



Quark Expeditions®

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ARCTIC WATCH
WILDERNESS LODGE

Adventure and
Wildlife at 74°N



“This is a magical place, both the landscape and the lodge.” — Tom and Pat Klein



THE LODGE.

Arctic Watch is Canada's most northerly wilderness lodge located on Somerset Island, Nunavut. The lodge is situated just one kilometre from a world-class beluga whale observation site, and is an immersive Arctic safari like no other, accessible by a private charter flight from Yellowknife, Northwest Territories.

The lodge itself offers great amenities and the most comfortable facilities in the High Arctic; 16 private cabins have queen or double beds with warm duvets, a sink and marine toilet, all within the lodge complex which features separate cabins for the kitchen and dining room, lounge, library, gear room and a private shower house.





“This was one of the best experiences of my life. Canada’s high arctic defies words. It is raw, primal and beautiful.” — Martine Dubuc



THE LOCATION.



GREENLAND
(Kalaallit Nunaat)

**ARCTIC
WATCH**

CAMBRIDGE BAY



YELLOWKNIFE

Baffin Bay

NUUK

BAFFIN
ISLAND

IQUALUIT

Davis Strait

CANADA

Hudson's Bay

EDMONTON

CHURCHILL

CALGARY

WINNIPEG

MONTREAL
OTTAWA

THE CULINARY EXPERIENCE.

The cuisine onsite is a highlight of the lodge experience. The chef prepares superb meals using locally-sourced ingredients. Daily menus can include local food such muskox and Arctic char, but also superb Alberta beef. Every day starts with a gourmet breakfast with cappuccino and ends with dinner and wine carefully selected from vineyards in Canada's Okanagan Valley.



“The food was everything and more. Top quality ingredients and excellent chefs - you can't beat that combination. Those not-too-sweet desserts, night after night, to say nothing of the sushi, the cookies, the nut loaves, the cheeses...” — Liz Ruddick





“This is a very special place, even without the animals around. The hiking, ATV rides, kayaking, it all makes you feel that you are part of the Arctic.” — Jurs and Anneke

THE ADVENTURE.

Like any of Quark's expeditions, guests at Arctic Watch will enjoy varied and diverse selection of activities at no extra charge to visitors: raft the Cunningham River, kayak amidst the beluga whales, hike the canyons and waterfalls, explore the tundra by ATV, investigate the mysterious Thule ruins crafted from giant whale bones and watch the immense vistas while the sun shines 24 hours a day.





“We will treasure forever the memories of beluga whales, muskox, arctic foxes and arctic hares.” — John & Vicky Read



THE WILDLIFE.

Cunningham Inlet is the “summer home” for thousands of beluga whales in July and August each year. This congregation of beluga whales is a unique and natural phenomenon. Nowhere in the world do so many whales gather so consistently, year after year, where they can be easily observed.

But it doesn't end with the belugas. There are dozens of other incredible and iconic Arctic animals to spot while visiting Arctic Watch. Musk ox, caribou, snowy owl, Arctic hare, Arctic fox, peregrine falcons, lemmings, ring and bearded seals, kittiwakes, fulmars, snow geese, and much more. The list is exhaustive so you'll just have to come to see for yourself.





“The guides were knowledgeable and generous with their time, patience and good humour. Josée, Richard and sons, you have made a huge effort to ensure our comfort, warmth and enjoyment.”

— Margaret and Larry Dickenson; Ottawa, Ontario



THE ARCTIC WATCH TEAM.

Arctic Watch is a family-run operation, hosted by Arctic enthusiasts Josée Auclair and her husband, Richard Weber, along with their two sons, Tessum and Nansen. They are well known across the Canadian Arctic as experts, particularly in Nunavut, and they specialize in North Pole and Arctic tourism. Additional expertise will come from the Quark team's veteran Polar expedition leaders, Dave "Woody" Wood and Annie Inglis.



THE ARCTIC WATCH TEAM.

Josée Auclair, Co-founder

Since Josée's first visit to the Arctic in 1988, she has been outfitting polar expeditions by developing specialized foods, clothing and polar tents. In 2001, Josée led an all-women's trek to the North Pole. She has made five expeditions to the North Pole, as well as many treks in other parts of the Arctic. In January 2006, she led a small group of women to the South Pole. In addition to managing Arctic Watch, Josée continues to outfit, organize, and lead Arctic expeditions and adventure trips, some of them to the Pole. Josée was a member of Canada's National Cross-Country Ski Team.



Richard Weber, Co-founder

Richard has more experience travelling on the Arctic Ocean and to the North Pole than anyone in history; he was a member of Canada's National Cross-Country Ski Team and won several national titles; Richard has received numerous medals for his polar expeditions, including two Meritorious Service Medals from the Government of Canada, two "Order of Friendship of Nations" from the Soviet and Russian governments and the "Russian Medal for Personal Courage" from President Yeltsin. Richard has co-authored two books about his adventures: Polar Bridge, The Soviet Canadian Trans-Arctic Expedition published in 1990, and Polar Attack, From Canada to the North Pole and Back published in 1996.



