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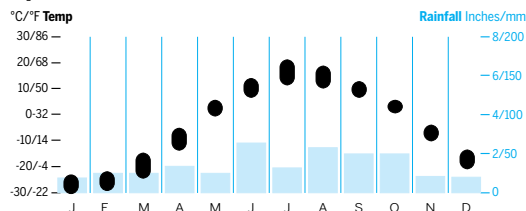
Why Go?

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 Inuit population who have successfully mastered a landscape so harsh that foreigners could 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



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

Apr & May The ideal time for dogsledding and other snow sports and activities.

Jun The midnight sun coincides with Iqaluit's Alianait Arts Festival.



Nunavut Highlights

- 1 Auyuittuq National Park** (p820) Feeling small beside the planet's most precipitous cliffs.
- 2 Cape Dorset** (p821) Encountering serpentine polar bears and colourful Inuit prints.
- 3 Quttinirpaq National Park** (p822) Going on a musk-ox-watching adventure

in Canada's northernmost national park.

- 4 Sirmilik National Park** (p821) Hitting Pond Inlet for wildlife-watching and scuba diving beneath the ice.
- 5 Iqaluit** (p815) Chomping char, caribou and musk ox at eateries in Canada's most curious capital.

- 6 Resolute** (p822) Moonwalking across this awesomely lunar place.
- 7 Katannilik Territorial Park** (p822) Canoeing amid cascades and caribou on the Edenic Soper River.
- 8 Ukkusiksalik National Park** (p824) Seeing polar bears from the safety of a boat.