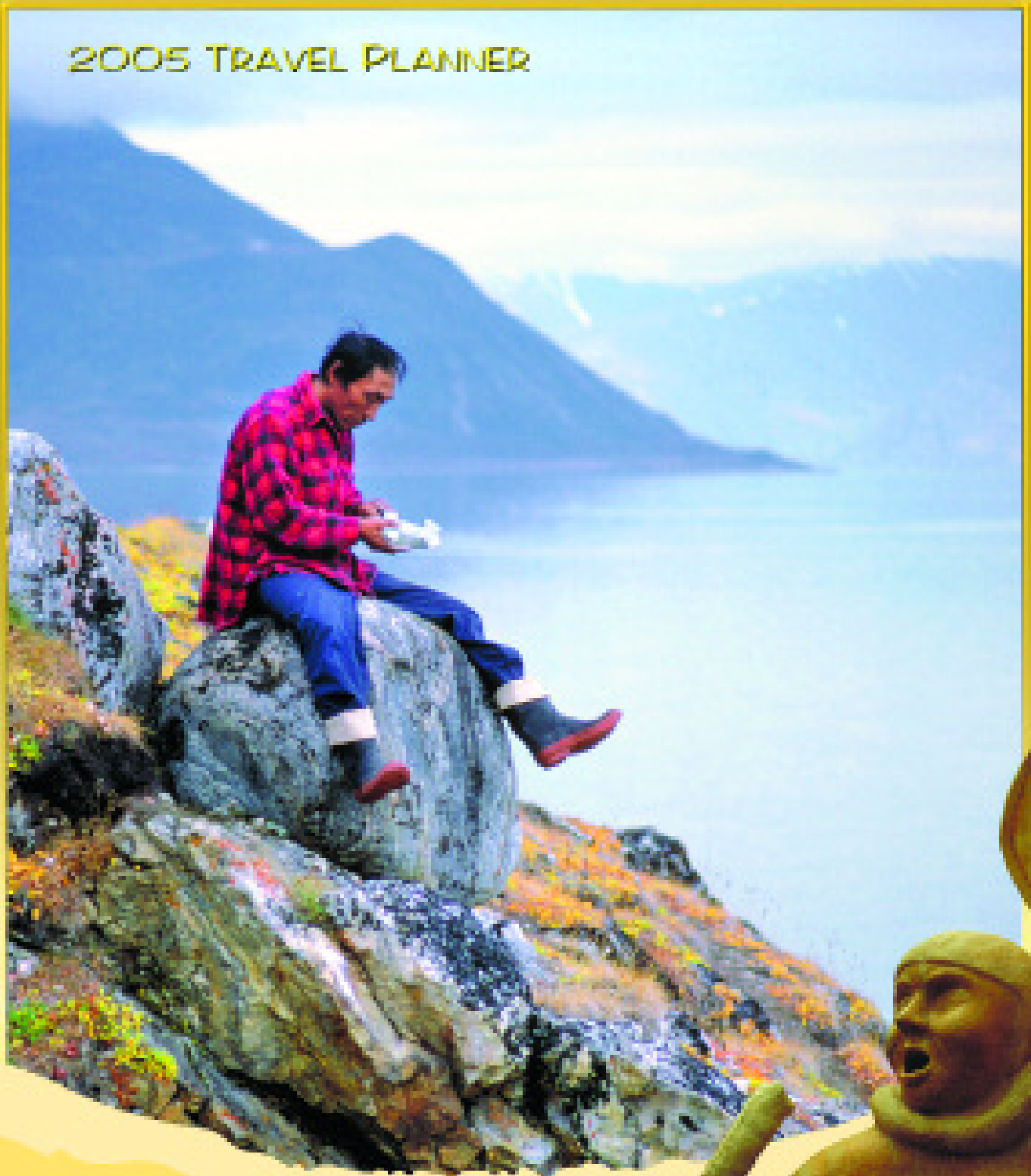


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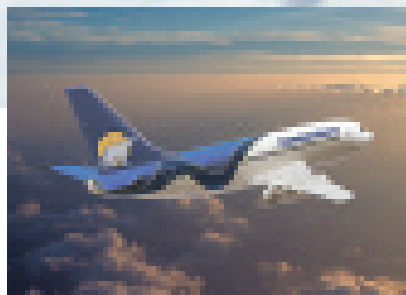
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REGIONS OF NUNAVUT

The giant territory of Nunavut is composed of three distinct regions. Each has its own culture, geography, traditions, natural heritage and attractions.

KITIKMEOT The westernmost region of Nunavut is known for its vast landscapes, superb tundra rivers, and abundant wildlife, including huge caribou herds, muskox, wolves, and bears. The Kitikmeot extends from Victoria Island east across the coast and inland to the Thelon Wildlife Sanctuary.

BAFFIN A mighty landscape of mountain ranges, icecaps, glacial valleys and open tundra, Baffin is the setting for three of Canada's most dramatic national parks and for Nunavut's flagship territorial park, Katannilik. Nunavut's capital, Iqaluit, is located here.

KIVALLIQ Ringing the rugged west shore of Hudson Bay, the Kivalliq has a long, rich history of European trading and whaling. Its distinct culture is reflected in traditional clothing and contemporary Inuit art.



Nunavut at a Glance

*Nunavut means “Our Land” in Inuktitut,
the language of the Inuit.*

Nunavut officially joined the Federation of Canada on April 1, 1999, becoming Canada’s newest territory. Most of the population is Inuit, a people whose ancestors have lived here for more than a thousand years.

From the time of the earliest explorers, Inuit have guided and assisted those visiting their land. Today, joined by others who have made this territory their home, their welcome is stronger than ever, reinforced by pride in their territory and in stewardship of *Nuna*, “the land”.

NunaFACTS

Nunavut’s motto, *Nunavut sanginivut*, means “Nunavut, our strength.”

Area of Nunavut:

1.994 million square kilometres (one fifth of Canada), extending north and west of Hudson Bay.

Population of Nunavut: 29,000

Population per square kilometre of territory:

Nunavut:	0.01
Canada:	3
Germany:	229

With a median age of 22.1 years, Nunavut’s population is the youngest in Canada. It’s also the fastest growing, having increased by 8% in just six years.

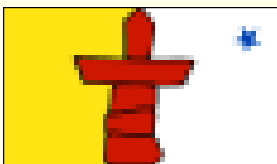
Nunavut’s 28 communities range in size from Bathurst Inlet in the Kitikmeot Region, population 25, to Iqaluit, the capital, where nearly 6,500 people live. The territory’s northernmost settlement is Grise Fiord, at 78° N. The hamlet of Sanikiluaq, in the Belcher Islands, is farther south than the Manitoba/Ontario border.

Distance from the western boundary of Nunavut to the east edge of Baffin Island: 2,000 kilometres.

Distance from Alert (at the northern tip of Nunavut) to the Manitoba border in the south: 2,500 kilometres.

Languages (or dialects) spoken: Inuktitut, Inuinnaqtun (Inuinaktun), English, French.

NUNAVUT TERRITORIAL FLAG



Gold and blue symbolize the riches of land and sea, and the arctic sky. White stands for the snows of winter. The Inukshuk figure represents traditional stone markers built on the land to guide travellers. It’s coloured red to honour Nunavut’s place in the

Canadian Confederation. *Niqirtsuituq*, the North Star, is a traditional aid for navigation; it’s used on the flag to symbolize the constant guidance of Inuit Elders.

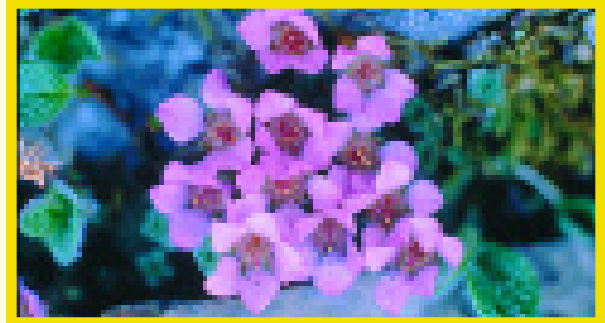


Photo: Sam Kapookak, Bathurst Inlet Lodge

Territorial flower: purple mountain saxifrage (Saxifraga oppositifolia)



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Territorial bird: rock ptarmigan

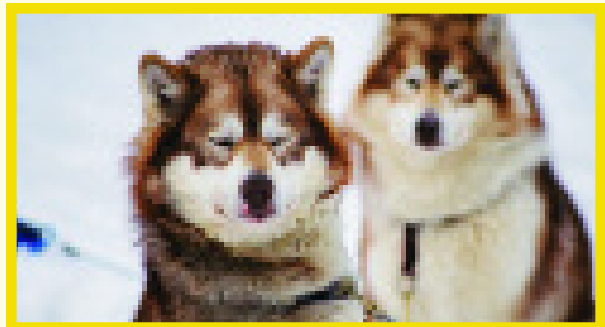


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Territorial animal: Canadian Inuit Dog



Soul-gripping Journeys in an *Untouched World*

At the top of the North American continent lies an arctic land of incredible natural beauty, where horizons stretch forever. This is Canada's newest territory, Nunavut. One fifth of the landmass of Canada, three times as big as Texas, it has a population of only 29,000.



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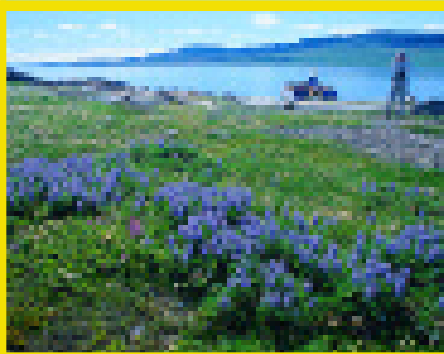


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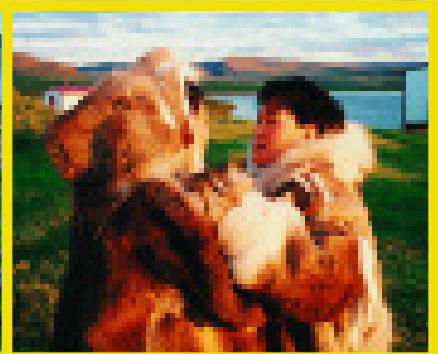


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The Land

Nunavut is vast tundra, wide seas, and small, friendly communities. It's a land that offers breathtaking vistas and an unhampered view of wildlife, where caribou follow ancestral trails and polar bears patrol the sea ice.

In Nunavut, adventure takes on a thrilling new dimension, set against some of the most powerful scenery on Earth. Come North, for the journey of a lifetime.

The People of Nunavut

This is the land of the Inuit, whose ancestors migrated across the Bering Land Bridge from Asia, then spread across the arctic coast after the retreat of the glaciers. Today's Inuit are descended from the Thule people, who moved into the central and eastern Arctic about 1000 years ago,

hunting whales and living in large villages of semi-subterranean stone houses.

The people's most recent ancestors lived in small groups, relying on snowhouses in winter, travelling by dogteam, and using stone lamps for heat, light, and cooking. They followed the caribou or stayed by the sea, hunting seals and small whales, and fishing at the river mouths.

With the coming of whalers, traders, and many others, the Inuit adopted goods brought by the *qablunaaq* (white people): from rifles, metal tools and sewing machines to snowmobiles, computers, satellite phones, and the Internet.

During the 1990s, Inuit land claims in the eastern Arctic were settled. As part of the agreement, the Government of

Canada agreed to split the Northwest Territories, establishing a new territory – Nunavut. On April 1, 1999, Nunavut came into being amidst beautiful ceremonies and celebrations. About 85% of the population of Nunavut is Inuit, people whose ancestors have lived here for more than a thousand years.

