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in Northern Canada



 Quittinirpaaq National Park

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## ARCTIC BASE CAMPS AND BACKCOUNTRY CAMPING

### THIS IS YOUR #ARCTICDREAM

Get a backstage pass into one of Canada's most remote northern national parks. Fly from Inuvik, Northwest Territories into Ivvavik National Park aboard a bush plane. Immerse yourself in the life of the Arctic base camp at Sheep Creek during multi-day catered or self-catered trips led by Parks Canada guides. Connect with Inuvialuit culture. Hike beneath the glow of the midnight sun, chill out on the deck at base camp or snuggle inside your tent. Time to live your Arctic dream!

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### GO WHERE FEW OTHERS HAVE EVER BEEN

Be one of the few to set up your tent in the true wilderness of Tuktut Nogait National Park. Revel in the profound silence. Accompanied by Parks Canada and local guides, bask in the glow of the midnight sun. See precipitous canyons, rolling tundra, wild rivers, crystal clear water, and unique wildlife and vegetation. Connect with Inuvialuit culture.

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### FIND YOURSELF AT THE TOP OF THE WORLD

See a stark land of mountains and glaciers. Stand 800 km south of the North Pole as muskoxen graze near Arctic wolves. Hear tales of ancient hunters, polar explorers, and military scientists. Hike at the "top of the world."

Visit Quttinirpaaq National Park on Ellesmere Island in Nunavut.  
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## ***Welcome!***

Whether you're looking for **adventure, fun for the whole family, or a break from the everyday**, Parks Canada has countless unique experiences to suit your needs. Walk the landscape where tens of thousands of Porcupine Caribou migrate every year. Or sleep when you want, eat when you want, or hike when you want because time has little meaning when the sun never sets.

## ***It's time to connect!***

*With nature - with history - with friends and family.*

# YUKON EPIC



## **HIKE AMID THE HISTORIC ECHOES OF THE KLONDIKE GOLD RUSH**

Snare lifelong bragging rights on a challenging multi-day hike from the ocean shore in Alaska through a glacier-sculpted mountain corridor to Bennett Lake, once a bustling gold rush boom town.

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### KATHLEEN LAKE: WHERE WILD MOUNTAIN SCENERY MEETS ACCESSIBILITY

Experience Kluane's wild beauty without venturing into the backcountry. Great hiking, camping, boating and gorgeous views of the Kluane Range await – all just off the highway.

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### ROAM THE DECKS OF AN AUTHENTIC STERNWHEELER

The days of ferrying practically everything up and down the Yukon River are gone but you can explore the mighty S.S. *Klondike* and discover how the ship maneuvered the swift waters. Wander the decks, inspect the powerful paddlewheel and admire the spectacular scenery of the Yukon River valley from every deck.

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### A FLY-IN ARCTIC ADVENTURE

Deep in the heart of the park, Sheep Creek base camp offers a headquarters for weeklong Arctic adventures. After flying in, visitors have access to hiking on unmarked routes to scenic overlooks, fishing for char in nearby rivers and more.

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### WHERE "THE BARD OF THE YUKON'S" WAS BORN

With Robert Service's lilting verse rhyming in your ears, visit his log cabin home and hike the hillsides that inspired him. Then tour the homes of the North's most famous authors.

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# NORTHWEST TERRITORIES UNIQUE

## **NAHANNI ALPINE EXPERIENCE**

Nahanni combines wilderness with diverse peaks to create a mountaineering mecca for outdoor enthusiasts. Top climbers ascend the world-renowned Lotus Flower Tower. Trekkers explore the valleys and mountain passes of the Ragged Range.

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### GUIDED ARCTIC BASE CAMP EXPERIENCE

Travel more than 100 km north of the Arctic Circle to one of North America's most remote national parks. No campgrounds here. Local guides lead you across the tundra where few have trod.

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### WHOOPING CRANES AT WOOD BUFFALO NATIONAL PARK

Wood Buffalo launches an opportunity to visit the endangered whooping crane nesting grounds. This special package tour will also include guided hikes to unique areas of the park and authentic aboriginal cultural experiences.

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### PADDLE THE THOMSEN RIVER

The gentle Thomsen River runs the length of Aulavik National Park. Paddlers are rewarded with a multi-week journey through rich arctic tundra full of wildlife including muskoxen, hundreds of species of wildflowers and ancient archaeological sites.

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### EXPLORE THE HEADWATERS OF THE SOUTH NAHANNI RIVER

A three-week journey down the raging South Nahanni River represents the trip of a lifetime for white-water enthusiasts. Extremely long stretches of rapids and abundant wildlife set this adventure apart.

