

Dark Skies and the Inspiring Universe:

Looking Up, Out, and In with Cosmologist-in-Residence Tom Vassos

On Fogo Island, Newfoundland

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Fogo Island, NL., 9 January 2019—Travel to the secluded northern vantage point of Fogo Island Inn during Pack Ice Season to uncover the mysteries of the universe. On the weekend of March 9-11, 2019, Cosmologist-in-residence Tom Vassos will open up the world of supernovas, constellations, and black holes. Spend time with Community Hosts that have used the stars to navigate the North Atlantic for decades.

Tom Vassos, accomplished astronomer and author, will answer guests' questions and entertain any and all wonderings... how did the planets form, and what is star dust, really? Look up, look out, and look inward; the skyward findings of the weekend may not be entirely fathomable, but they will surely be profoundly grounding.

The delightful disorientation of the stargazing weekend will reorient guests to the natural world as they come to know Fogo Island's place in the unknowable universe. Guided activities include a Dark Sky primer and seminars on the brave new worlds of space tourism and planetary exploration. Stargazing from the Inn's best vantage points with a powerful telescope will bring the magic and marvels of the night sky into sharp focus, and private, self-guided dark sky viewing by the naked eye from the rooftop's outdoor hot tubs is, of course, encouraged. Indoor and outdoor sing-alongs of songs about the sun, moon, stars and planets with Community Hosts will be the soundtrack to the weekend.

Time spent at Fogo Island Inn includes all meals, amenities, and access to the Inn's Cinema to watch films set on Earth and in space. Guests can always relax after a day of outdoor activities in the rooftop sauna or hot tubs to soak in the spectacle of shooting stars, the Milky Way and other natural wonders of the cosmos.

The **DARK SKIES AND THE INSPIRING UNIVERSE** itinerary (Saturday, March 9 to Monday, March 11, 2018) experience includes a two-night stay at Fogo Island Inn, all meals, a half-day Community Host Island Orientation, and a range of outdoor activities, stargazing excursions

and presentations.

To reserve, call International Reservations at **+1 709 658 3444**, US & Canada Reservations at **+1 855 268 9277**, or email reservations@fogoislandinn.ca.

ABOUT TOM VASSOS

Accomplished astronomer and educator Tom Vassos is the author of three compelling books about cosmology, the newest being: *The Ultimate Guided Tour of the Universe – A Journey Through Space and Time* (release date: December 2018). The University of Toronto professor has a passion for making astronomy accessible and is a wealth of information on everything from deep space to asteroid mining to the birth and evolution of the universe. Vassos is a Member of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada and a Science Advocate for the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

ABOUT FOGO ISLAND INN

Travel + Leisure (T+L) readers recently voted Fogo Island Inn Best Resort Hotel, Canada in 2018 for the second consecutive year. Fogo Island Inn was also named Top Hotel in Canada by Condé Nast Traveler readers in both 2017 and 2018. Hideaway Report members picked the Inn as 2018's Most Culturally Connected Hotel, on the heels of its selection as one of Andrew Harper's Top 20 Hideaways in the World for 2017. Fogo Island Inn has also made Elite Traveler's list of Top 100 Hotels in the World (2018) and Condé Nast Traveler's Gold List in 2016 and 2017—the editors' choice list spanning six continents and 47 countries. This recognition from the US magazine followed the 2015 Gold List of its British sister publication, Condé Nast Traveller. The Inn is a community asset and all surpluses are reinvested in the community to help secure long-lasting resilience for Fogo Island, Newfoundland.

More information on Fogo Island Inn can be found [here](#).

ACCESS TO FOGO ISLAND, NEWFOUNDLAND, CANADA

Gander, Newfoundland is the international gateway to Fogo Island. Commercial flights from Toronto with connections in St. John's or Halifax can bring travellers to Gander in just over four hours. The Inn offers a land-and-ferry pick-up and return service to Gander. Travel from Gander to Fogo Island takes two hours by car or around 30 minutes by charter plane or helicopter. All transfer logistics and accommodations can be arranged by the Inn's reservations team at: **855-268-9277** or reservations@fogoislandinn.ca.

More information on Fogo Island Inn can be found [here](#) or by calling **1-855-268-9277** (toll free) or direct at **709-658-3444**.

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