

# THE ARCTIC WATCH EXPERIENCE

500 miles north of the Arctic circle lies the Arctic Watch Wilderness Lodge. The most Northerly lodge on earth, once there you'll marvel at over two thousand beluga whales feeding their young and dueling muskox on the open tundra. From paddleboarding with beluga whales to fat biking across the frozen Arctic Ocean, you'll be guided through a number of phenomenal activities that you'll never forget. Other highlights include viewing ancient Viking sites, fishing for Arctic char and learning more about the indigenous Thule people. Once-in-a-lifetime adventures are all but guaranteed.

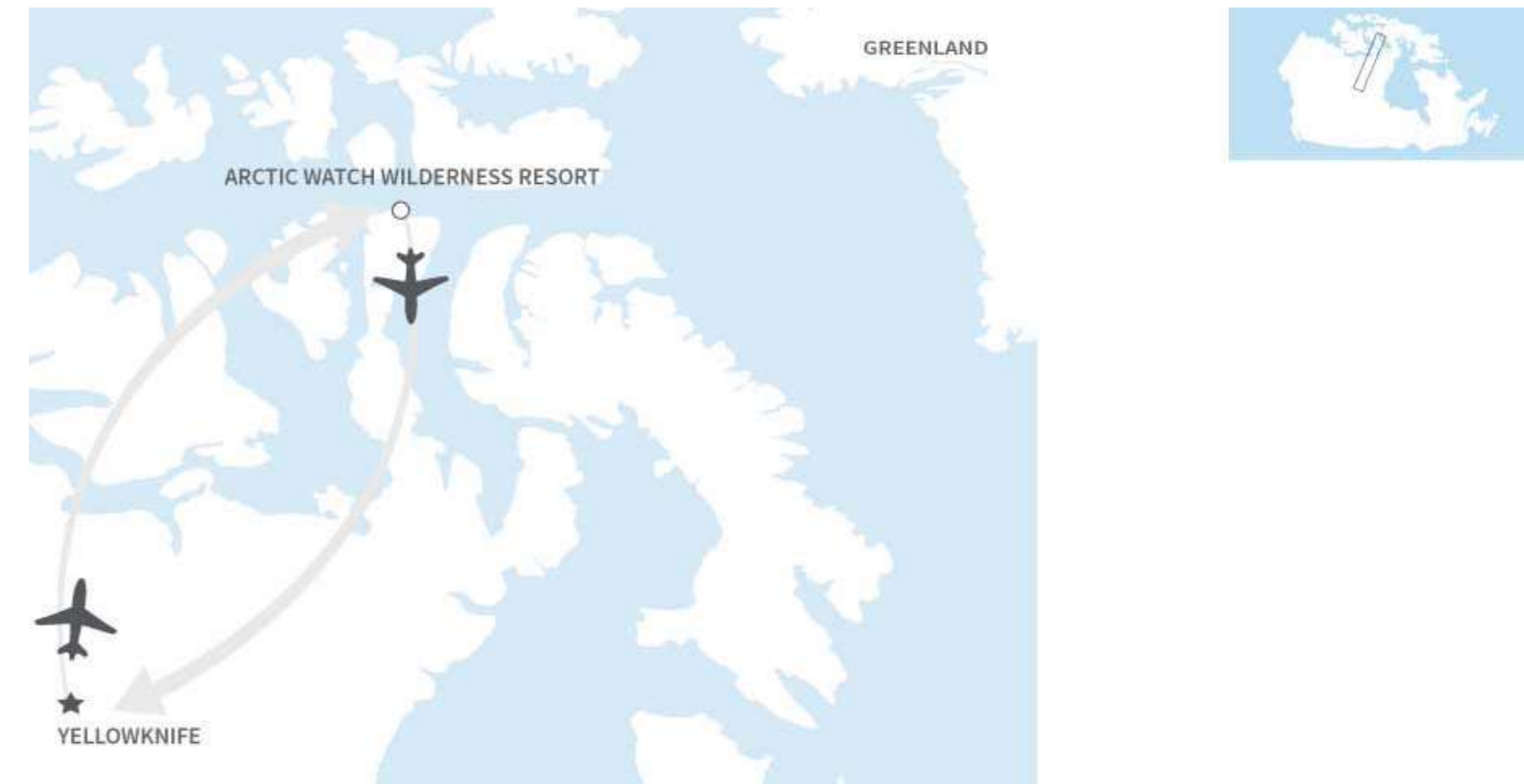


# OUR PROMISE

While in our care you'll receive 24/7 support and the flawless delivery of your travel experience. We obsess over every detail so that you don't have to. Your journey is bespoke, created just for you. All that's left for you to do is to enjoy Canada – it is wild, soulful and truly unforgettable.

## ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Upon your arrival in Yellowknife, you will be met by your shuttle driver and transported to your hotel. The following day you'll set out on a private charter flight bound for the High Arctic, where you'll spend eight days exploring the vast landscape. Ride ATVS across the tundra, paddleboard alongside belugas and explore archeological sites. A final day and night in Yellowknife round out your journey, this is a trip that you'll never forget!