Nansen Weber, Lead Photographer

Nansen Weber is twenty three years old. He has grown up in the arctic, spending every summer exploring the Arctic. Nansen Weber is Arctic Watch's lead and professional wildlife photographer. When he's not busy leading a private photography trip, or working with film crews in the Arctic, Nansen is a lead guide and makes sure guests capture their picture perfect memories of Arctic Watch on camera. Nansen knows Arctic animals and environment - don't be shy to ask him questions! Arctic wolves, caribou, muskoxen fights, sleepy polar bears, curious arctic foxes and playful belugas; ten years of Arctic photography and he's seen it all happen. When he's not photographing in the Arctic, Nansen devotes his time to photographic projects across the globe - recently with National Geographic. Be sure to visit his wildlife photography website.



THE ARCTIC WATCH TEAM.

Justin Tse, Head Chef

Justin Tse has been in and around the restaurant industry since he was in diapers. He is a third-generation chef. Hailing from a Chinese restaurant family in Kingston, Ont., Justin moved to Ottawa, Ont., in 2010 after completing culinary school in his hometown. In Ottawa, he worked under chef Michael Hay at the Courtyard Restaurant, at that time known for an upscale French-influenced menu dotted with the best of molecular gastronomy techniques. At Courtyard, Justin rose to the position of pastry chef. In spring 2012, he joined the opening team at Odile, a renowned French Canadian bistro in Gatineau, Quebec. During Justin's tenure at Odile, the restaurant was selected to participate in Gold Medal Plates, a prestigious culinary competition and fundraiser in support of the Canadian Olympic team. Odile also reached 56th place in Vacay magazine's list of the top 100 restaurants in Canada. As head chef at Arctic Watch, Justin is interested in pursuing locality and seasonality - bringing the ingredients of the North to Canadian cuisine.



According to Justin, “Josée sources only the finest ingredients, making my job easy. The Weber's have always had a passion for great cuisine. The kitchen becomes the heart and soul of the camp. When clients aren't out on the land or water, it's all about the food.”

When not wielding his chef's knife, Justin can be found with a fishing rod in hand, eagerly fishing for Arctic char.

Tessum Weber, Guest Experience Manager

In 2010, Tessum became the youngest person to ever trek to the North Pole, accompanied by his father, Richard, Howard Fairbank and David Pierce Jones on a record-setting trek. He has taken part in a ski trek across Ellesmere Island, in Canada's High Arctic, and guided expeditions through the remote Akshayuk Pass on Baffin Island, Canada. Tessum is a seasoned Arctic guide and traveller.



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David “Woody” Wood, Expedition Leader

Woody is a historian with an unquenchable passion for sharing the marvels of the Polar Regions. Woody comes to the Polar Regions via a strange path: He has spent time working in a major Pediatrics Hospital, has degrees in political science and law, and chooses to spend as much time as possible in the Arctic and Antarctica. His love of the wild places at the extremes of the planet has resulted in a lifetime at sea either in the North or South for the last nine years. He is passionate about the landscapes, ice, wildlife and history of these special places and delights in sharing his interests with passengers.



Annie Inglis, Operations Leader

With well over a hundred and twenty voyages to Polar Regions, Annie has spent the majority of the last nine years in the Arctic and Antarctica. These icy environs are a far cry from growing up in the bush of the Australian outback and from her Melbourne home. A background in health sciences and a heart for adventure travel have been part of the ‘seas sailed’ before joining the polar shipboard team. Annie’s experience, passion and enthusiasm for the wildlife, flora and ecology will be shared with those who venture to these remote latitudes. Her enthusiasm is infectious!





“We will always remember the sound of broken ice and the colors of the water.” — Katrin and Urs

THE DATES.

Dates	Days	Gateway	Twin*	Single
Jul 02 - Jul 11, 2015	10	Yellowknife	\$7,995	\$11,995
Jul 09 - Jul 18, 2015	10	Yellowknife	\$8,995	\$13,495
Jul 16 - Jul 25, 2015	10	Yellowknife	\$8,995	\$13,495
Jul 23 - Aug 01, 2015	10	Yellowknife	\$8,995	\$13,495
Jul 30 - Aug 08, 2015	10	Yellowknife	SOLD	OUT
Aug 06 - Aug 15, 2015	10	Yellowknife	SOLD	OUT

Mandatory transfer package — \$1,690

- Pre-expedition hotel night in Yellowknife and includes breakfast
- Group transfer to and from charter flight; and group transfer to and from Arctic Watch Lodge
- Charter flight from Yellowknife to Arctic Watch lodge (return)
- Post-expedition hotel night in Yellowknife and breakfast
- Hotel in Yellowknife offers complimentary shuttle

For full terms and conditions, please visit:

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