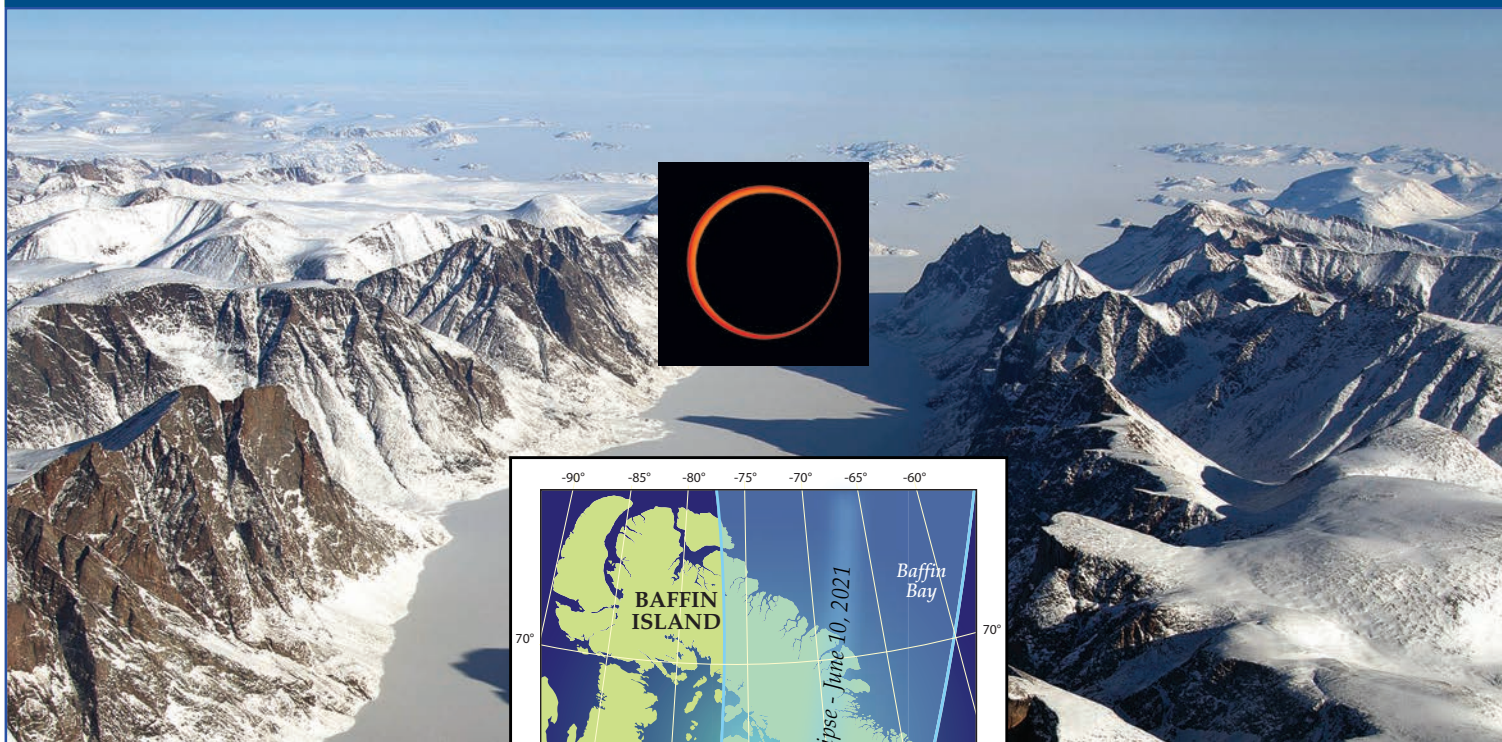


Baffin Island Annular Eclipse

Come Explore with The Planetary Society! June 6-11, 2021



NORTH & SOUTH POLE ECLIPSES IN THE SAME YEAR

2021 gives you the chance to see an Eclipse over Baffin Island, Canada, and over Antarctica, as close as a ship can get to the South Pole - in the same year!