### DAYS

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| ONE   | Arrive in Yellowknife   Shuttle transfer to your hotel   Explore Yellowknife on your own   Accommodations are at The Explorer Hotel   | FIVE  | Sea kayak Cunningham Inlet in search of whales   Visit Kayak Falls   Evening lecture led by National Geographic photographer Nansen Weber   Accommodations are at Arctic Watch Wilderness Lodge |
| TWO   | Flight from Yellowknife to Somerset Island   Shuttle to Arctic Watch Wilderness Lodge   Tour of facilities   Accommodations are at Arctic Watch Wilderness Lodge                              | SIX   | Hike the canyons surrounding the Cunningham Inlet   Spot belugas at the nearby estuary in the afternoon   Accommodations are at Arctic Watch Wilderness Lodge                                   |
| THREE | Adventures abound! ATV to Cunningham Inlet in search of beluga whales   5k hike to Triple Waterfalls   Accommodations are at Arctic Watch Wilderness Lodge                                    | SEVEN | Explore 1,000-year-old Thule archeological sites   Search for wildlife   Hike to Nansen's Ridge   Accommodations are at Arctic Watch Wilderness Lodge   |
| FOUR  | Visit Muskox Ridge by ATV   Picnic lunch   Catch and release Arctic Char fishing   Evening lecture led by Arctic explorer Richard Weber   Accommodations are at Arctic Watch Wilderness Lodge | EIGHT | Scenic hike of the Badlands   Raft, kayak or SUP Arctic waters back to the Lodge   Accommodations are at Arctic Watch Wilderness Lodge  |





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- NINE Final lodge-based adventures | Guests may wish to revisit their favorite Arctic activities or excursions | Late afternoon flight to Yellowknife | Accommodations are at the Explorer Hotel
- TEN Private transfer to Yellowknife Airport | End of your journey





## DAY ONE

### Arrive in Yellowknife | Explore on your own

Upon your arrival in Yellowknife, your shuttle driver will meet you and transport you to your hotel. A stone's throw from the Northern Frontier Visitors Centre and Yellowknife Veteran's Memorial, you're well positioned to explore the Northwest Territories capital city. Accommodations are at The Explorer Hotel Yellowknife.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

Exploring Yellowknife on your own

#### MEALS SERVICES HOTEL

n/a  
Shuttle transfer  
The Explorer Hotel

## DAY TWO

### Travel to Arctic Watch Wilderness Lodge

This morning your shuttle will deliver you to Yellowknife Airport, where you'll catch a private chartered flight to Somerset Island. After a tour of the Arctic Watch facilities and before dinner is served, a short hike up to the local mountain is offered - providing breathtaking views of the Northwest Passage and ice formations on the Arctic ocean. Accommodations are at the Arctic Watch Wilderness Lodge.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

Your scenic journey to Somerset Island | Exploring Arctic Watch Wilderness Resort

#### MEALS SERVICES HOTEL

Dinner  
Shuttle transfers | Charter flight  
Arctic Watch Wilderness Lodge





## DAY THREE

### ATV Adventures in the Arctic

Today you'll receive an introduction to the most popular form of Arctic transportation, the ATV. Riding from the lodge to the Cunningham Inlet, you'll have a chance to take in the magnificent and expansive views before stopping to spot beluga whales at the Cunningham Estuary. After lunch at the lodge you'll depart for a 5k hike to the Triple Waterfalls. Your hike will be both scenic and educational, as you learn about the wildlife who call this area home. Keep your eyes peeled for Muskox, commonly spotted in the area. Accommodations are at the Arctic Watch Wilderness Lodge.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

Spotting belugas | Hiking to the Triple Waterfalls | Wildlife watching

#### MEALS SERVICES HOTEL

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner  
Full-Day Guides  
Arctic Watch Wilderness Lodge

## DAY FOUR

### Wildlife Watching from Muskox Ridge

Today you'll cross the Cunningham River delta to Muskox Ridge via ATV. Providing excellent views of the Arctic landscape, this vantage point provides guests with an excellent opportunity to spot Muskox and Arctic fox. After a picnic lunch at Inukshuk Lake, guests will be provided with fishing gear to try their hand at catch-and-release fishing for Arctic Char. In the evening, Polar explorer and Order of Canada recipient Richard Weber will host an informal lecture sharing his Arctic adventures. Accommodations are at the Arctic Watch Wilderness Lodge.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

Exploring Muskox Ridge | Fishing for Arctic Char | Evening lecture hosted by Polar explorer Richard Weber

#### MEALS SERVICES HOTEL

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner  
Full-Day Guides  
Arctic Watch Wilderness Lodge





## DAY FIVE

### Kayak the Cunningham Inlet

Today is full of adventures, beginning with a kayak ride of the Cunningham Inlet. These crystal-clear waters allow paddlers to spot beluga whales as they swim from the open water of the Northwest Passage to the Cunningham Inlet. Each summer, the Cunningham Inlet is home to hundreds of Beluga whales, as they breach and frolic in these warmer waters. In the evening, enjoy an informal lecture by National Geographic photographer Nansen Weber. Accommodations are at the Arctic Watch Wilderness Lodge.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