For many Inuit today, business, industry and office work have in part replaced a life lived on the land. However, the old ways haven't been forgotten. Families return to the land in summer, to renew spiritual ties. Inuit children know two worlds – one the traditional world of their forefathers, and one embracing change.

When you visit Nunavut you'll be enriched by learning about Inuit culture, and sharing the experience of the land itself.



Sample Itinerary:
Kayaking Arctic Seas

Slip into the short, brilliant window of summer and experience a traditional Inuit means of travel as you kayak Nunavut's cobalt waters. From several communities, you can participate in guided or unguided kayak experiences, paddling the protected waters of deep fiords, inlets, and bays. Here, you'll come face-to-face with marine mammals and birds, including belugas, seals, and even great whales, amidst stunning scenery.

Routes and timing are flexible, allowing for wind, tides, and ice conditions. Your experience can last a day or weeks, and kayaks are available in several communities.

To locate Nunavut's outdoor adventure operators, refer to the chart on pages 38-39, and then check for details under the alphabetized list of tour operators and outfitters that follows.



Outdoor Experiences

Challenge the Wild

Nunavut's expansive open water, mountains and tundra are calls to rare adventure, from kite-skiing, sea kayaking and magnificent river trips, to wilderness trekking and climbing that rivals any in the world.



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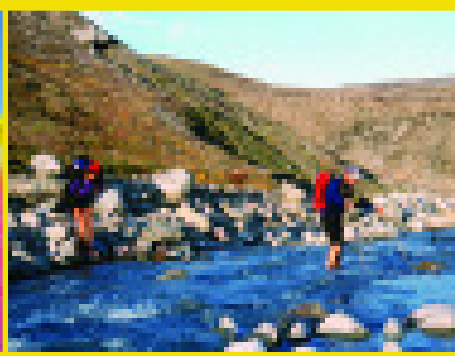


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Hiking and Trekking

Hiking can be a packaged adventure, with most equipment supplied, or a do-it-yourself experience. One of the prime hiking destinations is Akshayuk Pass in Auyuittuq National Park. Plan your trip with tourism operators in Pangnirtung and Qikiqtarjuaq. From Pond Inlet and Arctic Bay, tour operators offer hiking in Sirmilik National Park. Other superb hiking destinations include Katannilik Territorial Park southeast of Iqaluit, Iqalugaarjuup Nunanga near Rankin Inlet, and Ovaoyok near Cambridge Bay.

Climbing

Nunavut offers a full range of ice, mountain and rock climbing experiences on sheer cliffs and towering rock fortresses. From Pangnirtung or Qikiqtarjuaq, head for stunning Auyuittuq National Park, with its established big wall routes on awesome Mounts Thor and Asgard. Clyde River also offers access to good ice and big wall climbing.

Kite-skiing/Para-sailing

A thrilling new mode of polar travel, kite-skiing is for you if you're in good shape and confident on skis. Sign on for a 10-day course in Iqaluit, learning all about winds and kite design, and practicing brand-new flying techniques. During the last five days, you're part of an expedition on Frobisher Bay learning about safe, efficient group travel and winter camping.

Sea Kayaking

Rooted in Inuit tradition, sea kayaking is a superb way to explore Nunavut's coasts, whether it's from communities on the Northwest Passage or Hudson Bay, in the High Arctic, or in the wild fiords of Baffin Island. It is evident that Nunavut is swiftly being identified as a world-class destination by fans of this fast-growing sport. You will find options for guided or unguided experiences. You can either bring your own kayak or use ones supplied by outfitters.

River Adventures

Nunavut's legendary rivers are ideal for canoeing, river kayaking, or rafting. The character of the river varies by the location and terrain; some meander past eskers and thin fingers of spruce taiga, providing views of muskox, caribou, sandhill cranes, tundra swans, and loons. On others, in more rugged country, peregrine falcons, golden eagles, and gyrfalcons peer from lofty eyries on sheer cliffs.

The Coppermine (now proposed as a Canadian Heritage River), Hood, and Burnside/Mara offer unparalleled wildlife viewing and scenery. The Thelon Heritage River, the Back and Dubawnt Rivers flow through the Thelon Wildlife Sanctuary. The Soper Heritage River is accessible from Iqaluit and Kimmirut. The Kazan Heritage River, with its Fall Caribou Crossing National Historic Site, offers good wildlife and fishing. Rafting is offered on the Coppermine, Burnside, and Soper Rivers. Consider a guided trip or the services of a canoe outfitter, which is more cost-effective and safer than travelling on your own.



Sample Itinerary:
A Journey in Katannilik

Katannilik Territorial Park is an arctic oasis on southern Baffin Island, stretching across from Frobisher Bay near Iqaluit to Kimmirut on the south coast. Outfitters offer 1-2 week package tours that access the park for hiking, camping, rafting, or canoeing. You can fly in or be transported by boat from Iqaluit across Frobisher Bay to the Itijjagialq trailhead from which you can hike all the way to Kimmirut. There are several shelter cabins in the park, but hikers should be prepared and self-sufficient for a 7-10 day trip. It will be necessary to cross several shallow rivers.

In winter, you can book an outfitted and guided dogsled or cross-country ski expedition. To ensure the best selection of dates, book any outfitted trip several months in advance. To locate outfitters offering wilderness camping, check the chart on pages 38-39, and find details in the alphabetical listings that follow.



Parks & Camping

Awesome Escapes

The natural assets protected in Nunavut's parks have a grandeur unrivaled in the world. This is the pristine Arctic, among the earth's rarest treasures, and little known to travellers until now.

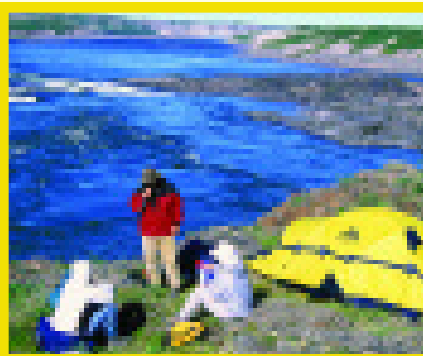


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Most parks in Nunavut are destinations in themselves, attracting visitors for their scenery, wildlife or place in history. Four national parks, three Canadian Heritage Rivers, several Canadian Heritage Sites, wildlife/bird sanctuaries, and territorial parks offer incomparable experiences. Visitors' centres interpret history and Inuit heritage and provide assistance in building your trip.

National Parks

Nunavut's National Parks offer exquisite scenery, access to amazing wildlife spectacles and to some of the most remote wilderness on earth. Auyuittuq offers icecaps, stunning scenery, precipitous mountains and the towering rock walls of Mt. Thor. Sirmilik, on Bylot Island, has teeming seabird nesting cliffs, hoodoos, and ancient Inuit structures, including a rock polar bear trap, while Quttinirpaaq, on northern Ellesmere Island, provides an opportunity to experience the high arctic oasis of Lake Hazen, muskox, Peary caribou,

and icecaps. Canada's newest national park, Ukkusiksalik, on Wager Bay, is an important summering area for polar bears, with gorgeous scenery, and many ancient Inuit camps.

If you plan to camp independently, visit the National Parks website at www.parkscanada.ca for specific contact information on your chosen park. Check with the appropriate Park office for details about weather, trail conditions, fees, and precautions.

Boat or fly-in access for remote camping experiences can be arranged. Operators offer a selection of locations or options, from scenic river camps, tent camps on traditional Inuit fishing sites, access to trailheads for parks like Auyuittuq, or for skidoo or dogteam trips to bird nesting cliffs or the floe edge off north Baffin Island.

Territorial Parks

Sylvia Grinnell Park, a 30-minute walk from Iqaluit, offers campsites in a lovely setting where you can fish, or picnic by a waterfall. Pisuktinu

Tungavik (Pangnirtung) provides campsites for those visiting the community or on their way to Auyuittuq National Park. Tamaarvik Park in Pond Inlet offers campsites for sea-kayakers and hikers, remnants of Thule sites and good fishing.

Inuujaarvik Park, in Baker Lake, provides facilities for canoeists coming off the Thelon River, and the Kazan River Landing offers campsites at the mouth of the Kazan. Katannilik Territorial Park offers hiking, rafting and winter activities as well. Iqalugaarjuup Nunanga near Rankin Inlet has an interpretive trail through a lovely Thule site. Ovayok, at Mt. Pelly near Cambridge Bay, and Kugluk/Bloody Falls on the Coppermine, offer good hiking and wildlife. Kugluktuk Park, located on the beach, provides camping for groups coming down the Coppermine River. Park facilities are summarized in each regional chapter, or check www.nunavutparks.com.



Sample Itinerary:
A Baffin Arts and Cultural Adventure

An eight-day learning tour could begin with a visit to Inuit exhibits at the Canadian Museum of Civilization in Ottawa, followed by a flight to Iqaluit, capital of Nunavut, where you can visit ancient Thule sites and meet Elders. Then it's on to Pangnirtung, a major centre for Inuit art, amidst gorgeous mountain scenery. Here, you can sample whaling history with a trip on Pangnirtung Fiord to the old whaling station at Kekerten.

Your learning tour could continue with a visit to a third main art centre, at Cape Dorset, where you can visit talented carvers, printmakers, and weavers, observing works in progress, and participating in further discussions on art and the Inuit culture.

To locate cultural, art and history adventures, check the chart on pages 38-39, and then the alphabetical listings for details on the operators.



Culture, Art & History

Journeys in Time

*The Nunavut past goes deep, yet it's visible everywhere.
Today, you can see haunting stone relics of Thule villages on the land.
Museums and visitors' centres also preserve artifacts.*



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Cultural Adventures in Nunavut

Learn about the Inuit way of life when you travel by dogteam and *qamutik* or kayak (*qajaq*). Go out onto the land and crouch in a stone hunting blind, imagining the hunters' hungry wait for the caribou. Learn to build an igloo, then sleep in it.

Iqaluit operators offer trips by boat or snowmobile to Qaummaarviit Territorial Park, a superb Dorset and Thule site. From Pangnirtung, travel to Kekerten Territorial Park, for a unique look at whaling history. Igloolik is a centre of Inuit culture where Dorset culture sites date back 4000 years. In Pond Inlet, the Nattinnak Centre features interpretive exhibits. From Rankin Inlet, you can take an excursion to Marble Island, an important Inuit historical site with old camps, sunken ships, and remnants of the whaling era. At Arviat, local operators run boat, snowmobile and winter dogteam trips to Arvia'juaq National Historic Site.

Inuit Arts and Crafts

Inuit art takes many forms. Tradition is very much alive in music – the drum dance, and the unique women's art of throat-singing, now being adapted and recorded by popular groups.

Inuit artists produce stone, bone, antler and ivory carvings, limited-edition prints, wall hangings, jewellery, and replicas of traditional tools. In Iqaluit, art is displayed in the Nunavut Legislative Assembly, at the Nunatta Sunakkutaangit Museum, and at Unikkaarvik (the Baffin Regional Visitors' Centre). At Cape Dorset, tours of the West Baffin Eskimo Cooperative are available. Pangnirtung is known for its woven tapestries and stonecut prints. The Uqqurmiut Inuit Artists Association welcomes visitors to their studios. Baker Lake is a centre of Inuit art. The Vera Akumalik Visitors' Centre houses interpretive displays, and staff will help visitors arrange local tours.

For further information about Arts and Crafts, see listings on page 58.