The Annular Eclipse will cross Baffin Island near the capital at almost 64 degrees North Latitude. We'll see the Antarctic Total Solar Eclipse at approximately 60 - 62 degrees South Latitude - clouds and fog permitting!

Dear Friends:

Join us to see the Annular Eclipse spectacular 'Ring of Fire' over Canada's remote Arctic capital on Baffin Island, 3 hours north of Ottawa. Explore the rich history, unique Inuit culture, and striking natural scenery in this small

maritime community at the head of Frobisher Bay. Witness the Ring of Fire among the vast expanses of Arctic landscape, and learn about the amazing 7 - 11 meter daily tidal change, all under the Midnight Sun!

*Trip Fee: \$4,595 pp
twin share + air*

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Baffin Island Itinerary

Day 1 Home to Ottawa

Expedition members fly from their nearest gateway city to arrive Ottawa this afternoon. Transfer on your own to our *Hotel (1 night)*. Afternoon at leisure or, for a fascinating introduction to Canada's capital city, explore Parliament Hill to see its grand Victorian architecture, the magnificent engineering of the Rideau Canal in operation since 1832, and the Dominion Observatory that operated from 1902 – 1970. Welcome social, orientation, and introductions tonight. (D)

Day 2 Ottawa to Baffin Island

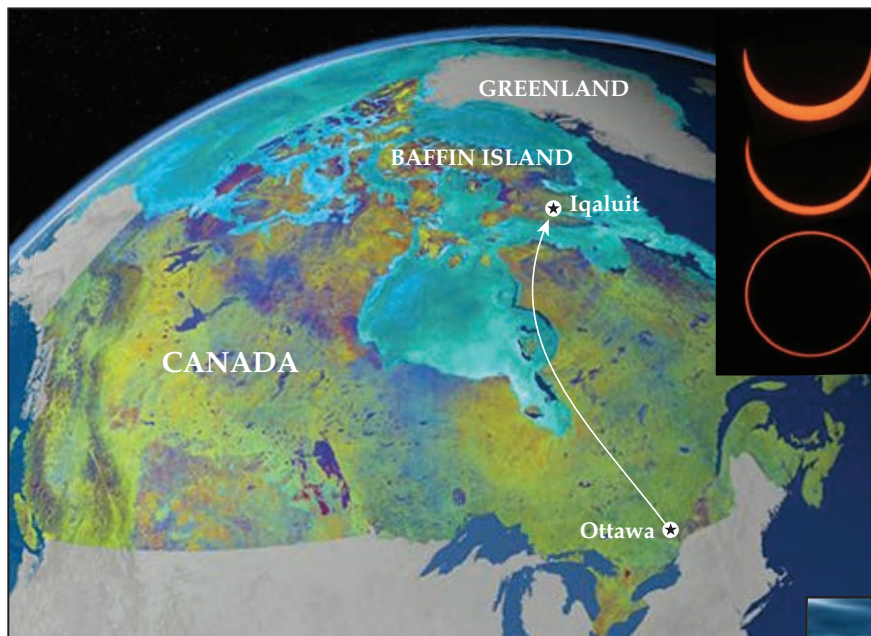
Group transfer to the airport for a morning flight to the town of Iqaluit, Nunavut Territory's capital located 3 hours north of Ottawa on Baffin Island. This is Canada's largest island and straddles the Arctic Circle between Hudson Strait and Greenland.

After lunch enjoy an introduction to the culture and fascinating local history of this remote region.

Dinner & Lecture. (D)

Day 3 Tundra & Inuit Games

This morning explore Sylvia Grinnell Territorial Park to learn about the flora and fauna of the Arctic on Baffin Island on a tundra walk. You will have an opportunity to sample local foods such as bannock, pitsi (dried fish), smoked Arctic Char, and caribou stew while



marveling at the waterfalls and spectacular views of the river valley meandering its way to Frobisher Bay. Enjoy a demonstration of traditional Inuit Games used for testing strength and endurance.

