



Naujaat - On the Arctic Circle

Let us introduce you to the magical Arctic! This tour will take you from Canada's golden prairies to Naujaat, a town located on the Arctic Circle.



4 days/3 nights

ITINERARY

Day 1: Winnipeg to Naujaat

The Arctic Circle awaits you! Board your flight to Naujaat (Repulse Bay) and head north. Today we will fly straight north over and above Hudson Bay to this small hamlet, home to approximately 1,000 people. Naujaat (Repulse Bay) lies directly on top of the Arctic Circle in central Nunavut. It is here that the Arctic Circle cairn stands, a symbol that marks the Arctic Circle's location. Naujaat (Repulse Bay) is the only North American community located on the Arctic Circle. The Arctic Circle is a line that delineates the points on the earth's surface north of which the sun is above the horizon for 24 hours on June 21, and entirely below the horizon for 24 hours on December 21.

The Inuktitut name for Repulse Bay is Naujaat, which means "nesting place for seagulls". Nesting grounds are located on cliffs five kilometres north of the community and every June the area is occupied by thousands of seagulls, as well as snow birds, loons, eider ducks, longtail ducks, and jaegers.

Upon arrival, you will be met at the airport and transferred to the Naujat Hotel, your home base for the next three nights. Your local, expedition guide will take you on a community tour where you will visit ancient ruins and spot remnants of bow-head whale bones. A stop is made at the community office where you will be given your Arctic Circle certificate. Dinner is at your hotel and afterwards you have the option to head to bed, or stay outside and marvel at the daylight that will still be around! Perhaps venture over to the community hall for a game of pool with the locals. The children of Naujaat (Repulse Bay) are among the friendliest in the Arctic. They'll greet you with shy smiles that turn into a friendly "Hi!" Then, they'll ask your name, tell you theirs, and an instant friendship blooms.

Time is no longer important to us as we're almost in the land of the midnight sun! With the long daylight hours you'll have a chance to look around well into the evening.

Days 2 & 3: Naujaat - optional touring

Your days are free to explore on your own or we can pre-book you on optional touring such as spring dog sledding, where the team will take you for an exhilarating ride along the sea ice. Keep your eyes wide open for wildlife and experience traditional travel methods in the north that people still rely on today. In the summer boat trips take you out to the Harbour Islands, which consist of approximately 15 islands lying off the north coast of Naujaat (Repulse Bay). A little over a kilometre from shore, the islands appear as sparsely vegetated rocky outcrops. The largest island, measuring approximately 2 km by 1 km, has two small creeks each fed by a lake. Watch for wildlife and savour the



encounters that come your way! Hiking options include a wilderness hike or a hike to a Thule site.

There are also fishing trips available, either ice fishing or open water fishing at North Pole River. Try your hand at catching some Arctic Char which inhabits these pristine waters. Later, you may have time to make your way to the John Rae house, conditions permitting. John Rae, a young doctor practising in Canada at the time, was commissioned in July 1846 to sail up the west coast of Husdon Bay from Churchill to Naujaat (Repulse Bay) to examine the north coast of this mysterious bay. Rae discovered this beautiful area and returned in August to winter. This was when Rae and his men built the stone house at Fort Hope (North Pole River). Some of the parts were even brought up from Churchill! He was familiar with constructing stone houses as he was native to Scotland and familiar with the sedimentary rock surrounding him. Construction was finished by the beginning of September and the rest is history!

Naujaat (Repulse Bay) is renowned for its excellent artisans, especially for its Inuit carvers who work in bone, ivory and stone. The past is valued here, as you'll soon see. Artisans create exquisite imagery in stone, intricate jewellery, and beautifully designed clothing that is warm and practical. You may have the opportunity to meet some local soapstone carvers in town.

Day 4: Naujaat to Winnipeg

Some time today at leisure, free to explore town and perhaps purchase some art before our early afternoon flight back to Winnipeg. Take a wander through the co-op, take last minute photos, and say goodbye to the new friends you now have living on the Arctic Circle. Transfer to the airport for the flight back to Winnipeg. Window seats are ideal, as the views on clear days are spectacular while flying over Nunavut's Kivalliq region. The tour concludes upon arrival back to Winnipeg.

Extensions are available either pre or post tour if you wish to spend a night or two before or after your Naujaat tour. There's lots to see and do in Winnipeg and we can arrange hotel accommodations, a car rental and recommend points of interest to visit.

Details

Group Size: 6

2018 Departures:

Daily from Winnipeg, May to August

2018 Pricing:

From CA\$2,990 – twin

Taxes: CA\$115 air taxes; 5% GST on total

Prices are quoted in CA\$, per person based on two people sharing a twin room. Prices for one person in a single room may be available on request. Actual prices may vary depending based on the availability of flights, accommodation and tours. An accurate price will be quoted to you at the time of your inquiry.

Trip Code:

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INCLUDED

- Airfare Winnipeg – Naujaat (Repulse Bay) – Winnipeg
- All transfers in Naujaat
- Three nights' accommodation in Naujaat (Repulse Bay)
- Continental breakfast daily in Naujaat
- Lunch and dinner daily in Naujaat
- Community tour in Naujaat
- Comprehensive pre-departure materials



- Arctic Circle crossing certificate

NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare from your home city to/from Winnipeg
- Gratuities
- Travel Insurance (Medical & Cancellation mandatory)
- Items of a personal nature
- Gratuities to local guides

TOUR NOTES

The touring components of this program are 100% weather dependent. We reserve the right to shift the order of components in order to best take advantage of the ever changing floe edge.

Depending on your arrival time into Winnipeg before and after the tour an overnight stay may be necessary. We can add in hotel accommodation for you as required.

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