The Age of Arctic Exploration

Retrace the paths of the arctic explorers in Gjoa Haven. The Northwest Passage Park is a self-guided walking trail commemorating the quests of explorers. Kugluktuk offers interpretive signage in the community, with walking tours. In Cambridge Bay, the Arctic Coast Regional Visitors' Centre features displays on history, art, and culture.

In Bathurst Inlet and Gjoa Haven, special programs are offered to focus on the two Franklin expeditions, and the journeys of Hearne, Back, Amundsen, and the St. Roch.



Sample Itinerary:
Muskox and a Mountain

On this four to five-day trip, you'll fly north across the Arctic Circle to Cambridge Bay. Settle in at a comfortable lodge before exploring the town, with a stop at the Visitors Centre to investigate the history of the area and the search for the Northwest Passage. The next day, travel out to Ovayok Territorial Park in search of muskox, wildflowers and nesting tundra birds. Visit Ikaluktutiak, where early explorers reported a large Inuit camp; only the outlines of their stone houses remain. Set aside a full day for birding and

photography. Species include snowy owls, jaegers, red phalaropes, king eiders, and tundra swans. On another day trip, you could visit the old stone church and the wreck of Amundsen's ship, the Maud.

To locate Nunavut operators offering tours and cruises, check the chart on pages 38-39, and look for details in the alphabetical listings that follow.



Cruises & Tours

Nunavut Excursions

You don't have to rough it to enjoy Nunavut's natural wonders. Voyage the Northwest Passage on a fully-equipped cruise ship or book an exciting spring journey to the floe-edge by dogteam, to see belugas and narwhals rolling in the dark waters.

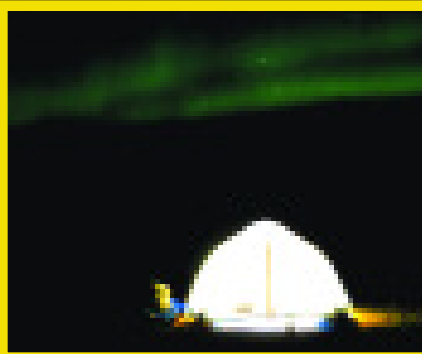


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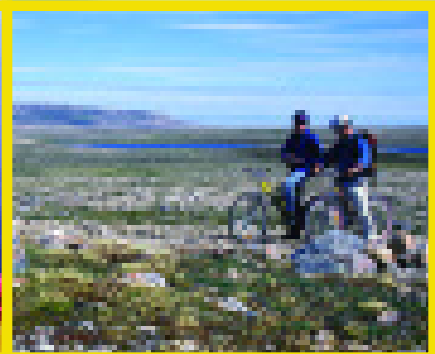


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Short of time for logistical trip planning? Packaged tours offer superb selections of activities, preplanned to offer that special arctic experience, trips that often would be difficult to organize as an individual. Some of these are lodge-based, and some mobile; all feature guiding and, in most cases, transportation from an airline "hub". Full meals and essential gear are supplied on most trips.

Select from choices of guided trips to the North Pole, April cross-country skiing in the High Arctic, skiing/snowboarding on Baffin Island accessed by ski plane in May, sport fishing for lake trout in the central barrenlands, or for arctic char at the Tree River or on northern Victoria Island, backpacking trips on Ellesmere Island, dogsledding trips, and less strenuous natural history lodge-based experiences at Bathurst Inlet, Elu Inlet, and on northern Victoria Island. Trip lengths vary from a couple days

to two weeks or more. Boat and snowmobile tours are available from several communities, as are flight-seeing tours, and charter flights to historical spots such as Beechey Island, wintering place for the Franklin expedition in 1845.

Day trips are also available to places of great cultural importance, like Marble Island near Rankin Inlet, Arvia'juaq near Arviat, Qammaarviit from Iqaluit, and Bylot Island from Pond Inlet. These may be offered by boat, snowmobile, or even dogteam, and usually involve cultural and natural history interpretation and at least one meal.

History by Boat

Arctic tour boats vary in size from icebreaker-type cruise ships equipped with helicopters and zodiacs, to pontoon boats, longliners and Peterheads (10 -13 metres). Retrace the voyages of explorers like Franklin,

Ross, Amundsen and Larsen on a Northwest Passage luxury cruise. Or book a much shorter ocean journey from just about any of Nunavut's communities, including visits to traditional camps and ancient sites along the shore.

Inuit Art Tours

From Pangnirtung's exquisite woven tapestries to striking black stone carvings and sewn wall hangings from Baker Lake and classic carvings and prints from Cape Dorset, art from Nunavut has gained an international reputation for quality and uniqueness.

Join a tour led by specialists, meeting recognized carvers and printmakers in their home communities, watching them work, and purchasing artwork that has personal meaning to you because you have met the artists. Nunavut art tours focus on the creative process and the traditions and stories behind the art.



Sample Itinerary:
An Arctic Naturalist Lodge

Your trip begins with a charter flight over tundra and arctic seas, touching down at an isolated lodge, offering comfortable accommodations in unforgettable scenery. Day trips by boat and hiking allow you to observe nesting tundra birds, and scan cliffs for nesting peregrines or gyrfalcons. You can immerse yourself in the floral beauty of the summer tundra, and may stalk a grazing muskox, or watch as a ringed seal bobs on a mirrored sea. Knowledgeable guides will show you ancient Inuit camps and game

drive systems, sharing knowledge gained over generations lived in close contact with the land and wildlife. Evening programs may focus on geology, history, Inuit games, and life in Nunavut today.

To locate Nunavut operators who offer ecotourism or natural history programs, check the chart on pages 38-39, and then look for details in the alphabetized listings that follow.



Naturalist Experiences

An Untamed Eden

Nunavut's opportunities to see birds and wildlife are among the best in the world. Whales, caribou, muskox and lordly polar bears roam freely in their majestic arctic habitat, and experienced travel operators will take you where you're most likely to see them.



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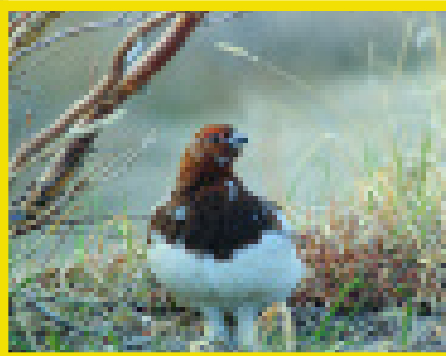


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Wildlife on the Tundra

Because the tundra is treeless, Nunavut is a paradise for wildlife-watchers, whether you're travelling on the land or canoe-tripping. Muskox and wolves roam here, sometimes watching curiously from riverbanks as you paddle past. You might round a bend to see a herd of caribou stretching from bank to bank, antlers forming a barrier as they swim the river. As the Inuit say, "Caribou bring life to the land." Predators follow the caribou, including wolves, wolverines, and the magnificent barrenground grizzly.

Seagoing Wonders

Along Nunavut's coasts, you can see marine wildlife, which may include polar bears, seals, walrus, and whales, appropriate to the habitat and ranges of the species. Coral Harbour, Igloolik, and northern Hudson Bay offer some of the best walrus and polar bear

watching in Nunavut. The deeply etched coast of Baffin Island with its countless fiords and bays is ideal for whale watching. Here, narwhals, belugas, and the great bowhead whales thrive amid icebergs, feeding on abundant sea life brought up from the deeps by upwelling currents. And, almost anywhere, you can see ringed and bearded seals hauled out on ice floes or peering from the sea.

Arctic Birding

Birdwatchers are enthralled by the sights and sounds of Nunavut. Tours from Resolute and Pond Inlet take you to magnificent seabird cliffs where thousands of thick-billed murrets, black guillemots and black-legged kittiwakes swirl against the sky. Snowy owls, yellow-billed, red-throated, and Pacific loons, sandhill cranes, and golden plovers are only a few of the species that migrate north to Nunavut to nest in June and July. Rankin Inlet,

Bathurst Inlet, and Wager Bay offer some of the healthiest peregrine falcon populations in the world. From Arviat, local outfitters offer boat trips to the McConnell River Bird Sanctuary, one of the richest shorebird and goose nesting areas in North America. Arctic terns and three species of jaegers nest on gravel bars in arctic rivers and on the open tundra. The High Arctic is home to the rare white phase of the gyrfalcon, the bird of medieval royalty.

Floe-edge Expeditions

A trip with Inuit guides to the floe-edge, where land-bound ice meets spring's open sea, is the highlight of an arctic visit – your chance to see dozens of bird and mammal species in their own rich ecosystem. You may travel by dogsled or snowmobile to an outpost camp. After an exciting day viewing wildlife, you could stay at a hotel in a nearby community.



Sample Itinerary:
Dogsled Adventures

Dogsledding is a magical experience available to everyone. You soon come to appreciate the working bond between driver and dogs, and that there are very different personalities and abilities coming together to form a team.

Settle back in the furs on the sled, and enjoy the passing scenery, or (with most operators), you can learn a bit about handling and driving the dogs. Take a day trip, or go on a full-fledged expedition in which you can learn how to care for the dogs and better understand the way people used to travel on the land.

Dogsledding is possible anytime in winter (a night trip under the aurora is awesome!), but it's best during the long spring days of April and May. And, it's offered in many communities, including Iqaluit, Clyde River, Okiqtarjuaq, Pond Inlet, Gjoa Haven, Cape Dorset, and Arviat.

For dogsledding and other snow-season adventures, check the chart on pages 38-39, and then find details about operators in the alphabetical listings that follow.



Snow Season

Extend Your Winter Fun!

From watching auroral curtains undulating in velvet winter skies, hearing dogsteps on crystalline spring snow, or resting on your skis to watch caribou passing in a tundra valley, Nunavut offers incomparable “snow season” experiences.



Photo: Tessa Macintosh

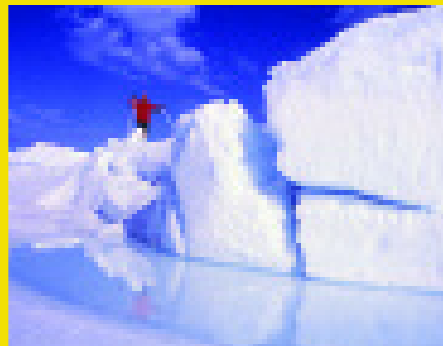


Photo: Ian & Sally Wilson, Travel Keewatin Collection

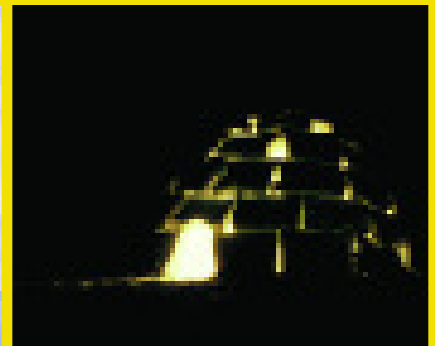


Photo: Nunavut Tourism

Are you a “winter person” who just can’t get enough of the white stuff? In Nunavut, you can extend your snow season. Up here you can play in the snow until June, under clear blue skies, in 24-hour daylight, and sometimes you can even go skiing in shorts!

Nunavut winters are dark, but you can see forever, millions of stars, brilliant moonlight, and the Aurora Borealis in a stunning celestial show. From September to March, the Northern Lights blaze across the heavens, undulating curtains and great pathways of spectral light. According to Inuit legends, the aurora is caused by spirits at play in the sky. Hearing these stories from the people of the land is an unforgettable privilege.

