

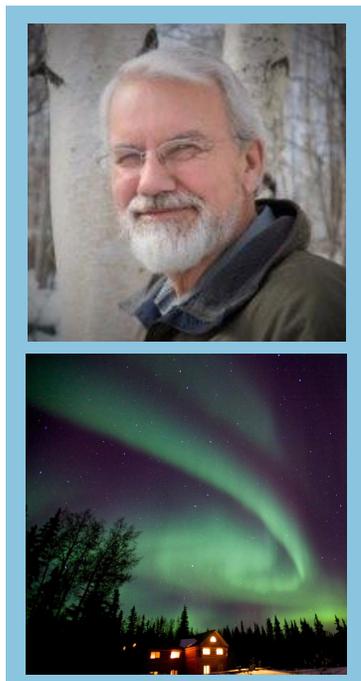
## Polar Bear Adventure

Get Rare Photo and Viewing Opportunities and Experience Village Life in the Arctic



### Day One

Upon arrival in Fairbanks you will be provided a complimentary shuttle to your hotel. Spend the evening relaxing after your flight - we can offer guidance on where to eat and how to spend extra time in town. Fairbanks was founded in 1901 as a strategic riverside trading post, and is now the second largest city in Alaska! There are great restaurants, a university campus, museums, a craft brewery and great indoor and outdoor entertainment. Get some good rest - our activities begin the next morning!

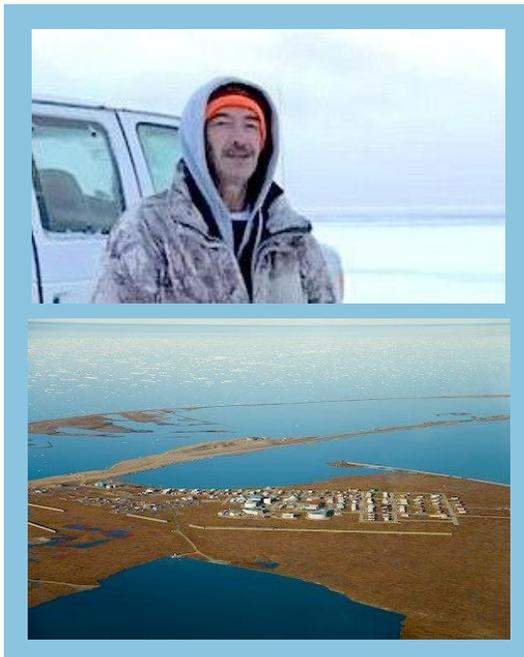


### Day Two

Our guide will meet you for breakfast for an Alaska orientation and a review of our itinerary. Ask him all the questions you've got! Fred Vreeman is an environmentalist, pilot, boat captain and adventurer who has been living in Alaska since 1978. Next we will visit the cultural center to learn all about the traditional tribal lifestyle and the threats to Alaskan wildlife and native culture. After lunch we will check into a quaint B&B located outside of Fairbanks, followed by some free time. In the afternoon we will head to the mountains for a session with Frank Stelges on wildlife photography followed by dinner at the famous Turtle Club Restaurant. After dinner if the Aurora is out we will be perfectly set-up as our lodge is in a prime viewing location outside of town to watch and take pictures.

## Day Three

In the morning we board a plane to fly up to the tiny village of Kaktovik, home to 250 members of the Inupiat tribe and located on Alaska's Northern Coast. This flight into the Arctic gives you incredible views of the Yukon River and the Brooks Mountain Range. After lunch, we have an orientation on bear safety. The bears use this area to rest and feed on leftovers from local whaling expeditions, waiting until sea ice forms nearby so they can begin hunting seals. Bruce, your local guide and captain will take you out to the barrier islands for a 3 hour polar bear tour. There is a heated cabin on the boat. This tour gives you a rare opportunity to capture photographs of the bears at eye level.



## Day Four

Today we enjoy another 3 hour polar bear viewing tour with our host Bruce, followed by lunch and an information session with a local resident active in environmental management. We will also have a session on polar bears with the Fish & Wildlife Service. Kaktovik is one of the best places in the world for viewing polar bears. Viewing these flagship creatures from a boat is your best opportunity to see and photograph the polar bears in their natural environment, in a safe and responsible way. Upon our return to the lodge we will eat dinner and rest.

## Day Five

This morning we take another trip out to the lagoon with Bruce to view polar bears up close. In the afternoon we board a charter plane to Prudhoe Bay where we catch a flight to Utqiagvik (previously known as Barrow), the Northernmost town in America.

