



Nunavut

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Best Places to Stay

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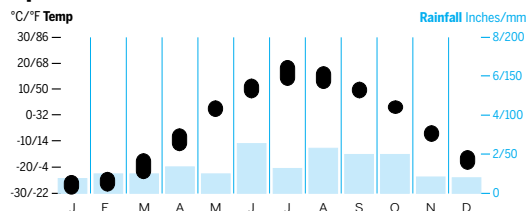
Why Go?

Picture a treeless, ice-encrusted wilderness lashed by unrelenting weather with a population density that makes Greenland seem claustrophobic. Add polar bears, narwhals, beluga whales and a scattered Aboriginal population who have successfully mastered a landscape so harsh that foreigners dared not colonize it.

Nunavut is Canada's largest and most lightly populated 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, no roads and massive travel costs. But those that do get through have the benefit of welcoming communities and awe-inspiring natural wonders, as well as the privilege of joining a small band of intrepid trailblazers, safe in the knowledge that they are setting foot where few have trodden before.

When to Go

Iqaluit



Jul & Aug Prime visiting time during the short hyperactive summer season.

Apr & May The ideal time for dog-sledding and other snow sports and activities.

Jun 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** (p826).
- 2 Encounter soapstone polar bears – but watch out for real ones – in the art mecca of **Cape Dorset** (p827).
- 3 Chomp char, chew caribou and munch musk ox

- at eateries in Canada's most curious capital, **Iqaluit** (p820).
- 4 Moonwalk across awesomely lunar **Resolute** (p828), where nothing grows despite four months of midnight sun.
- 5 Canoe amid cascades and caribou on the Edenic **Soper River** (p825).

- 6 Hit Pond Inlet for floe-edge wildlife-watching or the bird sanctuaries of **Sirmilik National Park** (p828).
- 7 Get seriously far north at **Quttinirpaaq National Park** (p828).
- 8 Boat in to see wildlife up close in **Ukkusiksalik National Park** (p830).