

Join Mark on a one-off narwhal safari

5 - 15 June 2013



EARLY CHANCE TO BOOK

There was such a phenomenal response to our Baffin Island trip, launched a few weeks ago (94 passengers booked in less than a week), that we've set up another special trip to northern Baffin. This one is for just 14 passengers (including Mark) and will focus specifically on narwhal.

HIGHLIGHTS

- excellent chance of observing narwhal within yards of the floe edge
- plenty of time for unhurried observation and photography
- for the more adventurous, an opportunity to try to snorkel with the narwhal (they are often inquisitive and curiously approach people in the water)
- accompanied by experienced Inuit guides
- stay in a comfortable tented camp on the six-foot-thick sea ice
- journey to the campsite on a traditional Inuit-style qamutik (a sledge pulled by a snowmobile – with up to four people on each)
- good chance of seeing bowhead whale, polar bear, a variety of species of seals and an incredible variety of seabirds (including ivory gulls and king eiders)
- reasonable chance of seeing walrus and beluga, as well as Arctic foxes, snowy owls, gyrfalcons and much more (we also visit a nearby bird colony with 20,000-plus birds)
- 24-hour daylight and surprisingly mild spring weather (typically hovering around 0°C)
- our base will be Sirmilik National Park, nestled between the majestic mountains of north Baffin Island and Bylot Island

- unlimited use of kayaks along the floe edge
- Arctic clothing rental package available (at extra cost)



ITINERARY

Wed 5 June: Fly London to Ottawa – overnight in Ottawa

Thu 6 June: Fly Ottawa to Iqaluit – change planes for flight to Pond Inlet (northern Baffin Island) – time to explore - overnight in a comfortable hotel in town

Fri 7 – Tue 11 June: Journey over the ice to camp (approximately 60 miles – we'll make regular tea stops at historic grave sites, hanging glaciers, abandoned whaling stations and hunting cabins) – daily sorties along the floe edge in search of narwhal, polar bear and other wildlife

Wed 12 June: Journey over the ice from camp to Pond Inlet – time to explore - overnight in town hotel

Thu 13 June: Fly Pond Inlet to Iqaluit and on to Ottawa – overnight in Ottawa

Fri 14 June: Fly Ottawa to London

Sat 15 June: Arrive in London

THE CAMP

The camp will already be set up in time for our arrival and, conditions permitting, will be just back from the ice edge. It will consist of twin-occupancy, double-insulated tents, fully equipped with raised beds, warm sleeping bags, heaters, wooden floors and ample standing room; these are entered through large doors and are designed to ensure warmth and sturdiness in the most challenging of weather conditions. There will also be a large kitchen tent, complete with tables and chairs, and 'his and hers' bathroom tents.

PRICE

£8,995 (based on two people sharing, which includes internal Arctic flights, and everything except return flight from London to Ottawa) – comprising £2,000 deposit then £6,995 due 5 Feb 2013.

This price includes: complete guided tour as described from 7-11 June; return flights from Ottawa to Iqaluit and Iqaluit to Pond Inlet; two nights in a comfortable hotel in Ottawa; two nights in a comfortable hotel in Pond Inlet; five nights in a luxury Arctic camp; all meals from dinner on 6 June to breakfast on 13 June; hotel transfers in Pond Inlet.

This price does not include: return flights to and from Ottawa; gratuities; items of a personal nature; travel insurance; additional costs associated with weather and/or layovers in Pond Inlet, Iqaluit or Ottawa; single supplements (available in Pond Inlet hotel only -price TBC).

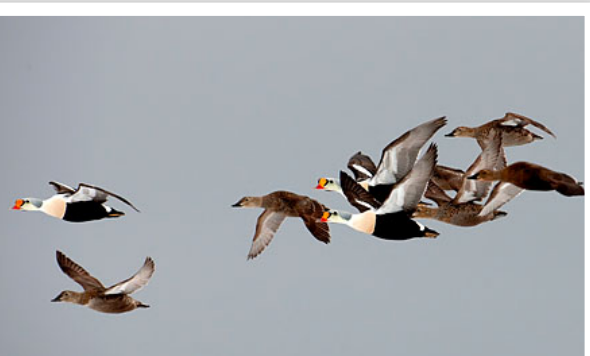
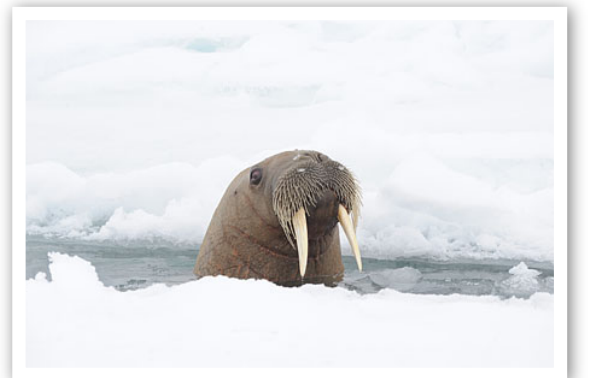
TO BOOK

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To get an idea of the camp and local area, go to the next page ...



Photos of camping on the ice-edge while enjoying our narwhal safari