Utqiagvik is very isolated and many rely completely on the Arctic Ocean for sustenance. If polar bears are near the village we will plan an excursion to the shore to see them by land. At the visitors center we will see the workshops where locals carve walrus ivory, craft traditional clothes and build whaling vessels the same way they have done for thousands of years. Afterwards we enjoy a hearty dinner and settle in at our hotel.





## Day Six

In the morning we will visit the home of a highly respected tribe elder and whaling captain to learn about local traditions and the native lifestyle. During our time on land keep your eyes out for wildlife like Arctic Foxes and Snowy Owls. By early afternoon we will be flying back to Fairbanks, where we will have a photo sharing session and final dinner at the Pumphouse. We have set a menu of local seafood - shared appetizers and grilled salmon, paired with select Washington wines. This menu is included - if you prefer other choices it can be added to a tab. After dinner, we will return to our bed and breakfast, located outside of the town in a prime viewing location for the northern lights.

## Day Seven

Today we will say goodbye to new friends and begin the journey back home. Head home with memories of authentic local experiences, incredible scenery and rare encounters with polar bears. The chance to learn about traditional life in the Arctic and view the region's most iconic animal in a natural setting is something you will never forget.

## What's Included?

This is an all-inclusive adventure, meaning everything is included in your price apart from your flights to and from Alaska and gratuities for guides and hotel staff.

Your Trip Package Includes:

- All Your Meals (Tips for Servers Included)

- A Wine/Beer at Reception and Meals in Fairbanks
- Local Guide Traveling with You the Entire Time
  - All Your Activities and Tours
- All Your Accommodations (Fairbanks & Barrow is private w/private bath, in Kaktovik it varies based on pricing)
- All Your Transportation and Flights in Alaska

Not Included:

- Flights to and from Fairbanks
- Souvenirs & Items not Listed in Itinerary
- Gratuities for Guides

## Pricing

\$7,945 per person (double occupancy, private room in Kaktovik w/ shared bath)

\$8,770 per person (upgraded double occupancy w/ private bath in Kaktovik) - 6 available

\$8,445 per person (single occupancy, shared room and bath in Kaktovik)

\$9,270 per person (single occupancy, private room and bathroom in Kaktovik) - 1 available (This trip has a minimum of 8 to operate, and a maximum group size of 12)

Dates: September 21st - 27th , 2019

# Why Go With Gondwana?



- 1) Small Groups** - With a maximum group size of 12 you get a completely personalized experience. A crowd of 20 guests is a completely different dynamic for wildlife viewing and can't compare to the attentive service and depth of learning you get on our Polar Bear tour.
- 2) Authentic Cultural Visits** - In Fairbanks we meet with photographers, cultural vanguards and excellent guides. Up North we visit the home of one of the most respected subsistence whaling captains in the region and head of the Utqiagvik village council. Tour his home, see traditional equipment and learn about life in such a unique and fascinating place.
- 3) The Best Local Guides** - Our trip leaders are locals either born here or living here for 30+ years. They are passionate about the nature and culture of Alaska. We also meet with environmental activists, scientists, captains, photographers and tribal elders that provide insight into what it means to live in Alaska.
- 4) Two Arctic Destinations & Four Bear Viewing Experiences** - Explore the tiny village of Kaktovik and the larger town of Utqiagvik, providing two different cultural experiences and one more scenic Arctic flight. Four days of bear viewing allows you to see them in multiple settings. Three days will be by boat, up close at eye level, making for amazing photographs. Our fourth day is a chance to see the bears from land as they roam the beach scavenging whale bones.
- 5) Comfortable Heated Viewing Boat with a Local Captain** - Our viewing boat is comfortable and safe, with a heated cabin to keep you warm while we search for bears. We do 3 hour tours so you don't have to spend all day on the water, and we will have snacks and hot beverages on hand.

**6)Environmentally Friendly Practices** - We always help to protect the environments that we enjoy. We limit our waste, provide water and reusable bottles, and donate to local nonprofits. We also carbon offset flights for all our guests by donating money to reforestation efforts around the world.

**7)Support the Local Community** - We work with family owned businesses and independent guides, so our money supports the local economy. As a small company we like to support the little guy and give our guests a more authentic experience than companies that use big hotels and high volume services.



**Please contact us with any questions at  
1-877-587-8479.**

**Don't miss the opportunity to see these endangered  
animals in their natural habitat.**

**We look forward to hosting you in the Arctic!**

