Lure of the Labrador Wild

Torngat Mountains National Park Experience

Overview

Torngat Mountains National Park is situated at the northern tip of Labrador, Canada’s newest national treasure - a stunning combination of wilderness seacoast, surreal turquoise lakes and towering fjords. But this destination and its treasures are age old to Inuit, whose stories and language speak of this land - its wildlife, its spirits, its mysteries and its legends. And now, thanks to the creation of a seasonal base camp operation and research station, you can experience the Torngats first hand. Imagine being able to see polar bears during the summer months – A Once in a lifetime experience not to be missed!

Until you’ve journeyed north, it is difficult to imagine the spectacular landscapes and Natural Wonders that define the Torngat Mountains... Until you’ve seen this landscape through the lens of your Inuit hosts - as the heartland of Inuit Culture - it is impossible to understand the deep connections between language, tradition and landscape that define the rhythm of this land.

Tuttuk - 6 Night Package

This is a six night package and includes two nights in Goose Bay either side of Base Camp Package, round-trip air transportation from Goose Bay to Sagleak, helicopter transfer from Sagleak to Torngat Mountains Base Camp & Research Station, all meals, insulated and heated Design Shelter or Intershelter tents. This package includes a choice of 3 excursions from the following: Hebron, North Arm, Rose Island, Nachvak Brook and Ramah.

Nanuagak is designed for visitors who want a shorter option of active exploring days combining moderate physical activity with Inuit culture and heritage experiences and extra comforts at base camp.

2022 Rates  in CAD and are based on per person + HST
Internal Flights

Scheduled flights are Saturday (Goose Bay to Saglek) and Wednesday mornings (Saglek to Goose Bay). Schedule may be subject to change due to weather conditions.

Base Camp Facilities

The base camp is a multipurpose camp that hosts a mix of guests from researchers, students base camp, employees and vacationers from all over the world. The accommodation at base camp range from basic tents to the more comfortable insulated and heated Design Shelter or Intershelter tents with comforts such as a propane heater, electricity and beds with duvet covers.

Other base camp facilities include a shower block and cafeteria offering hot home cooked meals.

Clients Responsibility

Although no previous backcountry experience is required on our tours, there is always an element of risk as with any adventure. While these trips are not considered to be strenuous or physically demanding, and do not require a high level of fitness, good general physical condition is necessary.

Clients must also acknowledge that travel with Torngat Mountains Base Camp requires a degree of flexibility and understand that the trip’s route, itinerary, accommodation and modes of transport are subject to change without prior notice due to local circumstances.

While travelling with Torngat Mountains Base Camp you agree to accept the authority of the leader at all times. Group travel may involve compromise to accommodate the diverse desires and abilities of group members. Please treat your adventure with an open mind and be able to laugh and have fun when encountering the unexpected.

Torngat Mountains Base Camp is dedicated to providing safe, environmentally sensitive, well-organized, fun-filled adventures.

Not Included:

International flights and internal flights to Goose Bay, clothing, gratuities, alcohol and HST
Torngat Mountains National Park Excursion Descriptions:

Hebron

In 1959, after consulting with the Canadian government, the Moravians decided to close the mission, and the people of Hebron were required to move. The closure of the community and the resettlement of its members was a tragic event that has had far-reaching consequences for many Labrador Inuit.

In the 1970s, Hebron was declared a National Historic Site. The remaining Moravian building represents one of the most historically significant mission-built structures in the province, and is the oldest mission building in North America. The significance of Hebron, however, goes beyond this designation, and it remains a very special place to many Labrador Inuit. During the summer months, the Nunatsiavut Government employs previous residents to reside in Hebron again and provide visitors with guided tours.

You can get to Hebron from Base Camp a variety of ways:
- By Passenger Boat/Long Liner the voyage is approx. 3 hours one way
- By Zodiac (when the seas are calm) the voyage is approx. 1.5 hours one way
- Flying time by helicopter is 15 minutes one way

North Arm

North Arm is considered to be one of the jewels of Torngat Mountains National Park. Your excursion there will take you through a narrow and majestic fjord with 3000 foot verticals on either side - the view is simply breath taking.