Spring is the favourite season of the Inuit. The long, bright days invite

travel on the land and over the sea ice. This is the time for visiting, fishing, and enjoying the return of the long daylight. Spring is the season for community festivals with Inuit games, dancing, music, feasting, and dog and snowmobile races. Many events are scheduled around Easter, and Toonik Tyme in Iqaluit and the Omingmak Frolics in Cambridge Bay are just two of many happy occasions.

You can book dogsledding trips, from day excursions to longer journeys. Add to the excitement by learning to drive a team yourself. If snowmobiling is more your speed, you can book excursions across the frozen landscape with operators in most communities.

Spring (April through June) is a wonderful time to extend your ski season. You can try ski-touring,

perhaps in Nunavut’s Territorial Parks, where caribou browse through the snow crust or arctic hares bound from your path. Cross-country skiing expeditions are available in Pond Inlet, Iqaluit and Pangnirtung. Maybe you’re even ready for the ultimate spring challenge – expeditions to the Magnetic or Geographic North Poles.

Nunavut outfitters can provide cold-weather gear to make your snow season vacation safe and comfortable. Travel along the ice by dogsled, snowmobile, or cross-country skis. Learn how to build an igloo, taste traditional foods like *mikku* (dried caribou), or try jigging for fish. Take incredible photos in the clarity of the magic arctic light.



Sample Itinerary:
Visit to an Arctic Fishing Lodge

The talk is all of "BIG ones" as you board your charter flight for your fishing adventure in Nunavut. Your floatplane touches down on a tundra lake, and taxis in beside aluminum boats neatly lined up on the beach. Soon, you and your guide are out on the water, minds in total synch. The big red char hits out of nowhere, and after an exciting fight, your guide lifts it carefully and puts it into the cradle of your arms. Cameras click, and you ease the fish back into the water, admiring the deep green of its back as it swirls away.

Each day of your weeklong package offers new opportunities – try casting for arctic grayling, or switch to your fly rod when you notice lake trout feeding on the surface in the evening. A passing muskox, wolf, or caribou may interrupt your fishing. Then enjoy the delicious shore lunches, special recipes created by your guides.

Check the chart on pages 38-39 for sport fishing operators, and then go to the listings section for details about what they offer.



Sport Fishing

Reel in a Record-Breaker

Nunavut offers the world's best fishing for arctic char and trophy-class lake trout. Wildlife, superb scenery, and getting to know local guides adds to your experience.



Photo: Fred Hamilton



Photo: Fred Hamilton



Photo: Fred Hamilton

Fish grow slowly in the cold arctic waters, but they grow big! Nunavut offers the world's best fishing for arctic char, a beautiful salmonid that spawns many times in its life. Huge lake trout will take a lure or a fly, and fight valiantly. Arctic grayling aren't big, but they are beautiful and scrappy, flashing through the riffles to take a fly, and putting up a great fight. Although spin casting and trolling are the most popular methods, fly-fishing offers additional thrills, and some operators specialize in fly-fishing packages.

Char fishing is best along the arctic coast or on Victoria Island, but can be good throughout the eastern arctic. The mainland barrenlands in the Kivalliq or Kitikmeot regions provide opportunities to fish for record class lake trout. Professional guides with knowledge of local waters maximize your ability to catch fish. Most lodges offer well-organized packages, based from Nunavut gateways or from southern "hubs".

Lodges are usually located at some distance from communities, so charter flights are part of the package, as is use of boats, guides and some gear. Options vary – some lodges, like Plummer's and Tukto, offer fly-out fishing and base planes at the lodge. Others are situated where you can fish several lake systems from a base.

Outpost camps are usually located on remote, sometimes rarely fished, lakes, and accommodations there are more spartan; you may be expected to bring your own sleeping bag and some gear. Occasionally, self-guided options are available.

If you are travelling in Nunavut on business, and want to spend a few extra days fishing, you can sometimes book a lodge package from the community, or can utilize local outfitters for a fishing experience on nearby waters. Ice-fishing tours are often available in springtime,

and are an interesting change of pace for the fishing enthusiast.

Anglers are required to hold a current sport fishing licence, available in the communities or from the lodges. The *Nunavut Sport Fishing Guide* outlines regulations, and is available with fishing licences or from the Department of Environment:

Baffin Region: (867) 975-5900
Kitikmeot Region: (867) 982-7240
Kivalliq Region: (867) 857-2828

To preserve healthy fish stocks, Nunavut has adopted stringent water quality standards and encourages "catch and release" fishing. Operators will assist you in taking measurements and obtaining photos so you can have a high quality replica mount made of your trophy fish.



After the Meeting

After the business day is over, there are fresh new ways to enhance your experience. In summer, explore the land and culture of Nunavut during the long evening hours. Take an evening cruise, community tour, or short fishing trip. In winter, how about a dogteam ride under the aurora?

Several Nunavut operators offer conference services, and it's usually a good idea to use these if you are planning a several-day meeting or

conference. Their familiarity with local logistics and suppliers can make your life much easier.

Check the chart on pages 38-39, and the listings following the chart. Some hotel operators also offer conference planning assistance.



Business Travel

Expand Your Horizons

Turn a business trip to Nunavut into something much more with adventures on the land. If you're organizing retreats, conferences or workshops, Nunavut offers exciting, well-equipped venues.



Photo: Wolfgang Weber



Photo: Tessa Macintosh



Photo: Grigor Hope

Business travel to Nunavut is growing every year. People come North for meetings, team-building and training sessions, financial services, ceremonies, and more. Nunavut communities and lodges have hosted everything from mining symposia and arts conferences to government think tanks.

Way beyond the ordinary, Nunavut's wide horizons will inspire and motivate your group. If you're organizing corporate events, several Nunavut communities offer unique venues, with up-to-the-minute facilities and communications.

Free of city-type distractions, you'll have a sense of getting back to basics in the clean, invigorating arctic environment.

Many local tourism outfitters (or the staff of a community visitors' centre) can arrange activities to unite your whole group, increase your knowledge of Nunavut's environment and Inuit tradition – and provide a lot of fun. Picture yourselves on a snowmobile jaunt or learning how to build an igloo. You can tour archaeological sites, try Inuit games, watch a drum dance or fashion show. Listen to throat-singers, check out art exhibits, or pick up souvenirs at craft sales.

Bring your family! If your airfare is covered as part of your business trip, it will reduce the cost of a family trip to Nunavut. It's a wonderful way for your children to learn about Canada's North!

Consider a trip to Nunavut as an incentive for your staff or sales force. Incentive travel is becoming more and more popular – to encourage sales, promote teamwork among the staff of a company, increase motivation, or reward achievement.

Could you use further help for your conference, possibly to arrange an art sale in a community, or to locate performers who can enhance your program? Contact Nunavut Tourism for assistance and contact names in the community where you will be meeting.

Essential Information

Planning Your Trip

A journey to Nunavut, Canada's biggest, wildest playground, begins with careful planning. The information you need is provided here and in the sections that follow, about Nunavut's three Travel Regions: Kitikmeot, Kivalliq and Baffin.



Photo: Tessa Macintosh



Above: New arrivals at Cambridge Bay Airport.

Nunavut is an immense territory (approximately one-fifth the land mass of Canada), which means seeing it all on one visit just isn't practical for most travellers. These Trip Planning pages are divided into three geographical regions – Baffin, Kivalliq and Kitikmeot. Knowing each one better will make your travel decisions easier. The regions are also political divisions within Nunavut. Each one has its own culture, history and fascinating character.

What would you like to do?

The early pages of this Travel Planner describe the exciting range of

experiences available throughout Nunavut. If you've decided what you'd like to do, you can choose from the list of companies that make each experience available, then refer to the Travel Listings that follow to find a detailed description of their offerings.

When you have a shortlist of operators, you can go directly to them for details about what they offer. Check websites, email, telephone, write or call for information. Once you are in contact with an operator, ask questions, and evaluate responses. Ask for references, and follow up on these.

Where do you want to go?

If your tour isn't packaged from a southern city, you'll need to make arrangements to get to the right Nunavut community. Check the Transportation listings and ads to see which airlines fly into the community where you will begin your trip. Consult the tour operator to find out exactly when you need to be in the community.

If you prefer to use a travel agent, this is the time to contact one. Many travel agents know little about Nunavut, so take your Nunavut Travel Planner with you when you go to see the agent. Confirm that the airline schedule matches your start date, and finish date.

Leave leeway at the end of your trip for weather delays. It's a good idea to stay in the community overnight before trying to make a scheduled flight. (For canoe trips, discuss this with your trip operator; it might be wise to build 2-3 days leeway into your plans.) If accommodations in the community are not included in your package, you can make reservations with a local hotel or bed and breakfast using the Accommodations listings in this guide.

Once you have firm travel plans, don't forget to communicate them to the operator, including arrival and departure dates. Ask for a confirmation of your booking.

GETTING HERE X



THE LONGEST DAYS

The Arctic is known as the Land of the Midnight Sun. For up to four months each spring and summer (depending on where you are), the sun never completely sets.

Community	24 Hours of Sunshine
Grise Fiord	April 22 to August 20
Resolute	April 29 to August 13
Arctic Bay	May 6 to August 6
Pond Inlet	May 5 to August 7
Clyde River	May 13 to August 9
Pangnirtung	June 8 to July 4
Igloolik	May 18 to July 26
Taloyoak	May 17 to July 27
Gjoa Haven	May 22 to July 21
Cambridge Bay	May 20 to July 23
Kugluktuk	May 27 to July 17

Source: Environment Canada

There are no roads to Nunavut. Most visitors arrive by scheduled air services from:

- Ottawa, Ontario
- Montreal, Quebec
- Winnipeg, Manitoba
- Churchill, Manitoba
- Edmonton, Alberta
- Yellowknife, Northwest Territories

The following airlines fly into Nunavut from southern Canada:

First Air
Canadian North
Air Inuit
Calm Air
Kivalliq Air

Once here, you will find highly qualified regional airlines serving Nunavut communities, and charter airlines that will take you most anywhere you want to go.

Regional airlines and charter services:

Kitikmeot Region

Adlair Aviation, Cambridge Bay

Kivalliq Region

Air Tindi, Yellowknife

Kivalliq Air, Rankin Inlet

Skyward Aviation, Rankin Inlet

Baffin Region

Air Inuit, Montreal

Air Nunavut, Iqaluit

Kenn Borek Air, Iqaluit

Please see the Transportation listings in this Travel Planner for further details about aviation companies serving Nunavut.

Discover the Arctic Coast

Kitikmeot Region

The northern edge of the continent was long a frozen mystery to Europeans. Today, visitors can fathom the real magic of this historic and culturally rich region – its diverse people, majestic scenery and unique wildlife.



Photo: Daniel Kreuger



Above: Kayaking on the coast of the Kitikmeot.

For centuries, seagoing explorers came here in search of a Northwest Passage to Asia. The people of the Kitikmeot have always navigated the Passage, in skin boats, schooners and motor vessels. In winter they travel the sea ice by snowmobile. Kitikmeot's mainland tundra is dotted with millions of ponds and lakes that are ideal habitat for nesting waterfowl. On a river journey in the Barrenlands, you can see wolves, grizzly bears, muskox, foxes and caribou.

Kitikmeot Experiences

Kugluk/Bloody Falls Territorial Park: This traditional fishing place earned its

English name, Bloody Falls, because of a massacre witnessed in 1771 by Samuel Hearne. You can hike to Kugluk/Bloody Falls from Kugluktuk, drive there on a rented ATV, or make the trip by boat with a licensed outfitter.

Coppermine River: The Coppermine's scenic natural landscape and rich cultural heritage draws travellers from around the world. It has been proposed for status as a Canadian Heritage River. Many outfitting companies offer rafting and canoeing trips, flying in groups from Yellowknife, NWT for one to two-week adventures that terminate at Kugluktuk.



