



# Ultimate Arctic Expedition

800 Kilometer nördlich des Polarkreises an den Ufern der Nordwest-Passage liegt die Arctic Watch Wilderness Lodge und ist somit die weltweit nördlichste Lodge! Von Yellowknife aus fliegen Sie mit einem Kleinflugzeug hinaus in die Wildnis bis nach Nunavut. Während diesem Abenteuer verbringen Sie zuerst 5 Nächte in der Arctic Watch Wilderness Lodge in grossen, komfortabel eingerichteten Hauszelten. Diese verfügen über ein eigene Toilette, Duschen befinden sich im Hauptgebäude. Sobald das Eis schmilzt, sammeln sich hier in den flachen Gewässern des Cunningham Inlet jedes Jahr zwischen Juli und August mehr als 2000 Belugawale zur Aufzucht ihrer Jungen und zum gemeinsamen Spiel im warmen Flusswasser. Anschliessend verbringen Sie nochmals 5 Nächte in der Arctic Haven Wilderness Lodge in Cabins mit privatem Bad/Dusche. Die Lodge ist bekannt um die arktische Qamanirjuaq Karibu Herde hautnah zu beobachten. Tagsüber können Sie die faszinierende Tierwelt des Nordens wozu Karibus, Grizzlybären, Vielfrasse, Steinadler und der Weiskopf-Seeadler gehören beobachten. Während dem Aufenthalt in den Lodges haben Sie die Möglichkeit zu unzähligen Aktivitäten wie geführte Wanderungen, Tier- und Naturbeobachtungen, Kayak-Ausflüge, Fischen, Mountain-Biking, Quad-Touren, Sauna, etc. Zudem kommen Sie in den Genuss von lokalen und frisch zubereiteten Mahlzeiten sowie täglich frisch gebackenes Brot.



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**Tag 1: Flight to Arctic Watch Lodge**

After breakfast, depart Yellowknife on a private charter for the 3-hour flight to Arctic Watch. Guests will land in the Arctic later that afternoon. After an introduction to the lodge and the surrounding landscape by the Arctic Watch team, guests will have time settle into their cabins. Before dinner is served, a short hike up to the local mountain is offered; breathtaking views of the Northwest Passage and ice formations on the Arctic ocean.

**Tag 2: Arctic Watch Lodge**

ATVs are our most practical form of transportation to cover long distances on the tundra. Attend a hands-on introduction to all-terrain vehicles followed by a short drive to the Cunningham Estuary to watch beluga whales. The coastal area of Somerset has a unique history; archaeological sites dating to viking contact can be seen. Enjoy a delicious lunch buffet back at the lodge before departing for a short afternoon hike to the Triple Waterfalls. This short 5km roundtrip hike gives you an introduction to the plants and animals that live in the area. Encounters with muskox are common.

**Tag 3: Arctic Watch Lodge**

Travel by ATV across the Cunningham River delta, to Muskox Ridge. This scenic trail provides spectacular views of the area and is a great vantage point from which to see muskoxen and arctic foxes. From the high ridge, hike down into one of the many depressions where muskoxen often spend the summer months foraging. After a picnic lunch at Inukshuk Lake, fishing gear will supplied to catch-and-release arctic char. Head back to the lodge along the River Trail keeping an eye out for birds such as snowy owls, jaegers, rough-legged hawks and more. After dinner, an informal lecture by Richard Weber on his North Pole expeditions - highlighting his historic (and unrepeated) 1995 unassisted journey - will be offered.

**Tag 4: Arctic Watch Lodge**

Sea kayak the gin-clear water of Cunningham Inlet while enjoying views of Gifford Point in the distance. Watch for beluga whales passing by your boat as they travel between the open water of the Northwest Passage and the mouth of the Cunningham River. Hop out on the other side of the inlet at Kayak Falls and take a short hike to explore the small canyon.

**Tag 5: Arctic Watch Lodge**

Hike across the Badlands of Somerset - a preserved ocean floor, 10 km from the sea - with 8,000 year-old whale bones and shells. See muskox, arctic fox and snowy owls. This time of year the muskox begin to rut - so have your cameras ready. The hike will conclude at the Cunningham River raft launch followed by lunch on the beach. Then there is a choice to kayak, paddle board or raft back down stream on the the river

through the canyons back to Arctic Watch Lodge.

After dinner there's a traditional Inuit games workshop.

**Tag 6: Transfer to Arctic Haven Lodge**

Time to make the move south from the High Arctic to the treeline and Arctic Haven. Departure time is midday, with a stopover to stretch our legs and refuel in Baker Lake, Nunavut - the calving grounds of the Qamanirjuaq caribou. The nomadic Inuit that once lived long the shores of Ennadai, now live in the community of Baker Lake. We will visit the town and local community centre before re-boarding for the final leg. Arriving in the early evening, guests will meet the Arctic Haven team and settle into their rooms before dinner. Afterwards there will be the opportunity to unwind in the wood fired sauna by the lake and take in the Northern Lights.

