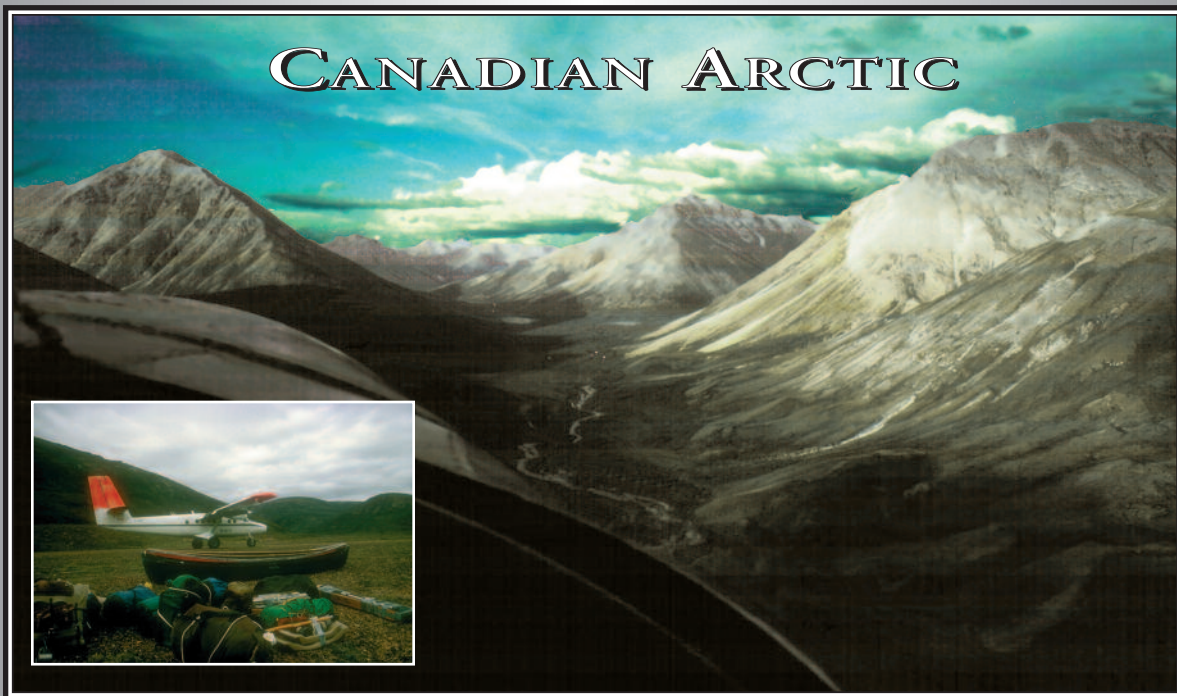




SOPER RIVER EXPEDITION
META INCOGNITA PENINSULA ~ NUNAVUT



JULY 5 - 13 • JULY 19 - 27 • CUSTOM DATES IN JULY

THE ULTIMATE NORTHERN CANOE TRIP . . .

CANADA'S BAFFIN ISLAND - now Inuit governed NUNAVUT TERRITORY - lies to the north of the Labrador sea, and to the west of Greenland. It offers some of the earth's most spectacular and dramatic glacial arctic landscapes. Rugged coastlines are indented with countless fiords; glaciers cover much of the wild interior. The rolling tundra glows with delicate arctic flowers and lichens - all illuminated by the sublime radiance of the midnight sun.



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Inhabited by the proud and stalwart Inuit, Baffin Island is also home to the full range of arctic wildlife; caribou, seals, walrus and polar bears roam freely, and roughly 12% of the North American bird population breeds on Baffin. Renowned for its artists, the vibrant culture of the **Baffin Inuit** has produced some of the finest artists and sculptors in the North. Open canoeing on Baffin Island was virtually unheard of - until our **first descent** of the upper **Soper River** in July 1990.

THE SOPER RIVER VALLEY, on the **META INCOGNITA PENINSULA**, along the southern end of the island, directly across the Hudson Strait from the Ungava Peninsula, is considered one of the most beautiful pieces of terrain in the eastern arctic.



EVENING CAMP

Proclaimed the "**Oasis of Baffin Island**", the Soper River Valley receives both federal and territorial protection. This pristine valley is characterized by lush and delicately flowered tundra, intimate gorges, thin wisps of waterfalls cascading off terraced escarpments - lit by the soft glow of the summer northern light. The Soper River is moderate in terms of whitewater; comprised of many short, runnable **Class I-II+** rapids - ideal for novices.

Access is via twin-engine Otter, equipped with "tundra tires"; landing directly adjacent to the river. The climate is surprisingly dry, and there are **no black flies**. The pace is fairly relaxed, allowing ample time for some spectacular **side hikes**, and excellent **Arctic Char fishing**.



CLASS II WHITEWATER

As we approach the coast, and Soper Falls, we link up with local Inuit guides who escort us into the small, native community of **KIMMIRUT**, (formerly Lake Harbour.) This historic, traditional community has greeted whalers, missionaries, and traders since the 1860's, and is renowned for its intense soapstone carvings. Offshore excursions, among icebergs and polar bears, are optional.



LUNCH BREAK

The trip meets in Ottawa, the evening prior; **FIRST AIR** scheduled flights, (group fares arrg. through Sunrise) take the party to **IQUALUIT**, the bustling capital of newly formed Nunavut Territory, from which point the party embarks, via air charter to the river.



ARCTIC POLER



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See following pages for specific logistical details