



Northwest Territories

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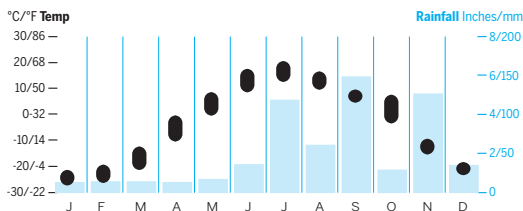
Why Go?

On a planet containing seven billion people, it's difficult to imagine that there are still places as empty as the Northwest Territories (NWT), a vast swathe of boreal forest and arctic tundra five times the size of the United Kingdom but with a population of a small provincial town. Nineteenth-century gold prospectors passed it over as too remote, modern Canadians (if they head north at all) prefer to romanticize about the iconic Nunavut or the grandiose Yukon; while more people orbit the earth each year than visit lonely Aulavik, one of the territory's four national parks.

What they're missing is esoteric and unique, a potent combo of epic, accessible terrain and singular aboriginal culture that contains one of the world's greatest waterfalls, North America's deepest lake and enough brutal wilderness to keep a modern-day David Livingstone happy for a couple of lifetimes.

When to Go

Yellowknife



June See the midnight sun at the Summer Solstice Festival in Yellowknife

July–August Hyperactive summer season; good for fishing and canoeing in lakes and rivers

December–March Best time for aurora borealis viewing with long nights and dark skies

