



Baffin Island - Jewel of the High Arctic

****Book by 15 July, 2019 and receive a US\$1,000 travel credit.**** Explore the east coast of Baffin Island and discover majestic mountains, great glaciers and fjords far below. Immerse yourself in the traditions and cultures of Northern Canada as you encounter a variety of birdlife, marine wildlife, and maybe spot a polar bear or walrus or two along the way.



YOUR
ADVENTURE
AWAITS

11 days/10 nights

ITINERARY

Day 1: Depart Ottawa

Departing Ottawa, you will board your flight to Iqaluit, Baffin Island. When you arrive, you will take part in a walking tour of the town and then board your expedition ship, the Akademik Ioffe, in the afternoon. Enjoy a welcome cocktail as you start your adventure through one of the most remote places on earth, Baffin Island.

Day 2: Monumental Island

Today, you will explore the shoreline of Monumental Island, a well-known location for walrus. Keep an eye out for polar bears as well, as they are also known to be seen here.

Day 3: Kimmirut

A particular focus of our visit is the local art scene and after cruising into a narrow channel we travel ashore by zodiac, where we enjoy a warm welcome from the locals. This community is well known for its arts and crafts including stone carvings, sealskin clothing, jewellery and fine beadwork among other items. Many of Kimmirut's residents are renowned carvers whose art is collected worldwide. There are some great sea kayaking opportunities in this area and our guides will be keen to head out for a paddle.

Day 4 & 5: Cape Dorset

The community of Cape Dorset is Baffin Island's best-known art centre, referred to as the 'Capital of Inuit Art', with almost a quarter of the hamlet's residents actively engaged in the visual arts. Much of their artwork reflects the wilderness and environment of Baffin Island, with objects such as whales, narwhals, seals, walruses, bears, wolves, foxes and more providing a focus for artistic expression. Cape Dorset is also blessed with superb Arctic landscapes, home to migratory caribou, seabirds, whales, seals and walruses which can be found in the vicinity. There are some excellent hiking opportunities through rolling hills to secluded waterfalls and lakes, providing great views and chances to observe the local wildlife or watch ice floes drift slowly by.

Day 6: Walrus Island and Coral Harbour

A zodiac cruise at the small outcrop of Walrus Island allows a close encounter with these fascinating animals. Coral Harbour has a fascinating history. Today the island is an important migratory bird flyway, visited by species including the common eider and lesser snow goose, ptarmigans, snowy owls, peregrine falcons and gyrfalcons are also spotted in this vicinity. On land, caribou are abundant and both the red fox and Arctic fox are sometimes spotted. The hamlet is also known for the production of intricate wall hangings, each telling a unique visual story.

Day 7: Digges Islands

Located at the north-western tip of the Ungava Peninsula, the Digges Islands mark the juncture of the Hudson Strait and north-eastern Hudson Bay, and their rocky cliffs are ideal for seabirds. There are also a number of walrus colonies in the area. Polar bears can be found throughout this region and we will hope to encounter them from a safe distance.



while cruising in the zodiacs. We continue sailing east, around the northern tip of Quebec, and enter the very remote Erik Cove for an afternoon excursion. The remnants of a Hudson's Bay Company store lie on the southern shore and we enjoy a walk with our guides along the waterfront.

Day 8: Shaftesbury Inlet

Shaftesbury Inlet is a narrow and strikingly beautiful fjord and we'll likely be on deck as the Captain navigates our ship into this narrow channel. This inlet is characterized by steep shorelines and high tides, with tide height changing as much as 10 - 12 metres daily. We will plan to visit ashore at the mouth of a small river and hike up the river valley, eventually reaching a lake.

Day 9: Akpatok Island & Lower Savage Islands

Ringed by steep cliffs, Akpatok Island is home to a staggering abundance of birdlife. It's also a well-known location for walrus and polar bears, the latter often observed climbing the steep cliffs. Ice floes often surround parts of the island, and these attract both seals and walrus, making this a popular hunting ground for polar bears. The island has historically been a traditional hunting ground for Inuit people.

Day 10: Lower Savage Islands

To the north of Akpatok, the extraordinary Lower Savage Islands are bisected by narrow channels that provide spectacular zodiac cruising opportunities. The islands are ideally situated between the dynamic flow of the Hudson Strait, and this mixing of nutrient-rich waters makes for a diversity of marine life.

Day 11: Iqaluit

This morning we find ourselves anchored off Iqaluit. We say goodbye to our crew, make our way ashore in zodiacs and are then transferred to the airport for our scheduled flight to Ottawa. On arrival in Ottawa, our journey comes to an end. A transfer is provided to a downtown location.

Details

2019 Departures:

July: 22

Special offer discounts are not reflected in the regular rates listed below. Reduced pricing will be quoted at the time of your inquiry.

2019 Pricing:

US\$7,895 - Triple Share

US\$8,995 - Twin Semi-Private Facilities

US\$10,895 - Twin Private

US\$11,795 - Superior

US\$13,495 - Shackleton Suite

US\$15,495 - One Ocean Suite

Tax: 5% GST

US\$695 - Kayaking, pre-book at time of reservation. Limited numbers.

US\$1,995 - charter flight Ottawa to Iqaluit and Resolute to Edmonton (taxes included)

Prices are shown in US\$ and are per person based on three people sharing a triple cabin or two people sharing regular cabins or suites. Single cabins are available for 1.5X the per person twin occupancy price for regular cabins or 2X for suites. Single rates are not available in the triple cabin category. Charter price includes taxes and fees.

Trip Code:

003903-W20

INCLUDED



- Voyage aboard the Akademik Ioffe, as outlined in itinerary
- All meals throughout the voyage aboard the ship including snacks, coffee and tea
- All shore excursions and activities throughout the voyage by Zodiac, as applicable
- Program of lectures by noted naturalists and leadership by experienced expedition staff
- Comprehensive pre-departure material
- Transfers between the airport and ship in Resolute

NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare to Ottawa and from Edmonton
- 5% GST
- Charter flights
- Travel insurance
- Gratuities
- Items of a personal nature
- Fuel surcharges if imposed

TOUR NOTES

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