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# NUNAVUT LIKE NOWHERE ELSE

## WHERE ONCE THEY STOOD

You can imagine you're the first person to sit here in this land that time has seemingly forgotten. But looking closer, you notice subtle clues: ancient coinciding with recent – tent circles, an inuksuk – telling you stories of the peoples who once walked here and who walk here still.

*Experience culture in all of Nunavut's National Parks*





### **CLIMB MOUNT THOR AND LOOK OUT ACROSS THE TOP OF THE WORLD**

Rope up and tackle the world's tallest cliff face on Thor Peak, a sheer 1,675 metre (5,495 foot) vertical climbing experience that is one of Auyuittuq National Park's signature extreme adventures.

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### **AN ARCTIC WILDLIFE SAFARI TO THE FLOE EDGE ON BAFFIN BAY**

Ride a snowmobile-pulled qamutiq (sled) across Eclipse Sound to the edge of the frozen ocean to watch whales, seals, polar bears and seabirds feast, then camp on the ice under the Midnight Sun.

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### **BOAT TOUR UKKUSIKSALIK**

Hop into a boat with a local outfitter and cruise the waters of Wager Bay, the best and safest way to sightsee the landscapes of surrounding Ukkusiksalik park, its wildlife and marine life.

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### **GO WHERE FEW HAVE GONE**

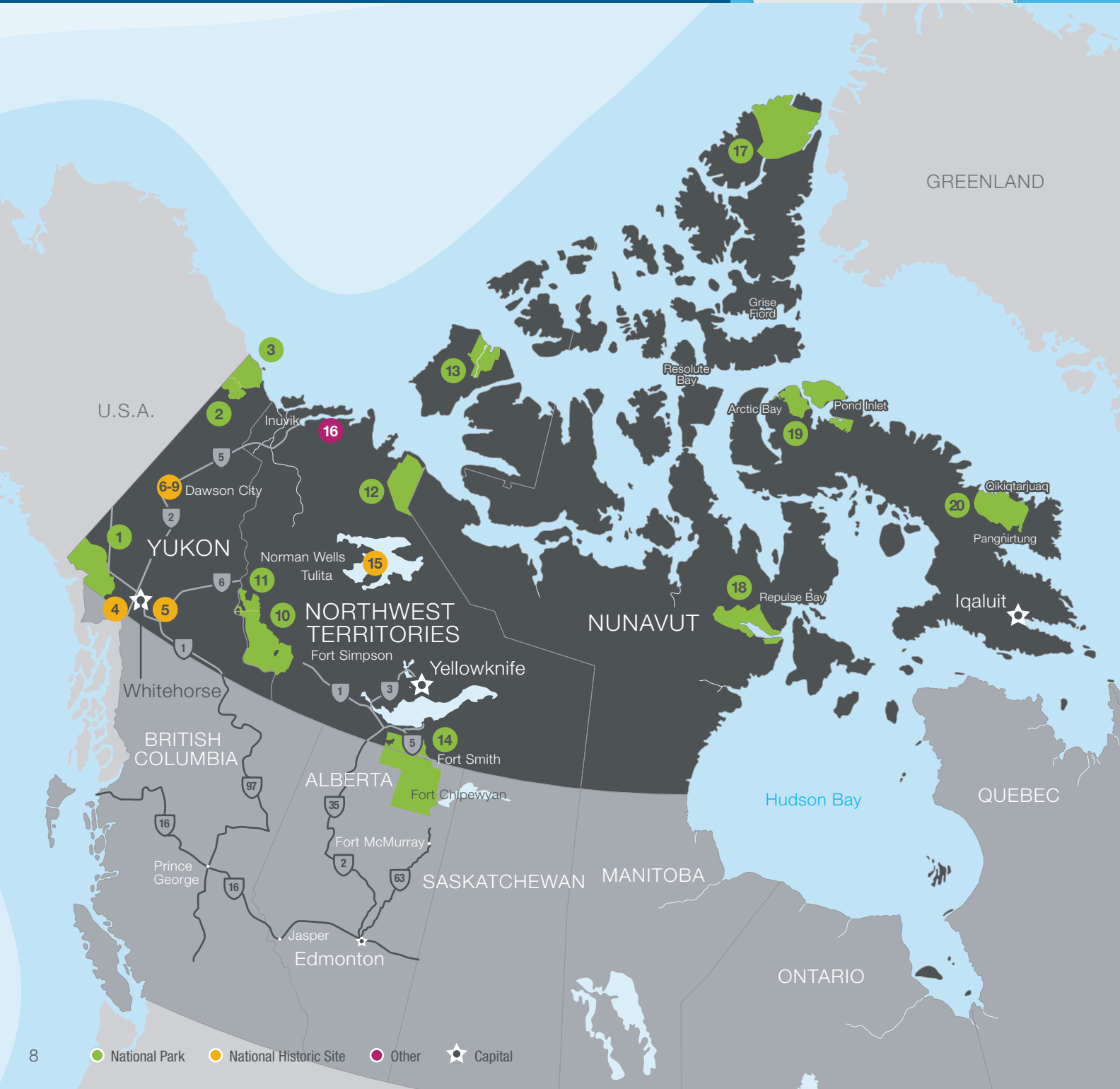
Experienced backcountry travellers, climbers, and skiers can charter a flight and set off on a self-guided adventure into Quttinirpaaq National Park, exploring dramatic landscapes and remarkable wildlife on their own.

