

PACKAGE
**ARTIC
ADVENTURER**



In order to diversify our activities and open for discovery the magnificent territory of the far north of Quebec to nature and adventure enthusiasts, Helen Falls Lodge is now offering you the arctic adventurer package.

This package was designed in partnership with Golden Peninsula Tours whose team expertise and knowledge of the far northeastern territory of Quebec and the Labrador coast is second to none.

This package is for helicopter owners who are passionate about nature and adventure and want to discover the wonders of the far north of Quebec, otherwise inaccessible if only through the expert and safe services we offer you.

A very varied set of excursions, combining trekking, mountain biking, guided outings with your aircraft among the most extraordinary sites of the far north of Quebec will be offered to you and will blow your mind!

Are you ready to take this unforgettable adventure of a lifetime ...?

Here is the detail of your adventure:



DAY 1

DEPARTURE FROM MIRABEL TOWARDS HELEN FALLS LODGE

Your first day begins in Mirabel. We look forward to seeing you at our facilities and our base located at 19867 Chemin de la Côte N, Mirabel, QC J7J 2B4. We have plenty of space to land and will take off early in the morning for our far north destination, Helen Falls Lodge.

Our expert guide Mr. Karl Mongrain will welcome and provide all the flight instructions and coordinate the departure to guide you through the entire journey to our lodge.

Mr. Mongrain has unparalleled experience in the far north of Quebec. He has flown over these barren lands for more than 30 years in helicopters and airplanes as a pilot and knows every nook and cranny. He also knows all the required flight plans and all the challenges of flying in these territories, limitations, topography, geography, regulations and tips. He will be able to teach you all the essentials to master the skills required to fly in this great wilderness and the techniques of piloting safely and strategically. You will therefore benefit from a fast-track learning of his invaluable life experience.

Your flight will take place in stages essential for refueling, and you will have all the assistance you need from Karl. The expected arrival in Helen Falls is around 7:00 p.m.

Our 5-star lodge will charm you with its location overlooking the first falls of the Helen Falls series of waterfalls. A team will take care of assigning you a chalet for 2 people with all the required accommodations.

We will give you a plan of your stay and house usage instructions and policies. You can then bask in a wood-heated hot tub and relax comfortably by our fireplace while enjoying a drink and hors d'oeuvres served by our chef.

Our first day will end with a hearty gourmet meal and you will be able to view the images and films of our lodge which we have in our collection at the lodge lounge. Although they are more frequently visible from mid-August, a sighting of the Northern Lights unique to the far north could close your first day!



DAY 2

AIR SAFARI IN KILLINIQ

Our Chief Operator, Mr. Karl Mongrain will guide you to the confines of the Labrador Peninsula at its most extreme point on Killiniq Island. In fact, this island is officially part of the territory of Nunavut and not of Nunavik although its territoriality is still disputed with Quebec.

It is a historic place and former Inuit colony that was once a trading post, mission and military base.

You will admire grandiose landscapes throughout the excursion and your guide will suggest little detours to particular sites he has the secret of to admiring the populations of walruses and seals, the many icebergs and areas still frozen at this time of year with the chance to see polar bears in action.

A stop in one of the magnificent fjords for lunch could also allow you to capture an arctic char or two if you feel like it and enjoy it at a shore lunch...!

Your return is expected at the end of the afternoon at Helen Falls lodge where a good spa, our chef's gastronomy and a well-deserved rest await you.



DAY 3 TO 6

4-DAY GUIDED TOUR BY WEDGE HILLS GOLDEN PENINSULA TOURS



DAY 3

CAMP BIVOUAC HIKE IN THE SECRET GARDEN OF THE MONOLITHS

Early in the morning you fly aboard your aircraft for a 60-minute flight to Camp Safari Bivouac located in the Moraine Desert Valley in Labrador.

You will meet the guides of the Golden Peninsula Circuits where you will spend the next four (4) days. After a brief presentation of the day's program and safety recommendations, you will take off without further delay following the guide seaplane. The flight time is five minutes.

For your first adventure on the Golden Peninsula we have reserved one of the great hidden treasures of Labrador for you; the Secret Garden of Monoliths. This garden is not only beautiful, it is also quite remarkable from a geological point of view, because over the millennia the water and the wind have shaped the granite arena (loose metamorphic rock) to transform it into real works of art.

In the company of your guide you will hike a few kilometers on the bare mountain peaks. You will see, among other things, a penguin-like rock, Trolls shoes and the gourd which are fine examples of geological transformations.

There is also a giant mushroom like rock that is probably 10 meters tall, a huge 20-ton muffin, the face of a bear and several other erosion monoliths all equally unusual. To date, these monoliths have never been visited, documented or photographed by any tourist.