This afternoon learn how the Arctic College is providing research opportunities in the North and programs celebrating Inuit language and culture. The Nunavut Research Institute is a focal point for science coordination and outreach in the Canadian Arctic and works to design and conduct innovative environmental field monitoring programs. (B,L,D)

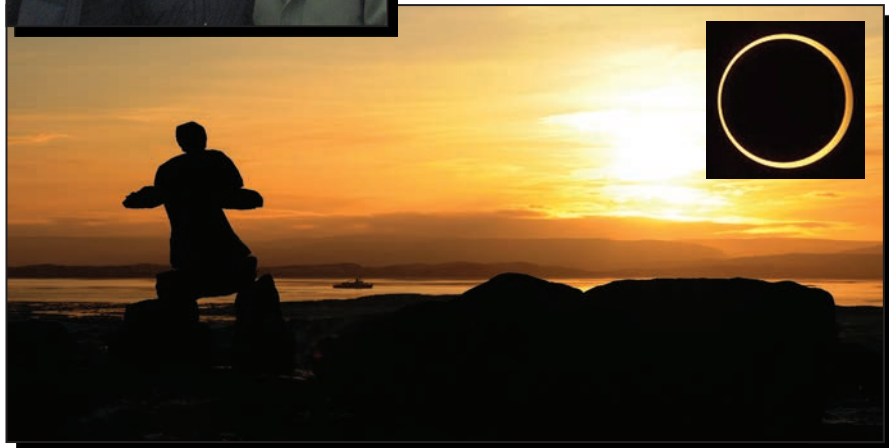
Day 4 Dog Sledding Adventure & Inuit Art

Today we will learn the basics of becoming a musher and discover the immensity of the region while sitting comfortably on a qamotiq (traditional Inuit sled) as the dogs run over the frozen ocean (*conditions permitting*). Return to the kennel to take part in the daily routine of feeding and caring for these iconic sled dogs.

Visit the Nunatta Sunakkutaangit Museum, Housed in an old Hudson's Bay Company storage building. The only museum in the territory, it preserves and promotes local culture and art. Eclipse lecture tonight. (B,L,D)

Day 5 Annular Eclipse & Inuit Culture

Today we will rise early to view the Annular Eclipse, delighting in the play of light and shadow as the moon occludes the sun, leaving only a thin Ring of Fire around the perimeter of



the Midnight Sun! After breakfast visit a local school to learn about education in this sparsely populated region.

Continue to the Legislative Assembly, home of Nunavut's territorial government. The chambers feature traditional elements such as sealskin-lined seats, doorframes that look like qamutik rails and igloo-inspired architecture reflecting the proud Inuit cultural heritage.

Lunch on own and time for independent visits to artist studios, or a hike along Frobisher Bay.

Tonight our friendly Inuit hosts will bring ancient traditions to life with traditional drum dancing, and a Qulliq lighting ceremony highlighting the historic use of this oil lamp used by Arctic peoples for 3,000 years. (B,D)

Day 6 Iqaluit – Ottawa, and connections home.

We fly back to Ottawa with insights into the cultural treasures and richness of the North, the awesome landscapes, and fascinating beauty of the Arctic! Connecting flights home should depart after 7:00 pm. (B)

Iqaluit foggy night



Hudson's Bay Co historic bldg



Reservations

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Yes! I/We want to join the **Baffin Island Annular Eclipse Expedition, June 6-11, 2021**, offered by **The Planetary Society and Betchart Expeditions Inc.** Please reserve _____ space(s) on the expedition. As a deposit, I/we have enclosed a check for \$_____ (\$1,000 per person), payable to Betchart Expeditions Inc. Trust Account.