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# Northern Canada

National Parks and National Historic Sites of Canada





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## Services and activities legend

The legend below identifies some of the services and activities that may be available at the parks and sites. Watch for these symbols when planning your visit.

 Parking	 Golfing
 Bus parking	 Birdwatching
 Access for the physically disabled	 Marine mammals
 Restaurant	 Beaches
 Gift shop	 Canoeing/Kayaking
 Interpretation	 Motorboating
 Picnic area/shelter	 Fishing
 Playground	 Scuba diving
 Camping	 Rafting
 Recreational vehicles	 Hot springs
 Parks Canada oTENTik	 Mountain/Ice climbing
 Yurts	 Winter activities
 Teepees	 Cross-country skiing
 Cabins	 Downhill skiing
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## 20+ red chairs

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Ukkusiksalik National Park

Chilkoot Trail National Historic Site

## Yukon

### 1 Kluane



With vast icefields and 17 of Canada's 20 highest peaks, Kluane offers outstanding alpine scenery and outdoor recreation. Rich First Nations culture and history and a mix of extreme adventure and accessible options set it apart.

**Haines Junction, Yukon** – 158 km from Whitehorse, Yukon  
1-867-634-7207 | [parkscanada.gc.ca/kluane](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/kluane)

### 2 Vuntut



Vuntut National Park, located above the Arctic Circle, rewards adventurers who make the trip north. Explore untouched landscapes and learn the story of the Vuntut Gwitchin people and their relationship to the land and animals of the northern Yukon.

**Old Crow, Yukon**  
1-867-667-3910 (local and overseas)  
[parkscanada.gc.ca/vuntut](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/vuntut)

### 3 Ivvavik



In Yukon's northwest, Ivvavik National Park offers visitors a gateway to Arctic adventure. The fly-in park is popular among rafters who brave the icy Firth River, wildlife lovers who come to see the mass migration of caribou and hikers.

**Yukon**  
1-867-777-8800 | [parkscanada.gc.ca/ivvavik](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/ivvavik)

### 4 Chilkoot Trail



Hike a legendary trail through the northern Coast Mountains, from Alaska's Taiya Inlet to the headwaters of the Yukon River in northern British Columbia, following in the footsteps of dreamers in the Klondike Gold Rush.

**Whitehorse, Yukon**  
1-800-661-0486 / 1-867-667-3910  
[parkscanada.gc.ca/chilkoot](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/chilkoot)

### 5 S.S. Klondike



Steam-powered sternwheelers plying the Yukon River were the Yukon's link to the outside world for almost a century. The S.S. Klondike National Historic Site in Whitehorse honours these vessels, so vital to the settlement of the North.

**Whitehorse, Yukon**  
1-800-661-0486; 1-867-667-4511 (summer)  
[parkscanada.gc.ca/ssklondike](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/ssklondike)

## Klondike National Historic Sites

### 6 Dawson Historical Complex



Accompany costumed interpreters down wooden boardwalks lined with colourful historic buildings, stepping into 1898 Klondike Gold Rush days. Prowl a paddlewheeler. Explore goldfields. Magical Dawson City is a frontier town where history mingles with everyday life.

**Dawson City, Yukon**  
1-867-993-7200; 1-867-993-7210 (summer)  
[parkscanada.gc.ca/klondike](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/klondike)

### 7 Dredge no. 4



This huge gold-mining machine in middle of the remote Klondike goldfields is a must-see for your Yukon adventure. It's the largest dredge of its kind in North America, representing incredible technology for mining in the northern permafrost.

**Dawson City, Yukon**  
1-867-993-7200; 1-867-993-7210 (summer)  
[parkscanada.gc.ca/klondike](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/klondike)

### 8 S.S. Keno



Visit the S.S. Keno, one of the hundreds of sternwheelers that worked the Yukon waterways transporting miners, ore, and supplies that built the communities and industry of the Territory.

