

## Overview of Nunavut

With miles of uninhabitable land, freezing cold temperatures and snow-capped mountains, the pristine and exquisite Canadian province of Nunavut is something of an untapped tourist destination decidedly off the beaten track.

Nunavut sits in the Arctic Circle, priding itself on its distinctive natural beauty and ideal location from which to view the Aurora Borealis. It offers visitors a breath of the cleanest, coldest air and a taste of adventure.

It has strong historical ties to the Norse, with the Vikings thought to have been regular visitors to this part of the world. Official languages here, besides English and French, include Inuktitut and Inuinnaqtun, which are spoken by the native Inuit people.

In Nunavut, outdoor activities abound and wildlife such as polar bears, walrus and beluga whales are regularly sighted. Couple that with a few icebergs drifting by and you've got a winning recipe for outstanding wildlife photography opportunities.

The rugged cliffs and tundra also provide perfect conditions for thousands of nesting birds, such as snowy owls, sandhill cranes, gyrfalcons, jaegers, loons and plovers, making Nunavut a glorious birdwatching destination. Nunavut is also the land of the Midnight Sun, where visitors can experience 24-hour daylight during the summer months.

Baffin Island is a popular attraction, especially in winter, when the Aurora Borealis is best viewed. But it also offers outdoor activities, including cross-country skiing, sea kayaking, Arctic fishing and whale watching, as well as exciting trails in the stunning Sirmilik National Park.

Taking a holiday in Nunavut is not something many people get to do in their lifetime. But for those who do, the memories of breathtaking scenery and unusual wildlife, and images of hospitable people surviving in an inhospitable climate will last forever.

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## Key Facts

### **Language:**

The official languages are English and French (spoken predominantly in Quebec).

### **Passport/Visa:**

All visitors must hold a valid passport, and it's recommended that passports always be valid for six months after the intended period of travel. Visitors are required to hold onward or return tickets, all documents needed for the next destination and sufficient funds to cover the period of intended stay. Travellers from most visa-exempt countries arriving in Canada by air need to fill in an Electronic Travel Authorisation (eTA) form online prior to visiting Canada. This requirement is applicable to all but U.S citizens and travellers with a valid Canadian visa. Canadian citizens, including dual citizens, and Canadian permanent residents cannot apply for an eTA. As part of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI), all travellers travelling between the United States and Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, and the Caribbean region are required to present a passport or other valid travel documents to enter or re-enter the United States. If departing from the USA a valid passport will be required by immigration authorities.

### **Currency:**

The currency used is the Canadian dollar (CAD). Banks and bureaux de change will change cash, as will some hotels. Major credit cards are widely accepted and ATMs are widespread. US dollars are widely accepted.

### **Electricity:**

Electrical current is 120 volts, 60Hz. American-style flat two-pin plugs and a plug with a third round grounding pin are standard.

# Travel to Nunavut

## Health Notes when travelling to Canada

Travellers should be up to date with your COVID-19 vaccines before traveling to Canada, and should consider taking routine vaccines as a standard precaution. Medical care is excellent but expensive, so medical insurance is advised.

## Safety Notes when travelling to Canada

While most visits to Canada are trouble-free, the country does share the common international risk of terrorism. The crime rate is low but travellers are advised to take sensible precautions to safeguard their belongings, as they would anywhere. Parts of Canada are prone to tornadoes between May and September.

## Customs in Canada

Rowdiness and loud speech are inappropriate except under special circumstances or in places such as bars, as Canadians tend to be soft spoken, patient and almost apologetic in their public behaviour. They are generally tolerant of the complex network of cultural differences in public behaviour, particularly in cities where such diversity is more common place. Recreational cannabis is legally available throughout Canada, though local laws can vary depending on the province or territory travellers are visiting.

## Duty Free in Canada

Travellers to Canada are allowed to enter the country with the following items without incurring custom duties: gifts to the value of C\$60 per recipient (excluding advertising material, tobacco and alcoholic beverages); 200 cigarettes, 50 cigars or cigarillos and 200g of tobacco or 200 tobacco sticks; 1.14 litres of liquor or wine or 24 x 355ml bottles or cans of beer or ale. There are strict regulations governing the import of the following: explosives, endangered animal and plant species, items of heritage, fresh foodstuffs and weapons.

## Doing Business in Canada

Vancouver, Toronto, Calgary, and Montreal are the main business centres, and English is the language of business except in French-speaking Quebec, where all written material and business cards should be in French. Business cards are not traditionally exchanged during an initial meeting, but at some appropriate time thereafter; it is best to wait for the host to offer theirs first.

A firm handshake is used by way of greeting and punctuality should be taken seriously for meetings. Canadians dress conservatively and smartly for business and suits are the norm. Gifts can be given in conclusion to celebrate a deal, but should be understated; taking someone out for a meal is a popular way to conclude business dealings.

Canadians are reserved and frown on emotional outbursts. Business is based on facts and figures rather than relationships, so it is best to be as prepared as possible for meetings. Hours of business are usually 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

## Communication in Canada

The international access code for Canada is +1. The outgoing code is 011 followed by the relevant country code. The outgoing code is not necessary for calls to the US and the Caribbean. Hotels, cafes and restaurants offering free WiFi are widely available. As international roaming costs can be high, purchasing a local prepaid SIM card can be a cheaper option.

