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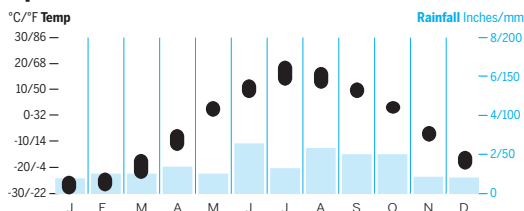
Why Go?

Picture a treeless, ice-encrusted wilderness lashed by unrelenting inclement weather with a population density that makes Greenland seem claustrophobic. Now add polar bears, beluga whales and a scattering of hard-core Aborigines who have successfully mastered a landscape so harsh that foreigners dared not colonize it.

Nunavut (created out of the Northwest Territories in 1999) is Canada's newest, largest and most lightly populated geographical subdivision, a mythical assortment of uninhabited islands and frigid ocean that exists on the planet's climatic and geographic extremes. Visitors here face multiple obstacles, not least perennial blizzards, a nonexistent road network, and a travel budget that would stretch the wallet of a Toronto-based property tycoon. But those that do get through have the privilege of joining a small band of intrepid trail-blazers, safe in the knowledge that they are setting foot where few people have ever trodden before.

When to Go

Iqaluit



July & August
Prime visiting time is during the short hyperactive summer season

April & May The ideal time for dog-sledding and other snow sports

June The midnight sun coincides with Iqaluit's Alianait Arts Festival



Nunavut Highlights

- 1 Feel small beside the planet's most precipitous cliffs in **Auyuittuq National Park** (p817)
- 2 Encounter soapstone polar bears – but watch out for real ones – in the Inuit art mecca of **Cape Dorset** (p817)
- 3 Chomp char, chew caribou and munch musk ox at one of the many eateries in Canada's most curious capital, **Iqaluit** (p812)
- 4 Moonwalk across awesomely lunar **Resolute** (p819), where nothing grows despite four months of midnight sun
- 5 Splash amid the cascades, caribou and canoe-friendly currents of the Edenic **Soper River** (p815)
- 6 Home in on Pond Inlet to organize logistics for sorties to the bird sanctuaries of **Sirmilik National Park** (p819)