Photo: Bathurst Inlet Lodge

Above: Berry picking in a field of arctic cotton.

Ovayok Territorial Park: Just 15 km east of Cambridge Bay, you can fish for trout and char, scan the tundra landscape for muskox, and explore archaeological sites. In spring and summer, the land bursts into life with the arrival of snow geese, songbirds, ducks and falcons.

Kitikmeot Communities

Cambridge Bay (Ikaluktutiak, "fair fishing place") the Kitikmeot's largest community, is located on the south coast of Victoria Island. Cambridge Bay offers safe (no bears!) camping, and great fishing. The Arctic Coast Regional Visitors' Centre, (867) 983-2224, features displays on the history, art, and culture of the region.

Bathurst Inlet (Kingaok, "the Nose," referring to a mountain) Breathtaking scenery, wildlife, and ancient campsites at the mouth of the Burnside, a popular canoeing/rafting river. Weekly charters in summer.

EVENTS

Gjoa Haven (Uqsuqtuuq or Oqsuqtoooq, “place of plenty of fat”) The English name honours the fact that the explorer Roald Amundsen overwintered his little ship, the *Gjoa*, in the inlet here, calling it “the best little harbour in the world”. This is the nearest community to where the Franklin Expedition perished, and attracts history buffs from around the world. The Northwest Passage Park is a self-guided walking trail describing the quest of dozens of explorers.

Kugaaruk (named for a river that flows through the community) Home to the Netsilingmiut, “people of the seal”, Kugaaruk is a very traditional community overlooking the sea. The area is excellent for sea-kayaking.

Kugluktuk (Qurluqtuq, “the place of moving water”) An important centre of the arts and Inuit culture at the mouth of the Coppermine River. Take a guided trip to Kugluk/Bloody Falls Territorial Park, or do some late-summer char fishing. The Kugluktuk Heritage Centre, (867) 982-3232, offers walking tours and programs.

Taloyoak (Talurjuaq, “a large caribou hunting blind”) Artists here create mystical carvings in bone, ivory, and stone. Many unique fabric items are produced by Taluq Designs.

Umingmaktok (Umingmaktuuq, “place of the muskox) A tiny, traditional community known for excellent hunting guides and world-record muskox.

For more information on the Kitikmeot, contact:

Arctic Coast Regional Visitors’ Centre
Box 1198, Cambridge Bay NU X0B 0C0
Telephone: (867) 983-2224
Fax: (867) 983-2302

Kitikmeot celebrations and events include Easter and Hamlet Day celebrations in the spring, Canada Day and Nunavut Day celebrations in July, music festivals anytime, and Christmas celebrations in each hamlet.

Kitikmeot Northern Games
Arctic Coast Visitors’ Centre
Cambridge Bay
Tel: (867) 983-2842
Fax: (867) 983-2802
Traditional and modern games, with competitors from across the Kitikmeot Region. Three to four-day festival includes an arctic feast. Early August, location rotates.

Northwest Passage Celebrations
Hamlet of Gjoa Haven
Tel: (867) 360-7141
www.huskydog.com
The first ship through the Northwest Passage was Roald Amundsen’s little *Gjoa*, in the years 1903-1906. During the summer of 2003, the community celebrated the centenary of Amundsen’s voyage, an event which is celebrated every year with hamlet games and contests.

Omingmak Frolics
Arctic Coast Visitor Centre
Cambridge Bay
Tel: (867) 983-2842
Fax: (867) 983-2802
(May long weekend) Week-long celebration of spring offering snowmobile races, ice-sculpting, Arctic games, bike racing, parade, and contests.

Nunavut Arts Festival
Tel: (867) 979-7808
Fax: (867) 979-6880
Email: arts@nunanet.com
www.NACAarts.org
Major art festival including displays, sales, workshops, performances, and more. Tentatively scheduled for Cambridge Bay in 2005. Please contact NACA to confirm location.

Travel Times in the Kitikmeot Region

	Cambridge Bay	Kugluktuk	Gjoa Haven	Kugaaruk (Pelly Bay)	Taloyoak	Yellowknife
Cambridge Bay	–	1 hr 17 min	1 hr 8 min	2 hr 15 min	2 hr 20 min	1 hr 25 min
Kugluktuk	1 hr 17 min	–	2 hr 25 min	3 hr 22 min	3 hr 37 min	1 hr 37 min
Gjoa Haven	1 hr 8 min	2 hr 25 min	–	48 min	30 min	3 hr
Kugaaruk	2 hr 15 min	3 hr 22 min	51 min	–	37 min	3 hr 15 min
Taloyoak	2 hr 20 min	3 hr 37 min	30 min	37 min	–	3 hr 15 min
Yellowknife	1 hr 25 min	1 hr 37 min	3 hr	3 hr 15 min	3 hr 15 min	–

Jet Service – From Yellowknife to Cambridge Bay: 1 hr 25 min; from Edmonton to Cambridge Bay: 4 hrs.
Note: Flights might not be direct between communities.

Kitikmeot Parks & Visitors’ Centres

www.nunavutparks.com

- 867 Area code for all contact numbers
- × U I ↑ Access from nearest community
- ★ Staffed year ‘round
- ☆ Staffed summer only
- ▲ Services available seasonally*

	Access	Operating Season	Toilets	Showers	Displays	Trails	Viewpoint	Day Use	Boat/Canoeing	Campsites	Shelters	Booklets	
Kitikmeot Region	Cambridge Bay												
	Arctic Coast Regional Visitors’ Centre 983-2224	↑	★	•	•	•	•	•	•				
	Cambridge Bay Historic Sites 983-2224	U I	▲			•	•	•				•	
	Cambridge Bay Park 983-2224	↑	▲	•				•	•		•		
	Ovayok (Mt. Pelly) Territorial Park 983-2224	U		•				•					
	Gjoa Haven												
	Northwest Passage Park 360-7227	↑				•	•	•					
	Kugluktuk												
	Kugluk/Bloody Falls Territorial Park 982-3232	I	▲			•	•	•			•		
	Kugluktuk Heritage/Visitors’ Centre 982-3232	↑	★	•		•				•			
Kugluktuk Park 982-3232	↑ I						•	•	•	•	•		

Land of the North Wind

Kivalliq Region

Experience the wonder of Hudson Bay and the small, welcoming communities along its shore. Venture inland to the geographical centre of Canada. Explore great heritage rivers and see the polar bears of Ukkusiksalik National Park.



Photo: Lee Narraway



Above: Getting a photo taken with the Rankin inukshuk.



Photo: Tessa Machinosh

Above: A child examines the wonders of ice.

Kivalliq Experiences

Iqalugaarjuup Nunanga Territorial Park: Northwest of Rankin Inlet on the Meliadine River, this park is a great place for hiking, birding, fishing, and visits to a major archaeological site – relics of cultures dating back as far as 1000 BC. You can arrange transportation to the park with a local tour company, who will set up day trips for groups of four to six people.

Marble Island: Many legends are connected with this strange and beautiful island of white stone not far from Rankin Inlet. For Inuit, the island has strong spiritual associations, and there are also traces of European visitors, most notably the doomed

crews of 18th century English ships that lie sunken in the harbour.

Ukkusiksalik National Park: Created in August 2003, the 20,000 sq km park surrounds Wager Bay, extending 100 km west from Hudson Bay. Wildlife sightings can include polar bears, belugas, seals, caribou, muskox, and wolves. The park contains over 500 Inuit archaeological sites, plus an abandoned Hudson’s Bay Company post and Roman Catholic mission.

Kivalliq Communities

Rankin Inlet (Kangiqliniq, “deep bay/inlet”) is the transportation, business and government centre of the Kivalliq. Local outfitters offer fishing

trips, boat tours for birding and exploring the scenic islands that protect the entrance to the bay and excursions to Marble Island. Rankin Inlet is known for its carvers, fabric artisans, and for a unique ceramic sculpture project. The Kivalliq Regional Visitors’ Centre provides information on Iqalugaarjuup Nunanga Territorial Park, and will assist in setting up trips to Marble Island and other sites.

Arviat (“place of the bowhead whale”) Local operators offer boat, snowmobile or dogteam trips to Arvia’juaq National Historic Site and the McConnell River Bird Sanctuary.

Baker Lake (Qamani’tuaq, “a huge widening of a river”) Nunavut’s only inland community is located at the mouth of the Thelon Heritage River about 40 km from the “Geographical Centre of Canada”. Baker Lake is known for its carvers who work mostly in black soapstone, for stitched and appliquéd wall hangings, for jewellery, and silk-screened prints and clothing. Local galleries (Ookpiktuyuk and Jessie Oonark Centre) showcase the art of

local residents. The Inuit Heritage Centre, (867) 793-2598, features displays interpreting the culture of the Caribou Inuit. At the Vera Akumalik Visitor's Centre, (867) 793-2456, located in the old Hudson's Bay post, you'll find a replica of the store, plus cultural displays and information on rivers of the region. Staff will help you arrange local tours, and will make suggestions on local walks to appreciate the beauty of the tundra. Ask about a local heritage camp; it does not operate every year, but is worth a visit if it is operating.

Chesterfield Inlet (Igluligaarjuk, "place with a few snow houses") The oldest settlement in the Kivalliq Region, Chesterfield was once a religious, medical, trading and educational centre. The people still use small boats to hunt seals and belugas.

Coral Harbour (Salliq, "a large, flat island in front of the mainland") A base for some of the best walrus and polar bear watching in Nunavut. Local outfitters offer boat trips to Walrus and Coats Islands.

Repulse Bay (Naujaat, "place of the baby seagulls") Located on the Arctic Circle, this hamlet has a rich history and beautiful scenery.

Whale Cove (Tikirarjuaq, "long point") In this small traditional community, people still depend on hunting and fishing.

For more information on the Kivalliq Region, contact: Kivalliq Regional Visitors' Centre (located in the Rankin Inlet airport): 1-866-NUNAVUT, or from outside North America, (867) 979-4636. Or check www.kivalliq.com for regional information.

Kivalliq celebrations and events include Easter and Hamlet Day celebrations in the spring, Canada Day and Nunavut Day celebrations in July, music festivals anytime, and Christmas celebrations in each Hamlet.

Kivalliq Championship Dog Derby

Hamlet of Rankin Inlet
Tel: (867) 645-2895
Fax: (867) 645-2146
Three-day dogsled race held during Pakallak Tyme. This race provides a look at the past, when sled travel was important to the people.

Pakallak Time

Hamlet of Rankin Inlet
Tel: (867) 645-2895
Fax: (867) 645-2146
For several days each May, everyone joins in square dances, games for adults and children, dogteam and snowmobile races, Inuit games and hockey games.

Thunder on Ice

Hamlet of Rankin Inlet
Tel: (867) 645-2895
Fax: (867) 645-2146
Annual snowmobile race on the sea ice near Rankin Inlet attracts competitors from Nunavut communities and Manitoba.

Travel Times in the Kivalliq Region

	Rankin Inlet	Chesterfield Inlet	Whale Cove	Arviat	Baker Lake	Repulse Bay	Coral Harbour
Rankin Inlet	–	15 min	15 min	30 min	40 min	1 hr 20 min	1 hr 30 min
Chesterfield Inlet	15 min	–	30 min	45 min	50 min	1 hr 35 min	1 hr 15 min
Whale Cove	15 min	30 min	–	25 min	55 min	1 hr 35 min	1 hr 45 min
Arviat	30 min	45 min	25 min	–	1 hr 10 min	2 hr 30 min	2 hr
Baker Lake	40 min	50 min	55 min	1 hr 10 min	–	2 hr	2 hr 5 min
Repulse Bay	1 hr 20 min	1 hr 35 min	1 hr 35 min	2 hr 30 min	2 hr	–	55 min
Coral Harbour	1 hr 30 min	1 hr 15 min	1 hr 45 min	2 hr	2 hr 5 min	55 min	–

Jet Service – From Winnipeg to Rankin Inlet: 2 hr 15 min; from Yellowknife to Rankin Inlet: 1 hr 45 min; from Iqaluit to Rankin Inlet: 2 hrs.
Note: Flights might not be direct between communities.