**Dawson City, Yukon**  
1-867-993-7200; 1-867-993-7210 (summer)  
[parkscanada.gc.ca/klondike](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/klondike)

### 9 Discovery Claim



Discover where it all began! Gold was found on Bonanza Creek in 1896, sparking the Klondike Stampede of 1898. Walk the interpretive trail and learn about the days of the early miners and the place where First Nations and newcomer cultures met.

**Dawson City, Yukon**  
1-867-993-7200; 1-867-993-7210 (summer)  
[parkscanada.gc.ca/klondike](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/klondike)

## Northwest Territories

### 10 Nahanni



Remote granite pinnacles lure top alpinists, wilderness river tripping opportunities attract paddlers, interpreters share cultural and natural history with river trippers, campers and day flight visitors.

**Fort Simpson, Northwest Territories**  
1-867-695-7750 | [parkscanada.gc.ca/nahanni](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/nahanni)

### 11 Nááts'ihch'oh



One of Canada's newest and most remote national parks, Nááts'ihch'oh offers white water paddling and off-the-grid hiking in the Northwest Territories for experienced adventurers.

**Tulita, Northwest Territories**  
Tulita is a fly-in community located 300 km from the park. Tulita is 612 km to Yellowknife; 671 km to Whitehorse by air. Fly to the park from Tulita, Norman Wells and Fort Simpson. 1-867-588-4986 | [parkscanada.gc.ca/naatsihchoh](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/naatsihchoh)

### 12 Tuktoyaktuk



Arctic rivers, waterfalls, canyons and tundra combine to provide habitat for caribou, muskoxen, wolves and other arctic species. Park guides and local Inuvialuit lead interpretive backcountry excursions.

**Paulatuk, Northwest Territories**  
1-867-777-8800 | [parkscanada.gc.ca/tuktutnogait](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/tuktutnogait)

## 13 Aulavik



Located in Canada's Northwest Territories, Aulavik is among the country's most remote national parks. But it rewards adventurers with untouched tundra, pristine rivers, archaeological sites and ample wildlife, from muskoxen to seals and other marine mammals.

**Sachs Harbour, Northwest Territories**  
1-867-777-8800 | [parkscanada.gc.ca/aulavik](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/aulavik)

## 14 Wood Buffalo



Canada's largest National Park contains half of the world's endangered wood bison population, unique whooping crane nesting grounds and the Peace-Athabasca Delta. Access to undisturbed boreal wilderness is a unique global experience.

**Fort Smith, Northwest Territories**  
1-867-872-7960 | [parkscanada.gc.ca/woodbuffalo](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/woodbuffalo)

## 15 Saoyú – ʔehdacho



Saoyú-ʔehdacho National Historic Site celebrates the traditional lifestyles of the Sahtúgot'jñe – “the people of the Sahtú.” Visitors to Canada's largest National Historic Site learn about the teaching, healing and spiritual places as conveyed through oral history.

**Déline, Northwest Territories**  
1-867-589-3130 | [parkscanada.gc.ca/saoyu](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/saoyu)

## 16 Pingo



The Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula region contains more pingos than anywhere on earth: 1,350 ice-cored hills rise out of the permafrost here. These arctic geographical phenomena can be studied up close via guided boat or snowmobile tours.

**Tuktoyaktuk, Northwest Territories**  
1-867-777-8800 | [parkscanada.gc.ca/pingo](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/pingo)

## Nunavut

### 17 Quttinirpaaq



Stark valleys, peaks, glaciers and ice caps – Quttinirpaaq is a spectacular landscape on a grand scale at the top of the world where Arctic wildlife roams under the Midnight Sun amid traces of ancient peoples and explorers.

**Ellesmere Island, Nunavut**  
1-844-524-5293 | [parkscanada.gc.ca/quttinirpaaq](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/quttinirpaaq)

### 18 Ukkusiksalik



Explore Ukkusiksalik's vast Arctic wilderness, rich with flora and fauna and punctuated with ancient archeological sites, a lush tundra landscape surrounding an inland sea where the adventurous can hike, boat or snowmobile through pristine nature.

**Repulse Bay, Nunavut**  
1-867-462-4500 | [parkscanada.gc.ca/ukkusiksalik](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/ukkusiksalik)

## 19 Sirmilik



Narwhal, seals, polar bears and seabirds abound amid a landscape of mountains, ice fields, glaciers, coastal lowlands and broad river valleys – a trip to Sirmilik is the ultimate Arctic adventure.