You will hike (considered an easy level) to the beautiful waterfalls and a lake with a stunning sandy beach and incredible indigo-blue water. Each year, a number of brave visitors are courageous enough to strip down and go for a dip in this clear and crisp water - very refreshing!

If you don't feel like hiking, North Arm also offers a glimpse into the past with many remnants of ancient Inuit food caches and blinds made from stone where Inuit used to wait for caribou. There are also traces of an Arctic char weir fishery. Arctic Char is in great abundance at this river head and is caught right on the beach and cooked the traditional Inuit way, on flat stones over an open fire. This precious resource sometimes attracts predators such as black bears and the occasional polar bear. Keep your camera and binoculars handy at all times!

You can get to North Arm from Base Camp a variety of ways:
- By Passenger Boat/ Long Liner the voyage is a beautiful 3 hour trip into Saglek Fjord one way
- By zodiac the voyage is approx. 1 hour one way
- Flying time by helicopter is approx. 15 - 20 minutes one way
**Sallikuluk (Rose Island)**

Sallikuluk is a focal point of the Inuit cultural landscape in Saglek Fjord. Deeply layered archaeological sites span more than 5000 years of occupation and are an important part of understanding the human history of the Torngat Mountains. Although relatively small in size, the island has traces of two villages of sod houses, numerous individual graves, and a mass reburial site. In the recent past, Sallikuluk was home to Inuit who hunted whales and seals in the cold and ice-packed waters of the Labrador Sea.

Sallikuluk's spectacular natural setting and rich cultural resources create a tangible sense of place. The significance of this special island, dwarfed by the spectacular cliff faces that rise from Saglek Fjord, is evident in the stories told by Inuit Elders who cherish the island as important landscape to be protected for future generations. For these Inuit, Sallikuluk is an essential place from which and about which they can share their stories, which are often sparked by emotional reunions with the land where they and their ancestors once lived.

A visit to Sallikuluk will give you a unique opportunity to see the physical traces of Inuit settlement on the land and hear important Inuit stories that will deepen your understanding of the cultural landscape that surrounds you.

Accessible by boat from Base Camp, Sallikuluk is a popular day trip.

- By Passenger Boat/Long Liner the voyage is approx. 1 hour one way
- By Zodiac, depending on sea conditions, the voyage is approx. 20 minutes one way

**Nachvak Brook**

Nachvak Brook is a spectacular excursion that will take you to the north side of the Saglek Fiord. Here, you will see the beginning of the 100-year-old Inuit trail that once connected the Inuit of Ungava Bay to the Inuit of Labrador. A short hike along the trail will bring you to a large inukshuk that has marked the significance of the trail for decades. Each year, local Inuit check on the stability of the inukshuk as it has become a favourite place for bears to scratch their backs!

Nachvak Brook is also home to many of the Inuit from the area and you can walk with some of the people who were born there. Fish are in great abundance at the mouth of the brook and you are likely to see black bears fishing there as well. The banks are a great area for denning and wolves have been spotted scavenging along the river as well as fishing for char or snatching leftovers from bears.

Nachvak Brook is easily accessible by boat or helicopter from Base Camp:

- By Passenger boat/Long Liner the voyage is approx. 2 hours one way
- By Zodiac the voyage is approx. 30 minutes one way
- Flying time by helicopter is approx. 15 minutes one way
Ramah

Ramah is one of the most significant historical sites in northern Labrador and has one of the most accessible outcrops of a distinctive stone called Ramah Chert. This stone has been linked to the economic and spiritual needs of many of the ancestral Inuit who lived in Labrador before the arrival of the Europeans in the 18th Century. Ramah Chert has been found in ceremonial contexts at Native American sites as far away as New England, the Chesapeake Bay and the Great Lakes. The history of the distribution of this stone is one of the most intriguing examples of long-distance exchange in ancient North America. Ramah also was home to a small mission run by the Moravian Church from 1871 until 1908.

Ramah is situated further north into the park and is best accessible by either passenger boat /long liner or by helicopter. Unless you go by helicopter, it is an overnight trip.

- By Passenger boat/Long Liner the voyage is approx. 6 -7 hours one way
- Flying time by helicopter is approx. 25 minutes one way, over breath-taking scenic mountains