Kivalliq Parks & Visitors' Centres

www.nunavutparks.com

- 867 Area code for all contact numbers
- × U I ↑ Access from nearest community
- ★ Staffed year 'round
- ☆ Staffed summer only
- ▲ Services available seasonally*

	Access	Operating Season	Toilets	Showers	Displays	Trails	Viewpoint	Day Use	Boat/Canoeing	Campsites	Shelters	Booklets
Arviat												
Arvia'juaq National Historic Site	I						•					
Margaret Aniksak Visitors' Centre 857-2698	↑	★	•		•							
Baker Lake												
Baker Lake Park	↑ I	▲	•	•								
Baker Lake Inuit Camp 793-2456		★										
Baker Lake Inuit Heritage Centre 793-2598	↑	★	•		•							•
Vera Akumalik Visitors' Centre 793-2456	↑	★	•		•							
Kazan River Landing/Campsite	I		•				•		•	•		
Fall Caribou Crossing Historic Site	× I						•		•	•		
Kazan Heritage River	× I						•		•	•		•
Thelon Heritage River	× I						•		•	•		•
Ukkusiksalik National Park	× I											
Chesterfield Inlet												
Chesterfield Inlet Historic Trail	↑				•	•	•					•
Rankin Inlet												
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Kivalliq Regional Visitors' Centre 645-3838	↑	★			•							
Repulse Bay												
Naujaat Thule Site	I						•			•		

A Land of Towering Majesty

Baffin Region

The brilliance of ice, the power of stone. This is the Baffin Region, a magnet for visitors with its mythic national parks and haunting echoes of long-ago peoples who came this way.



Photo: Dave Reid, Polar Sea Adventures



Above: Mountain range on the northern coast of Baffin Island.

Baffin Experiences

In April, experience the Arctic from a *qamutik* (sled) behind an eager team of dogs. You can tour deep fiords or the tundra feeding grounds of Peary caribou. On some tours, you set up a winter camp, then watch the amazing aurora borealis.

A two-week sledding expedition takes you across the sea ice of Frobisher Bay to Meta Incognita Peninsula and into Katannilik Territorial Park. Your journey ends in Kimmirut, where you can visit the Katannilik Park interpretive centre or view jewellery and stone sculptures at the Soper

House Art Gallery, for an unforgettable cultural experience. You'll fly back to Iqaluit from there.

From the capital, local travel outfitters can take you to Illaulittuuq Outpost Camp, located approximately 112 km southeast of Iqaluit. Illaulittuuq, "place of seal pups", has been a traditional Inuit home for hundreds of years, and is the perfect setting for explorations of the land and culture.

Set out from Pond Inlet to see mountains, glaciers, icebergs, and marine wildlife. Outfitters offer snowmobile trips to Thule sites, the



Photo: Lee Narraway, Parks Canada Collection

Above: The geology of this area is often fascinating to see.

floe edge or to bird cliffs on Bylot Island. Other activities include cross-country skiing, sea kayaking, and sport fishing, narwhal watching, exploring, and journeys in Sirmilik National Park.

Territorial Parks

Kekerten Territorial Historical Park:

A scenic, three-hour boat ride from Pangnirtung, you'll see relics of the bygone arctic whaling era along an interpretive trail – storehouse foundations built in 1857, large cast-iron try-pots once used for rendering whale oil, and the remains of a whaleboat slip, where whalers repaired the boats.

Sylvia Grinnell Territorial Park:

Beside the crystal waters of the Sylvia Grinnell River, you can visit archaeological sites dating back to the Thule period, and perhaps spot wildlife – caribou in winter and spring, arctic fox, and 40 species of birds.

Mallikjuaq Territorial Park: Mallikjuaq is a 45-minute trek from Cape Dorset across the tidal flats of Tellik Inlet. Across the inlet lies Mallikjuaq Island, its small rocky mountains and sweeping tundra slopes harbouring clues to lives long past. Visit secluded waterfalls, crystalline lakes, watch the ice floes float slowly by. In summer, local outfitters will take groups of up to three people on the 10-minute boat ride across the inlet. Mallikjuaq Park Visitors Centre (867) 897-8996.

Katannilik Territorial Park: One of the most accessible parks in Nunavut follows the Soper Valley and the Itijjagiq Trail – a 120 km traditional overland route from Iqaluit to Kimmirut. The Soper River (Kuujujuaq, “big river”) was designated a Canadian Heritage River in 1992. Along the river and its many tributaries, countless cascades explain the name Katannilik – “the place of waterfalls”.

Qaummaarviit Territorial Historic Park: Make a day trip from Iqaluit to the small island whose name means “the place that shines.” Artifacts here date back to the Thule culture. Interpretive signs along the path provide information. Qaummaarviit is a 12-mile trip by ski, dogsled or snowmobile in the winter months, and by boat during the open-water season.

Baffin Communities

Iqaluit is Nunavut’s central hub, buzzing with all the activity you’d expect in a brand new capital city. Legislators and lawyers rub shoulders with matriarchs from outlying communities who’ve come to town to shop. You’ll find good hotels, arctic food specialties, and options for shopping, exercise and recreation.

The community of 6,500 is located on south Baffin Island, overlooking Koojesse Inlet on Frobisher Bay. Inuit and their predecessors came here to fish for centuries, and the city’s name means “place of fish.” The landscape here is gently rolling, with treeless hills that sprout wildflowers in summer. You can easily walk to the satellite settlement of Apex. Sights in Iqaluit include the igloo-shaped cathedral, St. Jude’s, and the Nunavut Legislature with its displays of Inuit art. Nunatta Sunakkutaangit

Museum (867) 979-5537, houses Inuit sculpture, prints, and artifacts. Interpretive displays at Unikkaarvik, the Baffin Regional Visitors’ Centre, (867) 979-4636, explore the cultures of Baffin. Iqaluit tourism companies offer a wide variety of trips by boat, snowmobile, or dogteam to Qaummaarviit Territorial Historic Park, and rafting, dogteam, and snowmobile trips in Katannilik Territorial Park.

Arctic Bay (Ikpiarjuk, “the pocket”) In this picturesque area close to Admiralty Inlet and its migrating whales, narwhals, walrus and seals, there’s excellent hiking on high cliffs and hills. The Midnight Sun Marathon takes place here in July; see Events column for details.

Cape Dorset (Kinngait, “mountains”) A main stop for arctic cruise ships whose passengers admire the beautiful scenery, especially rugged Mallikjuaq Island with its Dorset and Thule sites. Dorset is also world famous as a centre of Inuit art. You can meet renowned artists on workshop tours of the West Baffin Eskimo Cooperative: (867) 897-8944.

Clyde River (Kangiqtugaapik, “nice little inlet”) On eastern Baffin Island, this community is surrounded by spectacular mountains and deep fiords where you can see narwhal, seals, bowhead whales, and polar bears. Local artisans work in stone, antler, whalebone, and ivory. Clyde River Visitors’ Centre: (867) 924-6034.

Grise Fiord (Aujittuq, “place that never thaws out”) Canada’s northernmost community overlooks seas that are frozen for 10 months of the year. Yet there’s constant daylight from April through August.

Hall Beach (Sanirajak, “along the coast”) This is a great base for char fishing and tours to see walrus, seals, and other arctic wildlife.

Igloolik (Iglulik, “place with houses”) A centre of Inuit culture where you can buy beautiful traditional clothing, tools, and carvings. Nearby Dorset sites date back 4000 years. Operators offer trips to see walrus, seals, whales, polar bear, and caribou. The Igloolik Research Centre, (867) 934-8836, houses oral traditions materials.

Baffin celebrations and events include Easter and Hamlet Day celebrations in the spring, Canada Day and Nunavut Day celebrations in July, music festivals anytime, and Christmas celebrations in each Hamlet.

Nunavut Snow Challenge

Contact: James Patterson
Tel: (866) 686-2835
race@nunavutproductions.com
www.nunavutsnowchallenge.com
Extreme 320 km cross-country snowmobile race from Iqaluit to Kimmirut and back. This race attracts some of the most skilled snowmobile racers in Nunavut.

Arctic Food Celebration

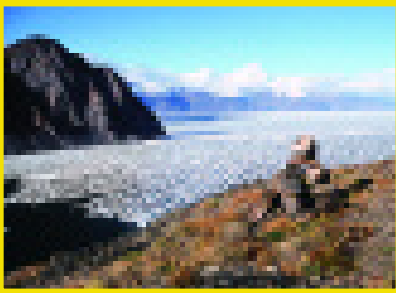
Iqaluit Tourism
Business Association
www.visitiqaluit.com
One-day cultural celebration of country food and traditional performers.

Midnight Sun Marathon

Sherry McLean
Tel: (867) 979-1133
Fax: (867) 979-6256
sherryupnorth@sympatico.ca
www.nunavutrunc.com
World’s northernmost ultra-marathon race, run the first weekend of July on a tundra course between Arctic Bay and Nanisivik, draws entries from around the world. Several race distances; open only to 25 outside runners, entry fee included in five-day package from Ottawa.



Above: Kayaking a wild Baffin river.



Above: The northern coast of Baffin Island.

Photo: Dave Reid, Polar Sea Adventures

Kimmirut (“heel”, referring to a rocky outcrop) A traditional community at the mouth of the Soper River where carvers produce remarkable pieces from beautiful local stone, Kimmirut provides access to Katannilik Park, and side trips for visitors rafting the Soper. Katannilik Park Centre, (867) 939-2084.

Nanisivik (“the place where one finds things”) Developed in the 1970s to support the Nanisivik Mine, which has now closed, this little mining town may gradually fade away as the site is reclaimed and shut-down completed. Or, it may remain, as it is located at a good deep-water port. Nanisivik is connected to Arctic Bay by Nunavut’s longest road, all of 21 km!

Pangnirtung (Pangniqtuuq, “place with bull caribou”) Set on magnificent Pangnirtung Fiord, “Pang” welcomes hikers, climbers and skiers headed for Auyuittuq National Park. Visit the Parks Canada Interpretive Centre, (867) 473-8828. The Angmarlik Visitors’ Centre, (867) 473-8737, features displays interpreting Thule culture, and will help arrange trips in the area. Pang is known for its woven tapestries, art prints, and unique clothing items. The Uqurmiut Inuit Artists Association welcomes visitors to their studios: (867) 473-8669. Piskutinu Tunngavik Territorial Park is a great campground, easy to find on the map at the airport.

Pond Inlet (Mittimatalik, “where there is Mittima”, burial place) With gorgeous mountains, glaciers, icebergs, and abundant marine wildlife, Pond Inlet is a gateway to Eclipse Sound for kayaking and visits to the bird sanctuary at Bylot Island. The Nattinnak Centre, (867) 899-8225, houses interpretive exhibits and the Rebecca P. Idlout Library (historical materials).

Tamaarvik Park offers campsites for active adventurers.

