject to change on the ground for weather reasons, logistical matters, ice and snow conditions or force majeure.

DATES

April and May 2027

PRICE

Ask price

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

RESERVATION

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

MINIMUM GROUP

6 People

INCLUDED

- 1 Inuit guide.
- 1 Arctic World guide.
- 2 Nights hotel in Ottawa.
- 3 Nights hotel in Resolute.
- Snowmobile rental during the expedition.
- All meals in Resolute according the trip programme and during the snowmobiling expedition.
- Specific polar equipment rental during the trip.
- Travel insurance.
- 1 Piece of baggage of 15 kilogrames as a personal luggage.

NOT INCLUDED

- Flight to Ottawa and Resolute and return.
- Air taxes.
- Meals in Ottawa.
- Meals on transfers and airports.
- Extra accommodation nights and extra meals in Ottawa, Resolute Bay, Iqaluit and airports because of delays due to weather conditions, strikes at airports and any other causes beyond Arctic World.
- Costs of air excess weight in personal baggage.

SUPPLEMENTS

NOTES

- During the route every traveler will go with her or his own snowmobile.
- Group from 6 to 8 people.
- Due to severe limitations on aircraft weight, it is important not to carry as personal baggage over 15 kilos per person.