Nunavut
CANADA'S ARCTIC
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JOURNEY TO NUNAVUT

PLANNING YOUR VISIT

Planning Your Visit Sparkling snow-covered springtimes, weeks of 24-hour summer sunshine and hopping on planes the way other Canadians catch a bus: these are just a few of the characteristics that make Nunavut unlike any other corner of Canada.

The weather
Summer is July and August, with ice breaking up in these months (later in August for North Baffin Island and the High Arctic). Daytime highs range from around 12° C on Baffin Island to around 24° C on mainland Nunavut. The snow returns and ice freezes up in October/September. Spring, from March through to June, is like a southern Canadian winter. Daytime highs are between -20° C and -10° C but since most of the Arctic is a polar desert, the low humidity reduces the impact of the cold. Plus, the intense sunshine lasting up to 18 hours helps take the edge off! With the right gear, including sunscreen and sunglasses, springtime is one of Nunavut's ultimate pleasures.

The best time to come
Spring and summer! Spring is great for floe edge trips, dogsled trips, skidooing, cross-country skiing, hamlet celebrations, fishing derbies, and more. In summer, count on hiking, climbing, fishing, hunting, canoeing, kayaking, whale watching, or going the cruise ship route. Other activities stretch into several seasons, like birding, wildlife viewing, art tours, and of course, Nunavut's ever-present square dances!

Life in Nunavut
As hunters, Inuit traditionally lived on the land, following the migrating caribou and the bounty of the sea. Today, most residents live in communities, either working part-time in jobs and part-time as hunters, or full-time either in the wage or subsistence economy.

How to get here
By plane – there are no roads, ferry or rail service connecting Nunavut to the rest of Canada, or for that matter, connecting communities within Nunavut (except for a 21-kilometre stretch between Arctic Bay and Nanisivik). There are regular flights to Nunavut from Ottawa, Montreal, Winnipeg and Edmonton in southern Canada and between communities.

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