**Tag 7: Arctic Haven Lodge**

Breakfast is served daily at 8:30 am. A water safety briefing will be given prior to going out on Ennadai Lake. Head to the northern reaches of the lake, above the tree-line where the numerous islands are used by migratory wildlife - search for the Qamanirjuaq caribou, wolves, and wolverines. The photo opportunities are unparalleled so be sure to bring your camera. Enjoy a picnic lunch on the beach. Spend the afternoon cruising around the islands and going on short hikes to get a closer look at these majestic animals. Visit archaeological sites where the Ahiaermiut in the area have camped for hundreds of years. Return to the lodge for a gourmet meal, and an informal lecture by Richard Weber on his North Pole expeditions - highlighting his historic (and unrepeated) 1995 unassisted journey. There will be the opportunity to unwind in the wood fired sauna and take in the Northern Lights.

**Tag 8: Arctic Haven Lodge**

An active day of fat biking along the expansive western esker is a great option for a clear sunny day. A quick helicopter ride will drop you off on top of a long reaching esker from where you will start your bike ride. Eskers are formed by glacial deposition which, after the retreat of the last ice age, left long winding trails of sand. Sitting above the marshy tundra, eskers offer a great vantage point of the surrounding scenery and wildlife. Well drained due to their elevation and sandy composition, eskers are not only perfect for hiking and biking but also a popular location for animals to den. Returning to the lodge by boat, guests will enjoy the final evening's gourmet meal. For those wishing to sea kayak - we also offer the option to kayak amongst the caribou islands on Ennadai Lake. A small series of islands used by caribou to migrate south, the sea kayak excursion is often an excellent place to observe wildlife! Afterwards, your host Josée Auclair will give an

informal workshop on local edible tundra sourced items.

**Tag 9: Arctic Haven Lodge**

Guests are invited to join us as we explore the tundra via helicopter - it's the ultimate way to experience the wildlife and stunning landscapes. Stop to hike or fly fish along the way. Helicopter flight time is included in this adventure but additional time can also be purchased, see the ADD-ON section at the bottom of this page. After dinner there will be a presentation on the Ahiaermiut or "people of the deer" - the Inuit who lived on the shores of Ennadai until the 1950's.

**Tag 10: Arctic Haven Lodge**

For those interested in experiencing the thrill of landing a grayling on the end of their line, Epic Creek offers amazing fishing and is only accessible by helicopter. Grayling are not only stunning fish, with an impressive dorsal fin, but are also tenacious fighters and highly sought after by anglers. Small but mighty, these energetic fish are known to put up a hard fight. With a pickup and drop-off by helicopter, fishermen can enjoy a full day casting into the steady and even current of the small arctic stream. After a freshly caught fish fry lunch and a full day outdoors, an informal evening presentation on the Mythology and Folklore of the Northern Lights will be given - it is inspired by stories from around the world about the Aurora Borealis.

**Tag 11: Flight to Yellowknife**

By now, guests are familiar with the area, and can opt to do an activity that they missed or would like to repeat. It is possible to kayak, hike bike or fish. It's an afternoon departure for Yellowknife on the first leg of your return flight home.

**Anforderungen:**

Eine Vor- und Nachübernachtung in Yellowknife ist dringend empfohlen!

**Hinweise:** Diese Reise führt in spezielle Gebiete, welche teilweise eine sehr begrenzte Infrastruktur bieten. Die Übernachtungen sind in Cabins oder grossen Zelten, welche Sie mit einem anderen Teilnehmer teilen. Preise für ein Einzelcabin/zimmer sind auf Anfrage erhältlich.



**Reisedauer:**

11 Tage

**Teilnehmerzahl:**

15 Personen

**Ab - Bis:**

Yellowknife

**Im Preis inbegriffen:**

- Flug zur Lodge und zurück
- 5 Übernachtungen in der Arctic Haven Lodge inkl. Vollpension
- 5 Übernachtungen in der Arctic Watch Lodge inkl. Vollpension
- Geführte Ausflüge und Aktivitäten
- Benutzung aller Einrichtungen auf der Lodge
- Informative Vorträge zu Flora, Fauna und Umgebung
- Gummistiefel für die Dauer der Expedition
- Helikopterflug
- Lokale Englischsprachige Guides

**Nicht im Preis inbegriffen:**

- Trinkgelder
- Hotelübernachtungen vor und nach der Tour
- Optionale Ausflüge
- Alkoholische Getränke

**Hinweis**

Preise und Verfügbarkeiten sind auf Anfrage erhältlich. Gerne machen wir Ihnen ein Angebot.