Kayaking the Cunningham Inlet | Spotting Beluga whales | Wildlife watching | Evening photography lecture

#### MEALS SERVICES HOTEL

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner  
Full-Day Guides  
Arctic Watch Wilderness Lodge

## DAY SIX

### Explore the Arctic

Today you'll travel in an open-air Mercedes Unimog to the east side of the Cunningham Inlet. Awaiting you are vast canyons, ready to be hiked. The afternoon will be spent at the estuary, where you'll get to witness playful Belugas in the freshwater of the bay. The belugas can often be spotted rubbing up against the river stones in the shallow waters, calling out to one another through clicks and whistles - they've even been spotted playing with kelp and sea stones! Accommodations are at the Arctic Watch Wilderness Lodge.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

Hiking Arctic canyons | Spotting playful Belugas

#### MEALS SERVICES HOTEL

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner  
Full-Day Guides  
Arctic Watch Wilderness Lodge





## DAY SEVEN

### Visit Archeological Sites

Travel back in time today as you set out to explore preserved archeological sites of the Thule people. The Thule were nomadic and built both summer and winter homes based on where the hunting could be had. The winter sites were built higher inland, with a complex system of connecting tunnels. Summer sites are still found scattered around Somerset Island, and remain largely untouched by humans. In the afternoon, a hike to Nansen’s Ridge showcases dramatic Arctic views and landscape. Accommodations are at the Arctic Watch Wilderness Lodge.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

Visiting 1,000-year-old archeological sites

- MEALS
- SERVICES
- HOTEL

Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner  
Full-Day Guides  
Arctic Watch Wilderness Lodge

## DAY EIGHT

### Explore the Arctic Waterways

Today you’ll set out by Mercedes Unimog for the raft put-in on the Cunningham River. Before exploring the waterways, you’ll hike the last stretch through the Badlands, a unique landscape where the 8,000-year-old skeletal remains of Bowhead whales have been discovered – largely untouched on the tundra. Enjoy a picnic lunch before setting off in a raft, kayak or stand-up-paddleboard for your 2-3hr return to the Lodge. After dinner (and if you’re feeling brave!) you can try a Polar Plunge to commemorate your time in the Arctic. Accommodations are at the Arctic Watch Wilderness Lodge.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

Exploring the High Arctic on land and water | Spotting polar bears, muskox and belugas | A refreshing polar plunge in Arctic water is a must!

- MEALS
- SERVICES
- HOTEL

Breakfast & Lunch  
Half-Day Guide | Charter flight | Shuttle transfer  
The Explorer Hotel





## DAY NINE

### Explore the High Arctic | Return to Yellowknife

This morning offers you a final chance to explore the High Arctic, and try your hand at any missed activity (or repeat your favorites). In the late afternoon you will board your private charter flight back to Yellowknife, where a shuttle will deliver you to your hotel. Accommodations are at The Explorer Hotel.

#### HIGHLIGHTS

Exploring the High Arctic | Scenic journey to Yellowknife

#### MEALS SERVICES HOTEL

Breakfast & Lunch  
Shuttle transfer  
The Explorer Hotel

## DAY TEN

### End of Journey

Today you will make your own way to the Yellowknife Airport, where you will catch your flight(s) home. Safe travels!

#### HIGHLIGHTS

n/a

#### MEALS SERVICES HOTEL

n/a  
n/a  
n/a



# ACCOMMODATION



## The Explorer Hotel

### Yellowknife, NWT

The Explorer Hotel is located in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories and is the largest hotel in Northern Canada. With 187 guest rooms, comprehensive food & beverage services and conference facilities that can host events from 2 to 350 people, The Explorer is the North's top hotel destination.

#### About this Property

This Canadian hotel offers 187 non-smoking hotel rooms featuring complimentary Wi-Fi and a variety of room configurations.



## Arctic Watch Wilderness Lodge

### Somerset Island, NVT

Located 500 miles (800 km) north of the Arctic Circle and 50 miles from the nearest town, Arctic Watch is a permanent wilderness resort that offers hotel-like accommodations in a remote Arctic setting. The Arctic Watch team is run by the Weber family, famed Arctic explorers. Patriarch Richard Weber has been honored with the Order of Canada, having completed over 60 Arctic and South Pole expeditions. Matriarch Josée Auclair is a former professional skier for Team Canada and has led women's polar treks to the North and South Pole. Sons Tessum and Nansen are Arctic explorers, athletes, photographers, and expert guides. At Arctic Watch you'll experience true Northern hospitality from Arctic experts, unrivalled adventures and memories to last a lifetime. No-one knows Somerset Island and the Arctic better than they do.

#### About this Property

Arctic Watch boasts 16 private guest cabins, each with a marine toilet and sink. Private showers are located in the main complex.



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