Name(s): _____ Age _____ Sex _____

_____ Age _____ Sex _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: Home (_____) _____

Work (_____) _____

Email: _____

Citizenship: ____ USA ____ Canada Other: _____

Member: ____ Planetary Society ____ AAAS ____ Sigma Xi ____ ACS

Accommodations Preference:

____ Twin ____ Single ____ Twin Share ____ with a friend or
____ assign a roommate

____ Nonsmoker ____ Smoker

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**Please Mail To: Baffin Island 2021
Betchart Expeditions Inc.
17050 Montebello Road, Cupertino, CA 95014-5435**

Costs & Conditions

Expedition Fee: \$4,595 per person twin share for 6 days (plus air fare from Ottawa to Iqaluit, approx. \$1,360 round trip). Air fare home to Ottawa additional.

Singles: Should you desire single accommodations, the single supplement is \$795. If you do not have a roommate and we cannot assign one, you must pay the single supplement.

What to Expect: This expedition is for the travel enthusiast who would enjoy seeing the spectacular Arctic landscapes of Baffin Island, in the immense Canadian Arctic province of Nunavut, and the Annular Solar Eclipse. Explore the capital of Iqaluit on Frobisher Bay, and learn about the fascinating cultural heritage and history. Travel on a traditional Inuit dog sled or snowmobile to a remote park. Visit an old Hudson's Bay Trading Post, and more. Meet soapstone carvers, visit the Arctic College, and see the Annular Eclipse "Ring of Fire" as it passes over Iqaluit! The expedition will be a tremendous experience for travelers with an appetite for adventure and discovery. There should be reasonable prospects of seeing the Eclipse; however it could be obscured by clouds and fog. (No smoking in vehicles, during lectures, or meals, please.)

Expedition Fee Includes: Group transfers; land transport by vans or motorcoach; one night accommodations in Ottawa & 4 nights in Iqaluit in first class hotels; welcome social; all meals in Iqaluit from dinner on Day 2 thru breakfast on Day 6 except lunch on Day 5; travel by sled dog or snowmobile on a special excursion; festive cultural dinner; and other activities as described; leadership, administration.

Expedition Fee Does Not Include: Air fare Ottawa, Canada, to Iqaluit, round trip; air fare home to Ottawa; independent transfers; meals in Ottawa; 1 lunch in Iqaluit; optional activities; personal items such as passport; alcoholic beverages, laundry, phone calls, beverages at meals; bottled water; soda, snacks, or personal insurance.



Airfares & Airline Ticketing: Please make flight arrangements directly with the airlines to arrive in Ottawa by 4 pm June 6, 2021 and to return home after 5 pm on June 11, 2021. All group members will take the group flights Ottawa to Iqaluit, June 7, and return on June 11, 2021 (group flights will be ticketed by Betchart). Air Fares Are Subject to Change until Ticketed. Times subject to reconfirmation.

FOR RESERVATIONS

Please mail the completed reservation form with a deposit check for \$1,000 per person to:

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17050 Montebello Road
Cupertino, CA 95014-5435

Telephone (800) 252-4910 (USA)
or (408) 252-4910 (International)
Fax: (408) 252-1444

Email: BetchartTerri@gmail.com

Final payment is due 90 days before departure

Look on the Web: www.betchartexpeditions.com

Cancellations & Refunds: The initial deposit for this expedition is refundable up to 90 days before departure less a handling fee of \$250 per person. There will be no refund for any cancellation after the 90-day period unless your place can be resold, then only a handling fee of \$100 pp is withheld. There are no refunds for unused meals, accommodations, or other expedition features. Trip cancellation insurance is recommended.

Coronavirus: All passengers must adhere to special coronavirus protocols, including social distancing and wearing masks. Your temperature will be taken before you board the flights. If any symptoms of COVID-19, you must return home and cannot continue on the trip (no refunds of trip fees). Please contact us for details.

Questions? Please call **Terri Stevens**

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