



# Nunavik - The Big Three

## The Polar Bear, the Musk-ox and the Quebec-Labrador Caribou

Inuit Adventures offers you an opportunity to see and photograph Quebec-Labrador's polar bear, musk-ox and caribou, the big three among the Arctic wildlife. We proudly present to you a dynamic circuit that will lead you into their remote lands, far from man's reach. Constantly in motion aboard a motorized canoe, you will see polar bears off the coast of Ungava Bay as well as musk-oxen on Diana Island where Eider ducks go to nest. At any moment during your stay in Nunavik, you might cross paths with herds of caribou that migrate at this time of year and you might see icebergs drifting offshore.

You will be lodged along the Payne River where you will see beluga whales, seals and thousands of gulls that reveal to the Inuit the best fishing spots for Arctic char as they head towards the sea in schools in the summertime. While in Kangirsuk Camp, you can go out on a hike into the tundra to discover arctic flowers adorned with tiny colourful fruit as you follow the path of the caribou and musk-oxen. In such surroundings, you will feel imbued with the nature of the North.

Your stay in Nunavik will include a visit to four villages that lie along the coast of Ungava Bay. You will travel by plane with Air Inuit and land in the villages of Quaqtaq, Kangirsuk, Tasiujaq and Kuujjuaq, the starting points to the magnificent scenery and wildlife of Nunavik. When you return from Nunavik, you will leave behind a part of yourself and take home memories that will live forever.

### Trip highlights

- Canoe trips along the West coast of Ungava Bay
- View wildlife, sea mammals and flora
- Hiking
- Visit an archeological site
- Visit of 4 villages of Nunavik

### Trip details

- Seven days of adventure in search of Caribou, Polar Bears and Musk-oxen
- Dates available: from July 12th to 18th, 15th to 21st, 17th to 23rd, 2017
- Accommodations in Coop Hotels (except for the Tasiujaq Hotel)





## Big Three Itinerary

**Day 1 - Montreal/ Kuujuaq/ Quaqtac :** Depart Montreal-Trudeau airport and fly to Kuujuaq aboard a First Air 737 jet. Flight duration is about 2H15 min. You will then make your connection on an Air Inuit plane to Quaqtac. Meet your Inuit Adventures guides for a town tour and a visit of Cape Hopes Advance, the abandoned weather station that operated from 1928 to 1970. From the top of the hill, spot some splendid icebergs that often drift at this time of the year. Return to Quaqtac later in the day. Overnight at the Quaqtac Coop Hotel.

**Day 2 - Quaqtac / Diana Island / Quaqtac :** At high tide you will leave by freighter canoe for Diana Island. Be ready to take pictures of beluga whales, Musk-oxen and Eider ducks. See how the Inuit delicately remove the Eider down from the nests that they will use to make their warm parkas. Hike across Diana Island and discover herds of resident musk-oxen and beautiful Arctic flowers. Return to Quaqtac later in the day. Overnight at the Quaqtac Coop Hotel.

**Day 3 - Quaqtac / Kangirsuk :** Early morning, take a walk in the village and meet the friendly people of this small Inuit community of only 300 before you board a Dash 8 that will fly you to the village of Kangirsuk. Meet your local guides who will navigate with you by canoe on the beautiful fjord of Payne River towards Kangirsuk Camp. It is very common to see caribou roaming around on the shores or crossing the river in July. Overnight at the Kangirsuk Coop Hotel.

**Day 4 - Kangirsuk / Payne River Camp / Kangirsuk :** As the high tide starts coming in you will leave by canoe, with your guides, travel the waterways on the Payne River to locate other caribou migration routes where you will have many opportunities to take pictures. You will go back to the village of Kangirsuk at the end of the day where throat singers will perform for you in the evening. Overnight at the Kangirsuk Coop Hotel.

**Day 5 - Kangirsuk / Tasiujaq :** In the morning, your guides will take you for a hike on the spongy tundra which is an experience in itself. Explore, lift your head, see the birds and breathe in the fresh Arctic air. Musk-oxen are slowly taking ground in this area and once again you may have the chance to see these almost prehistoric animals as well as foxes, Arctic hare, wolves and black bears. Return to Kangirsuk later in the day to take your flight to Tasiujaq via Kuujuaq. Overnight at the Tasiujaq Hotel.

## Package includes

- Round trip air transportation from Montreal to Kuujuaq with First Air
- One way air transportation from Kuujuaq to Quaqtac, from Quaqtac to Kangirsuk, from Kangirsuk to Kuujuaq, from Kuujuaq to Tasiujaq, and from Tasiujaq to Kuujuaq with Air Inuit
- 6 night accommodations in comfortable hotels
- All listed activities
- All meals

## Big Three Trip

**\$6652.00 pp** based on double occupancy

+GST +PST +FICAV (\$1 per \$1000 purchased)

Trip guaranteed with a minimum of 6 people • Effective: January 2017

**Day 6 - Tasiujaq :** At high tide, your guides are waiting for you with their canoes to take you for a day long excursion amongst the many islands where polar bears are often seen. It is your chance to take pictures of these wild majestic animals and the spectacular scenery of the Leaf Basin where tides often exceed 15m. Return to the village later in the day. Overnight at the Tasiujaq Hotel.

**Day 7 - Tasiujaq / Kuujuaq / Montreal-Trudeau Airport :** It is already your last day in Nunavik. Before leaving this magical place, you will be giving a town tour by your local guide. After a lunch at the hotel, fly back to Kuujuaq where you will take your southbound flight to Montreal.



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