Qikiqtarjuaq (“big island”) Marine wildlife, scenery, and access to Auyuittuq National Park draw visitors to Baffin Island’s eastern coast. Sightings of icebergs, whales, seals and seabirds are common. Outfitters offer boat, dogteam, and snowmobile tours, and provide transport to the northern trailhead for Auyuittuq. Those planning on entering the park must register with the local park office: (867) 927-8834.

Resolute (Qausuittuq, “place with no dawn”) In the High Arctic on Cornwallis Island, Resolute is a base for polar expeditions and for trips into Quttinirpaaq National Park.

Sanikiluaq (named after a person who lived in these islands) Nunavut’s most southerly community lies deep in Hudson Bay. The people here use eiderdown to make beautiful duvets and contemporary clothing. Local outfitters offer boat, kayak, and snowmobile trips.

Travel Times in the Baffin Region

There are no roads between Baffin communities, except for a 21 km route between Nanisivik and Arctic Bay. Travel times by air are as follows:

	Iqaluit	Pond Inlet	Pangnirtung	Kimmirut	Cape Dorset	Clyde River	Oikiqtarjuaq	Arctic Bay/ Nanisivik	Hall Beach	Igloolik	Resolute	Grise Fiord
Iqaluit	–	3 hr 56 min	59 min	38 min	1 hr 11 min	2 hr 10 min	1 hr 59 min	1 hr 42 min	2 hr 13 min	2 hr 21 min	2 hr 12 min	–
Pond Inlet	3 hr 56 min	–	–	–	–	1 hr 16 min	–	–	–	1 hr	2 hr 30 min	–
Pangnirtung	59 min	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Kimmirut	38 min	–	–	–	–	–	35 min	–	–	–	–	–
Cape Dorset	1 hr 11 min	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Clyde River	2 hr 10 min	1 hr 13 min	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Oikiqtarjuaq	2 hr 5 min	–	35 min	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Arctic Bay/Nanisivik	3 hr 45 min	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	1 hr 45 min	–
Hall Beach	2 hr 21 min	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	20 min	–	–
Igloolik	2 hr 30 min	1 hr	–	–	–	–	–	–	20 min	–	4 hr	–
Resolute	1 hr 14 min	2 hr 30 min	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 hr	–	30 min
Grise Fiord	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	2 hr 30 min	–

Jet Service – From Ottawa to Iqaluit: 2 hr 45 min; from Rankin Inlet to Iqaluit: 2 hr 51 min
Note: Flights might not be direct between communities.

Baffin Parks & Visitors' Centres

www.nunavutparks.com

- 867 Area code for all contact numbers
 × U I ↑ Access from nearest community
 * Staffed year 'round
 ☆ Staffed summer only
 ▲ Services available seasonally*

	Access	Operating Season	Toilets	Showers	Displays	Trails	Viewpoint	Day Use	Boat/Canoeing	Campsites	Shelters	Booklets
Cape Dorset												
Mallikjuak Historic Park 897-8996	I	▲				•	•		•			•
Mallikjuak Visitors' Centre 897-8996	I	☆	•		•							
Clyde River												
Clyde River Visitors' Centre 924-6033	I	☆			•							
Iqaluit												
Nunatta Sunakkutaangit Museum 979-5537	I	*	•		•							
Qammaarviit Historic Park 979-4636	I U	▲	•		•	•	•	•	•			•
Sylvia Grinnell Territorial Park 979-4636	I U	▲	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
Unikkaarvik Reg. Visitor's Ctr. 979-4636	I	*	•		•							
Ittijagiaq Trail (Iqaluit/Kimmirut) 979-4636	× I	▲				•	•			•	•	•
Kimmirut												
Katannilik Park and Visitors' Centre 939-2416	I	*	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Soper Heritage River 939-2416	× I	▲				•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Pangnirtung												
Angmarlik Visitors' Centre 473-8737	I	*	•		•		•	•	•	•		
Auyiittuq National Park 473-8828	I	*				•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Pangnirtung Historic Blubber Station 473-8737	I	▲			•	•	•	•	•		•	•
Kekerten Historic Park 473-8737	I	▲	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Piskutinu Tunngavik Park 473-8737	I	▲	•							•		
Pond Inlet												
Nattinnak Visitors' Centre 899-8225	I	*	•		•		•	•				•
Tamaarvik Park	I	▲	•				•	•	•	•		
Sirmilik National Park 473-8828	I	☆					•	•	•	•		
Oikiqtarjuaq												
Auyiittuq NP Warden Station 927-8834	I	☆	•									
Resolute												
Quttinirtdaaq (Ellesmere Island) NP 473-8828	×	☆										

Baffin Region

EVENTS

Nunavut Quest Dogteam Race

Joeli Qamanirq
 Tel: (867) 439-9917
 Race for traditional teams of Canadian Inuit Dogs, usually between two communities in the North Baffin area. Averages several hundred kilometres.

Toonik Tyme

City of Iqaluit, Recreation Dept.
 Tel: (867) 979-5617
www.city.iqaluit.nu.ca
 Iqaluit, April 18-23, 2005.
 Week-long festival, games, entertainment, contests, dogsled and snowmobile racing.

Top of the World Kite Festival

René Lavallée
 Tel: (867) 979-0386
 The Kite Festival showcases kites up to 60 feet long, flying above Frobisher Bay. It is held each spring during Toonik Tyme in Iqaluit.

Nunavut Travel Helper

Practical Information

There's no doubt about it: life is different in the North. The isolation of Nunavut's small communities, set against the grandeur of land and sea, makes any visit an adventure. On these pages, you'll find practical suggestions about making your trip both safe and enjoyable.

Visitor Information

Information on Nunavut is available on Nunavut Tourism's website: www.NunavutTourism.com and at www.nunavutparks.com. Find out more about community attractions and local tours on community websites, at Visitors' Centres, your hotel or the hamlet office.

Entering Canada

Passports/Visas:

Contact the Canadian High Commission, Embassy, or Consulate General in your home country for information on entering Canada.

Customs:

For information, contact: Canada Customs & Revenue Agency, Policy and Communication Branch, Government of Canada, Ottawa, ON K1A 0L5, Tel: 1-800-461-9999 or (613) 993-0534, www.ccr-aadrc.gc.ca.

Firearms

There are many restrictions relating to firearms in Canada. Contact Canada Customs and Revenue Agency or check the Canada Firearms Centre online: www.cfc-ccaf.gc.ca. You can call the Centre at 1-800-731-4000 within North America. If you live outside North America, contact the nearest Canadian Consulate for information. Visit www.nunavutparks.com for information regarding firearms in parks.

Access Restrictions in Nunavut

As a result of the Land Claims Agreement, there is a significant amount of private Inuit-owned land in Nunavut. However, boundaries are not physically marked. Access restrictions apply to travel in the Nunavut Settlement Area. It is the visitor's responsibility to determine access or fishing restrictions for specific areas while travelling. If you are booked with a licensed operator, knowledge of local access restrictions and acquisition of the correct permits are the responsibility of the operator.

If you are canoeing or wilderness camping, you should contact the Inuit Land Administration Offices for permit requirements for the area in which you are travelling or working:

Kivalliq Region: (867) 645-2810
Toll-Free: 1-800-220-6581
Baffin Region: (867) 979-5391
Kitikmeot Region: (867) 982-3310

Wilderness Travel

If you are planning a wilderness trip on your own, register your plans with the RCMP at the detachment closest to your departure point (and don't forget to check in when you return).

On the land, please respect all camps, cabins and fuel caches; leave them as you found them. If you come across

the skeletons of mammals, please leave them intact; removing the skulls leaves little for others to see.

There are campgrounds in many communities. Where there are no campgrounds, ask at the hamlet office where you may camp, to avoid disturbing community sites, or interfering with community services.

Whether you camp in a campground or in the wilderness, please practice "no trace camping." Place garbage in the proper receptacle or pack it out.

It is recommended that you do all your cooking on a camping stove, rather than by campfire. If you do use a fire, be extremely careful. Use fire pits provided, or build a small fire on rock or sand – never on moss or tundra, where it can spread underground. To report a tundra fire, call the nearest Hamlet office or the RCMP.

Camping and Pets

Pets are not a good idea on wilderness trips because they can attract bears. Small pet dogs are at risk in the communities because they may approach sled dogs, and be attacked. Keep your pet on a leash at all times. A rabies vaccination certificate must accompany all dogs and cats.

Bears and Other Animals

Bears can be a problem almost anywhere in Nunavut, especially if encouraged by poor camping practices.

It is highly recommended that you request the following brochures: *Safety in Grizzly and Black Bear Country*, and *Safety in Polar Bear Country*, available at visitors' centres or from wildlife officers in Nunavut communities. If you have questions, or encounter a bear problem, report it to the nearest Parks officer or the Nunavut Department of Environment.

Visit Parks Canada's website (www.pc.gc.ca) to locate their excellent "Keep the Wildlife Wild" pages. On the Nunavut Parks website (www.nunavutparks.com) look for Polar Bear Safety on the Visitor Centre menu.

Obtaining Maps

Order maps well in advance of your trip; it's best not to depend on being able to obtain them after arriving in Nunavut.

Topographical Maps and Aeronautical Charts

Try Geomatics Canada on the Internet for lists of available maps and regional distribution centres: www.nrcan.gc.ca/geocean

Hydrographic Charts

Hydrographic Chart
Distribution Office
1675 Russell Rd.
P.O. Box 8080
Ottawa, ON K1J 3H6
Phone: (613) 998-4931
Facsimile: (613) 998-1217
www.chs-shc.dfo-mpo.gc.ca

Taxes

There is no provincial sales tax in Nunavut, but the GST is 7%, as in the rest of Canada. You may qualify for a refund of the GST if you are not a resident of Canada, and you spend \$200 (Cdn.) or more on qualifying goods or accommodations (provided

your stay is less than one month). Non-residents may also claim half of tax paid on tour packages. In all cases, you must have your original receipts (stamped as per Canada Customs and Revenue Agency's "Enhanced Verification" program), and apply for the refund within one year of the purchase. For more information, visit the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency website at www.ccr-drc.gc.ca, or call toll-free within Canada: 1-800-66-VISIT (1-800-668-4748). From outside Canada, call: (902) 432-5608.

Archaeological Sites

It is illegal to disturb any archaeological sites, and a federal offense to remove artifacts. Few sites are marked in Nunavut, so if you suspect it is an archaeological site, treat it carefully. Never camp on a site.

Visiting Pilots

Private planes are welcome in Nunavut, but it's important that pilots be prepared. For complete information, visit the Nunavut Tourism website, www.NunavutTourism.com.

Export Permits

Export permits are required for the removal of any animal part from Nunavut, including frozen wild meat purchased from retail outlets. A pamphlet, *Are You Exporting Wildlife from Nunavut?*, explains all procedures for exporting wildlife, marine mammals, and fish from Nunavut. A summary is online at www.cambridgebay.info/wildlife_exp.htm

For more information, contact the Department of Environment, (867) 975-5900.

Be aware of all import regulations for your home country before buying animal products. Some countries, including the United States, have import restrictions on marine mammal products like sealskin and ivory. Please note that this includes those incorporated into art and craft items.

Alcohol

Restrictions on importing and consuming alcohol in Nunavut have been determined by local plebiscite. The rules vary from community to community, and may change from time to time. Possession of alcohol is prohibited in some communities, and restricted in others. Check with the RCMP, or your outfitter or hotel. Trading alcohol for anything is illegal. Don't leave leftover alcohol behind.

Medical Services

If you need medical attention, check the phone book under "Health Centre" or ask at your hotel.

Iqaluit has a well-equipped hospital. Smaller communities have health centres staffed by specially trained nurses. The larger regional centres like Cambridge Bay and Rankin Inlet also have a community doctor. There are dentists in some communities.