After this day rich in magnificent discoveries, you will return to the bivouac camp for the night.

DAY 4

AIR SAFARI ICEBERG ALLEY AND LABRADOR COAST

Today we will go on an aerial safari to discover one of the most beautiful wild coasts in the world, the Labrador coast.

Your pilot will guide you on a winding route through the Torngat Mountains, which are among the tallest and most rugged mountains in eastern North America. You will fly over mountain passes, inlets and fjords that cut deep into the Labrador coast.

We will make a first stop by the sea to admire the craggy landscapes of the long vertiginous cliffs with the bare peaks of Lost Channel in the Kaumajets Mountains. Expect postcard landscapes. Your guide will lead you to the most beautiful viewpoints that overlook a beach where the stones are beautifully polished by the elements.

Then we will continue our flight by flying over Iceberg Alley (the iceberg corridor). It is a corridor recognized worldwide for its numerous icebergs. This is where the iceberg hunt begins! If you wish, you have the opportunity to experience a natural spectacle popular with photographers: iceberg hunting with the simple aim of bringing back the most beautiful images and perhaps you will have the opportunity to see polar bears and whales. .

The last stop of the day is the area north of the Hebron fjord where we will stop by the sea. Keep your eyes peeled, because here polar bears are used to wading in a small river to catch arctic char and like many places in Labrador, you will have plenty of opportunities to see seals on the coast.

The coastal relief of this sector is a real iceberg trap and an exceptional place to observe them from the shore. Now is the time to pick and taste iceberg ice cream or bring back a few ice cubes for your drink at the end of the day.

Tradition has it that on your first visit you have to soak your feet in the North Atlantic to engrave this trip in your memory.

At the end of the day, you will return to Camp Safari Bivouac located in the Moraine Desert Valley where you will relax comfortably and sleep for the night.

The total flight time for the day is two (2) hours.





DAY 5

AIR SAFARI HEBRON FJORD, ICE RIVER AND MEREWETHER CRATER

Today, the day's program consists of discovering the most beautiful and largest interior fjord in Labrador and visiting remarkable natural sites.

We make our first stop in the largest interior fjord in Labrador, Hebron Fjord Lake. It is a very beautiful fjord at the bottom of which you can admire the highest waterfall in the province. With its contours sculpted by glaciers, steep walls, varied fauna and splendid waterfalls, the Inner Hebron Fjord is worth a visit on its own.

Once you've explored this beautiful fjord, your guide will take you to an unprecedented excursion on a glacial river for you. The peculiarity of the Ice River is that it hardly ever thaws during the short arctic summer and that it is cut into deep sinuous crevasses with bluish hues.

Your guide will lead you to its secret collection of tunnels and caves carved into the thick layer of ice by the flow of water. This is a natural spectacle that you will never forget. The Rivière de Glace is an area where small groups of caribou come to cool off throughout the summer.

On the return flight, you fly over a mysterious colorful crater that has remained an unsolved puzzle for over 60 years. Merewether Crater is on the «list of possible impact structures.» There is evidence that this hypothesis is incomplete. Maybe it's a sinkhole on a fault line, or the explosion of a methane bubble. Seen from the sky, the crater creates an impressive contrast with its turquoise color and almost perfect diameter.

Your pilot guide will point you to other geologic formations unique to the Golden Peninsula, such as the Kettles. These are glacial lakes located in an area of moraine hills with ice cores. The Kettles are among the most colorful lakes in the Torngat Mountains, and depending on the level of light and suspended particles in the water, they are sometimes jade, turquoise, emerald and azure blue. Other natural wonders parade during the return flight, you will see canyons, eskers and numerous waterfalls. The total flight time for the day is 1.5 hours (1.30). Overnight at the bivouac safari camp.

DAY 6

MOUNTAIN BIKE AND BOAT EXCURSION MORAINE DESERT VALLEY

Today, you have the option of taking a mountain bike tour, or an inflatable boat, depending on your choice. You can combine these two half-day activities to get the full Moraine Desert Valley experience.

Early in the morning, you pick up your “fat bike” mountain bike and start your adventure. Prepare for an unprecedented excursion to a picturesque valley with exceptional characteristics.

This circuit of approximately ten (10) kilometers traverses the Moraine Desert through its plains of amber gravel, its fields of dunes, its oases of dwarf birch trees and its pristine beaches. Your guide takes you to the most beautiful places to make you discover the fauna, the flora and the most admirable panoramas that would have escaped you otherwise.

For those looking for a more intense tour, there are captivating trails that lead to the mountain peaks and offer panoramic views of the valley and the river. The Moraine Desert Valley is an absolutely fantastic place for mountain biking enthusiasts looking for exceptional arctic landscapes, alone or in an organized group.