**Pond Inlet, Nunavut**  
1-867-899-8092 | [parkscanada.gc.ca/sirmilik](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/sirmilik)

## 20 Auyuittuq



Hike, ski, traverse glaciers, scale epic cliffs or take a gentle boat trip amid Auyuittuq National Park's dynamic Arctic landscapes of soaring peaks, vast icefields and precipitous fiords thrive with marine life beneath the Midnight Sun.

**Pangnirtung or Qikiqtarjuaq, Nunavut**  
1-867-473-2500 | [parkscanada.gc.ca/auyuittuq](http://parkscanada.gc.ca/auyuittuq)

## The Wild Side



### Muskoxen

Muskoxen, large, shaggy beasts, roam the Arctic tundra feeding on roots, mosses, and lichens. Their keen sense of smell helps them find food hidden under the snow in winter. Their undercoat, called qiviut, is eight times warmer than sheep's wool.



### Whooping Crane

Each spring, the endangered whooping crane travels from the Aransas National Wildlife Refuge in Texas to nest in Wood Buffalo National Park. At 1.5 metres tall, they are North America's tallest bird. Thanks to international conservation efforts, this wild flock has grown from 15 whooping cranes to more than 300.



### Polar Bear

Polar bears are the largest land carnivore in North America. An adult male typically weighs 300-450 kg, stretching 3 metres from nose to tail. They are strong, fast, agile, on land or ice, and are expert swimmers and divers. They are shy and prefer to avoid confrontations with humans and other polar bears.



### Caribou

Aboriginal people have had a strong connection to caribou for thousands of years, often altering their hunting patterns to follow the migration. Each caribou herd travels within a specific geographic area. The more than 190,000-strong Porcupine caribou herd migrates about 2,000 kilometres through Ivvavik National Park each year.



### Arctic Fox

The Arctic fox is well adapted to living in temperatures as low as -50C. These animals are about the size of a large domestic cat, with a bushy tail comprising about 30% of its body length. The Arctic fox's winter coat, which helps to camouflage it against the snow, turns brown in summer.

*Give these animals the space they need. Your responsible behaviour contributes to the survival of wildlife – and your own safety!*



# Make It Happen!

## How to get to Canada's North



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## YUKON

- Kluane, the historic sites in Dawson City, Chilkoot Trail and S.S. Klondike can all be reached by road.
- Fly year-round to Whitehorse from major Canadian cities, including Vancouver, Kelowna, Calgary, Edmonton, Ottawa and Yellowknife and seasonally from Frankfurt, Germany and Fairbanks, Alaska. Flights to Dawson City depart from Whitehorse.
- Ivvavik and Vuntut can be reached by air charter from Inuvik, via Whitehorse or Yellowknife.

## NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

- Fly year-round to Fort Smith, NT or Fort Chipewyan, AB to get to Wood Buffalo. Year-round roads to Fort Smith, NT or winter roads to Fort Chipewyan, AB also provide access to Wood Buffalo.
- Fly via scheduled air service from Edmonton, Vancouver, Yellowknife or Whitehorse to Inuvik, or drive the Dempster Highway to Inuvik, then take an air charter to Ivvavik, Aulavik and Tuktoyaktuk.
- For Nahanni, please contact the Parks Canada office in Fort Simpson for detailed information (ph. 867-695-7750; or nahanni.info@pc.gc.ca).
- For Nááts'ihch'oh, please contact the Parks Canada office in Tulita for detailed information (ph. 867-588-4986).

## NUNAVUT

- Auyuittuq is accessible via scheduled flights to Qikiqtarjuaq and Pangnirtung then by boat or snowmachine.
- Quttinirpaaq is accessible via scheduled flights to Resolute and then air charter.
- Ukkusiksalik is accessible via air charter from Rankin Inlet or Baker Lake or by boat.
- Sirmilik is only accessible by boat or snow machine, but there is scheduled air service to Pond Inlet.

## Be prepared:

- In the High Arctic the sun shines 24 hours a day in the summertime and is very strong – bring sunscreen and a sleeping mask!
- Weather delays are a normal expectation in all seasons.
- It can snow in any month of the year; bring your toque and mitts.
- Get access to deals on airfare by contacting your travel agency and watch for periodic, 24-hour seat sales to get the best deal.
- Make sure you contact the park or historic site for detailed information before you book your travelling plans.

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 Vuntut National Park

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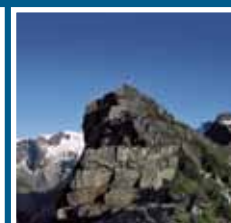
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