Air ambulance: Medevac service can be arranged through the local health centre. However, the Nunavut Health Care Plan does not pay for non-residents who need ground or air ambulance services. If you require these services during your stay, you will be billed for the full cost – which can be substantial. You may have coverage under your own insurance; check terms before you leave home.

Health care coverage: If you need medical services, present your identification card for your own provincial or territorial health plan. Most costs will likely be covered, and will be billed back to your own plan or you can claim them back (usually within 6 months). If you are travelling from outside Canada, check your own plan at home before you travel as to details on coverage. Separate short-term policies to cover medical emergencies and transport are available through many travel agents but usually must be bought before you leave home.



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www.city.iqaluit.nu.ca



Photo: Bathurst Inlet Lodge

RESOURCES

Money

In almost every Nunavut community, you will find either a bank branch, an ATM, or banking services at the Co-op or Northern Store. VISA is the most widely accepted card in Nunavut, though others may be honoured; many stores have Interac (bank card) service. Bring some cash, especially if you're arriving on a Sunday. If you are travelling here from outside Canada, it's best to change your currency at home or in Canada before arriving in Nunavut. Airports in southern cities offer exchange services.

Telephone Service

Telephone service is direct dial from everywhere in Nunavut except Bathurst Inlet and Umingmaktok. In the smaller communities, pay phones are limited to a few locations. Check at your hotel. Bring your calling card or purchase Prepaid Calling Cards at various stores. Some more remote communities or lodges offer high-frequency radio on a daily basis or have satellite phones, but the rates for these are high. The area code for Canada's entire North is 867.

Receiving Mail in Nunavut

You can have mail, including packages, sent to you in any Nunavut community. Allow plenty of time for it to get to the destination. It should be addressed to you, c/o "General Delivery", with the community name and postal code. On the package, provide your expected arrival date and the note "Hold for Pick-up". Mail can be held for only 30 days. Most post offices are in the local Co-op or Northern store; hours vary from community to community. For more information, phone Canada Post Corporation at 1-888-550-6333.

Country Foods

The world is developing a taste for arctic delicacies; Inuit call this traditional fare "country food". Depending on the season, you might be treated to fresh Greenland shrimp, scallops, or turbot in the Baffin Region, caribou in Rankin Inlet or muskox in Cambridge Bay. Special treats you may find at a community feast or while visiting local people at home include *maktaaq* (whale skin), frozen arctic char or dried caribou. Char, caribou, and muskox are the most widely available country foods, in restaurants and retail outlets.

Time Zones

Nunavut has three time zones. Baffin operates on Eastern Standard Time; the Kivalliq and Kitikmeot on Central Standard, and the Kitikmeot (from Cambridge Bay west) on Mountain Standard Time.

Tourist Deposit Assurance Program

Most tourism operators require a deposit when you make your booking. If a licensed Nunavut operator fails to deliver your trip or cancels it without returning your money, you are protected under this program. Essentially, the Tourism Deposit Assurance Program insures your deposit against unscrupulous operators, at no cost to you. However, it does not insure the quality – you can claim payment for your deposit only if the tour is cancelled or if it fails to actually happen. For more information, contact the Senior Advisor, Legislation and Enforcement, Department of Environment, Government of Nunavut, (867) 975-5900.

Hundreds of books have been written about the Arctic, some historical and some current. Two useful books and two magazines include:

A Naturalist's Guide to the Arctic

Pielou, E.C., 1994 University of Chicago Press. Comprehensive and portable.

The Nunavut Handbook, 3rd Ed., 2004

Nortext, Ottawa. Can be ordered at 1-800-263-1452 or www.arctic-travel.com

Up Here Magazine

Outcrop Communications, Yellowknife
1-800-661-0861 or (867) 920-4343
www.uphere.ca

Above & Beyond Magazine

In-flight magazine for First Air. (613) 599-4190
abeyond@achilles.net

Several bookstores specialize in Northern books:

Arctic Ventures, Iqaluit

(867) 979-5922
ventures@nunanet.com

The Book Cellar, Yellowknife

(867) 920-2220
judith@yellowknifebooks.com

The Eskimo Museum, Churchill, Manitoba

(204) 675-2030

Arctic Trading Company, Churchill, Manitoba

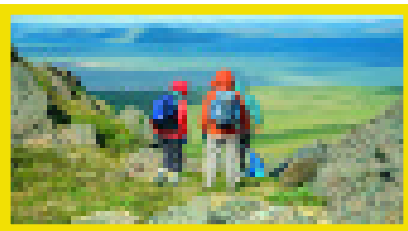
(204) 675-8804

Northern Books (George Luste)

norbooks@interlog.com

Nunavut Travel Directory

You will need to contact the tour operator and/or outfitter(s) listed in this guide directly for their rates, itineraries, and dates of availability. Details about their services are described on the pages listed in the chart below. Nunavut Tourism recommends that you use a licensed tourism operator whether buying an all-inclusive package or planning your own adventure. For more information on booking your trip to Nunavut, check out www.NunavutTourism.com.



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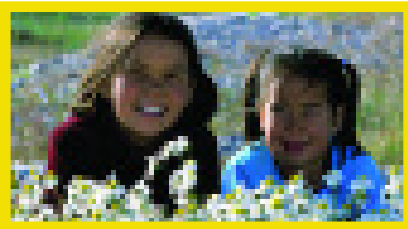
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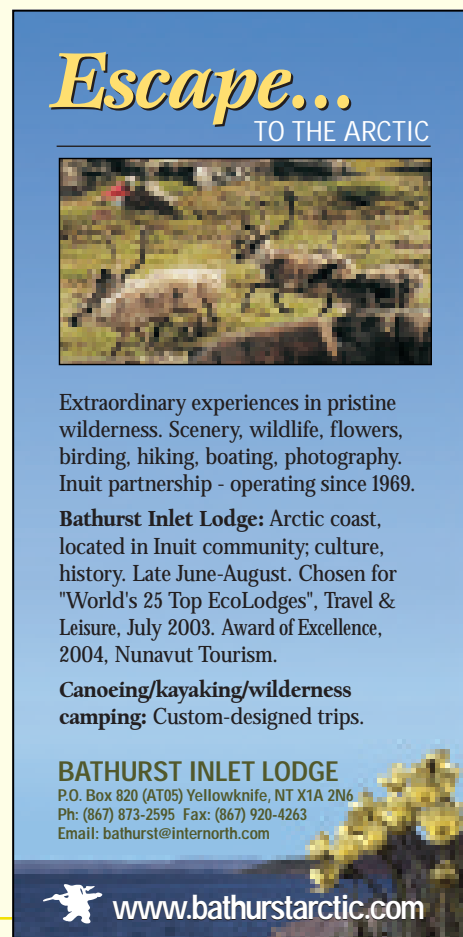
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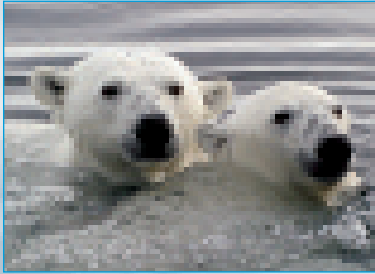
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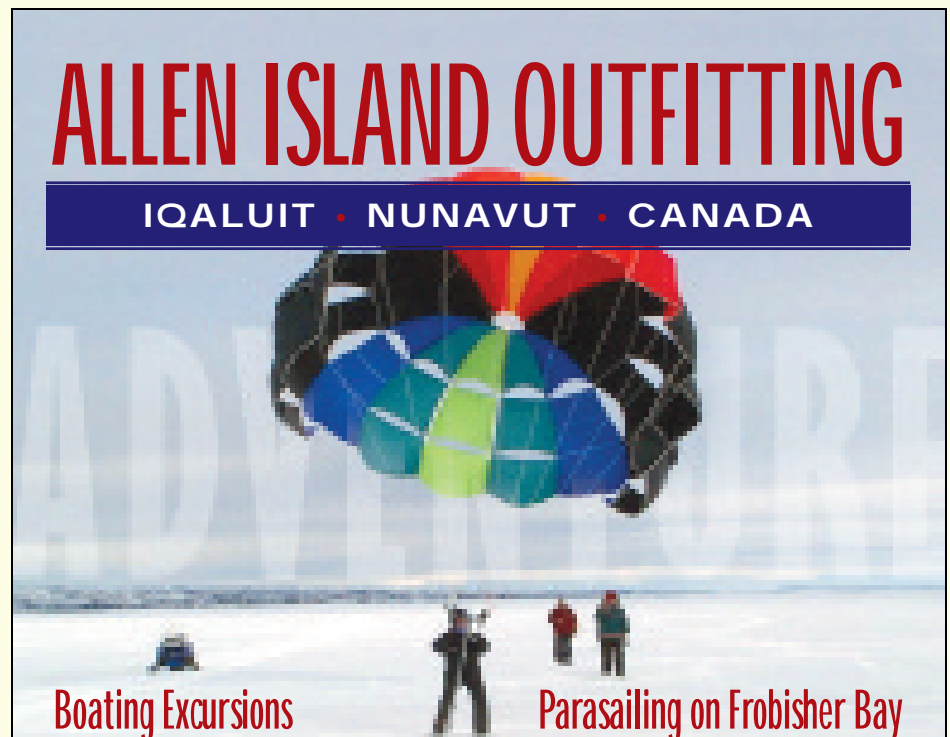
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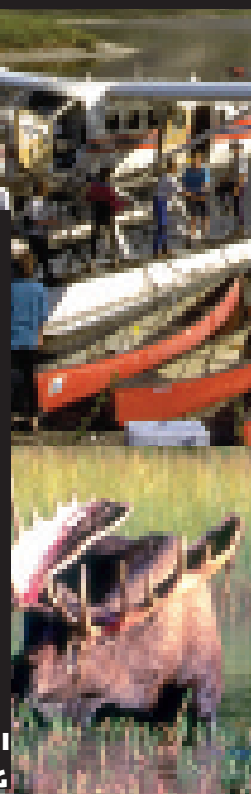
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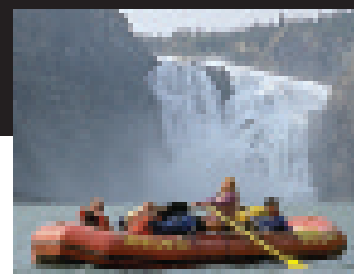


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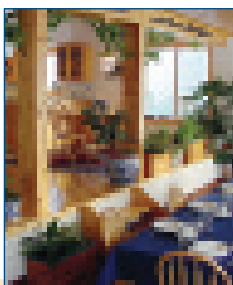
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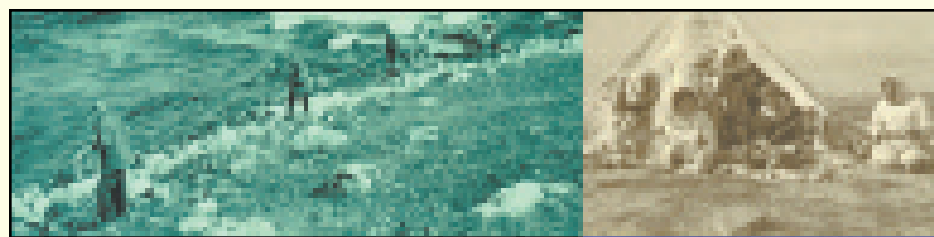
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Tools	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•					•		•							•
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Stuffed animals/toys									•				•														•	
Traditional Clothing																												
Parkas/Outfits	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	•		•				•		•	
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