Boat trip

The next step of the day is a boat trip on the great lakes of the Siorak River. Look for wildlife on the great lakes of the Siorak River with this inflatable boat tour. Sail close to the shores and try to spot caribous, wolves, foxes and bears that often bask near the verdant oases. The valley is also a place frequented by the peregrine falcon, the rock ptarmigan, the common raven and the iconic snowy owl.

This activity is ideal for nature lovers who wish to gain a unique perspective on the landscapes and wildlife that inhabit the southern eco zone of the Arctic Cordillera.

Snowboard

Snowboarding on the Golden Peninsula in July, has that crossed your mind? Live an unforgettable adventure by booking a snowboarding trip on a tongue of snow near Camp Safari Bivouac. If you are looking for an activity lasting a few hours that is off the beaten track, this one is not to be missed.

After the delicious meal at the end of the day, you can indulge yourself with a cold beer by the campfire or while admiring a magnificent sunset.

Back to the Helene Falls outfitter

DAY 7

RETURN

On the morning of your last day, we offer a boat ride up our river to the beginnings of the Helen Falls Rapids for an approximately 2 hour walking tour along these majestic rapids. The different geological formations and the breathtaking views of the river will amaze you. Lunch will be served in our small fishing camp at the midpoint of the rapids, which overlooks the most beautiful part of the river rapids.

Your return to the lodge and departure is scheduled no later than 12:00 noon as we are already welcoming our first salmon fishing group.

Time to gather your luggage and take a group photo together and that's how your arctic adventure at Helen Falls Lodge will conclude.

Your expert guide Mr. Mongrain will accompany you once again for the return to Mirabel and will consolidate your knowledge and piloting techniques throughout the trip. A precise flight plan will take you directly to your starting point in safe stages.

INFORMATIONS



Availability: From July 22th to 28th, 2021



Duration: 7 days / 6 nights

Includes:

-7 days and 6 nights including 4 guided days from the «Camp Safari Bivouac» located in the Moraine Desert Valley

-2 days return flight from Montreal to Helen Falls with flight instructions by Mr. Karl Mongrain

-1 day of flight guided by Mr. Karl Mongrain in the Kinilliq region

Portion of package at Golden Peninsula Tours



Activities: Air safari, natural site visit, wildlife observation, mountain bike excursion, inflatable boat excursion, mountain hike and photography.



Difficulty: Easy



Languages: French and English



Supervision: An experienced guide from the «Golden Peninsula Circuit», passionate and specialist in life in the great outdoors who knows the region, wildlife and photography. A professional photographer well known in France, Fabrice Simon, will accompany you during this stay.



Strong points :

- Guided excursions to must-see places.
- The arrangement of wildlife and nature discovery activities.
- Mountain bike ride on the vast moraine plains.
- Camp Safari Bivouac located near sites of interest.
- Wildlife observation early in the morning and late in the day.



Departure information: Guaranteed departure from 8 people



Group departures:

We suggest that you join one of the group departures below if you are alone or more. Groups are of 8 people, maximum.

Small groups guarantee better wildlife encounters.

Small groups mean we travel more leisurely, get up close to the animals, have better photo opportunities, and our experience is enriched by a personalized interpretation from our expedition leaders.

See more wild animals from a “bivouac safari camp” located in the wilderness. The bivouac safari is the way to travel and to be closest to nature. We use an intimate collapsible bivouac camp located in a remote valley in the Torngat Mountains near the Labrador Coast. This camp allows exclusive access to wildlife viewing early in the day and late afternoon when the animals are most active. The bivouac safari also makes it possible to avoid unnecessary movements of aircraft by optimizing flight times to discover the most beautiful places and food the most beautiful experiences.

Being close to nature does not necessarily mean without comfort, you will be amazed by the quality of the service offered during our bivouac safaris.

INCLUDED

3 guided seaplane tours
3 nights at Camp Safari Bivouac
Small group guarantee (8 max.)
Local expert guide
Group information meeting with your travel guide
Free access ticket to «fat-bike»
Meal

NOT INCLUDED

Flights between southern Quebec and Camp Safari
Bivouac
Snacks and drinks between meals
Alcoholic beverages
Wi-Fi access
Tip according to your satisfaction
Travel insurance
Great weather guaranteed

WHAT BRING WITH YOU:

Warm and waterproof clothing
Waterproof hiking boots
Backpack for your photo equipment, clothes and lunch
Pair of binoculars
Bottle of water
Camera

Additional information

If during your trip we have to cancel air trips due to adverse weather conditions, the fuel not consumed from the guide plane will be refunded to you.

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