## Tipping in Canada

A tip of around 15 percent is standard in restaurants, and hairdressers and taxi drivers are usually tipped at the same rate. Bellhops, doormen, porters, and similar service providers at hotels, airports, and stations are generally paid at the customer's discretion.

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## Exchange rate for 1 CAD - Canadian Dollar

<b>0.00</b> BMD Bermudan Dollar	<b>0.68</b> EUR Euro	<b>0.73</b> USD U.S. Dollar	<b>0.58</b> GBP U.K. Pound Sterling	<b>111.95</b> JPY Japanese Yen	<b>0.66</b> CHF Swiss Franc
<b>1.11</b> AUD Australian Dollar	<b>28.83</b> UAH Ukrainian Hryvnia	<b>324.82</b> KZT Kazakhstani Tenge	<b>68,104.49</b> LBP Lebanese Pound	<b>3.55</b> LYD Libyan Dinar	<b>5.02</b> BOB Bolivian Boliviano
<b>0.00</b> NPR Nepalese Rupee	<b>0.00</b> OMR Omani Rial	<b>0.00</b> QAR Qatari Rial	<b>0.99</b> SGD Singapore Dollar	<b>7.92</b> SEK Swedish Krona	<b>0.00</b> TTD Trinidad Tobago Dollar
<b>0.00</b> VEF Venezuelan Bolivar	<b>42.52</b> DOP Dominican Peso	<b>0.00</b> HRK Croatian Kuna	<b>12.41</b> MXN Mexican Peso	<b>446.74</b> XOF West African CFA Franc	<b>0.00</b> PGK Papua New Guinean kina
<b>0.00</b> BSD Bahamian Dollar	<b>0.00</b> FJD Fiji Dollar	<b>0.00</b> HNL Honduran Lempira	<b>97.95</b> DZD Algerian Dinar	<b>0.00</b> MMK Myanma Kyat	<b>0.00</b> BWP Botswana Pula
<b>2.72</b> PEN Peruvian Nuevo Sol	<b>686.67</b> CLP Chilean Peso	<b>283.06</b> AMD Armenia Dram	<b>17.04</b> CZK Czech Koruna	<b>12.90</b> MDL Moldova Lei	<b>102.36</b> ISK Icelandic Krona
<b>9,206.75</b> UZS Uzbekistan Sum	<b>2.72</b> ILS Israeli New Sheqel	<b>0.52</b> JOD Jordanian Dinar	<b>0.00</b> KWD Kuwaiti Dinar	<b>27.92</b> UYU Uruguayan Peso	<b>0.00</b> MUR Mauritian Rupee
<b>0.00</b> NIO Nicaraguan Córdoba	<b>7.96</b> NOK Norwegian Krone	<b>2.95</b> PLN Polish Zloty	<b>2.74</b> SAR Saudi Riyal	<b>0.00</b> LKR Sri Lanka Rupee	<b>26.92</b> THB Thai Baht
<b>2.68</b> AED U.A.E Dirham	<b>3.73</b> BRL Brazilian Real	<b>3.39</b> RON Romanian New Leu	<b>5.72</b> HKD Hong Kong Dollar	<b>446.74</b> XAF Central African CFA Franc	<b>18,589.76</b> VND Vietnamese Dong
<b>642.71</b> ARS Argentine Peso	<b>0.00</b> XCD East Caribbean Dollar	<b>0.00</b> GTQ Guatemalan Quetzal	<b>7.36</b> MAD Moroccan Dirham	<b>0.00</b> BHD Bahrain Dinar	<b>0.73</b> PAB Panamanian Balboa
<b>1.24</b> AZN Azerbaijan Manat	<b>2,868.33</b> COP Colombian Peso	<b>64.70</b> KGS Kyrgyzstan Som	<b>264.88</b> HUF Hungarian Forint	<b>7.97</b> TJS Tajikistan Ruble	<b>11,761.39</b> IDR Indonesian Rupiah
<b>35.09</b> EGP Egyptian Pound	<b>994.29</b> KRW South Korean Won	<b>5,456.06</b> PYG Paraguayan Guaraní	<b>3.47</b> MYR Malaysian Ringgit	<b>371.94</b> CRC Costa Rican Colón	<b>1.22</b> NZD New Zealand Dollar
<b>203.32</b> PKR Pakistani Rupee	<b>66.87</b> RUB Russian Rouble	<b>13.54</b> ZAR South African Rand	<b>2.29</b> TND Tunisian Dinar	<b>0.00</b> BBD Barbadian Dollar	<b>1.33</b> BGN Bulgarian Lev
<b>23.66</b> TRY Turkish Lira	<b>41.92</b> PHP Philippine Peso	<b>23.64</b> TWD New Taiwan Dollar	<b>852.33</b> NGN Nigerian Naira	<b>0.00</b> XPF CFP Franc	<b>0.00</b> GHS Ghanaian Cedi
<b>0.00</b> JMD Jamaican Dollar	<b>0.00</b> ANG Neth. Antillean Guilder	<b>0.00</b> BND Brunei Dollar	<b>79.69</b> RSD Serbian Dinar	<b>5.30</b> CNY Chinese Yuan	<b>5.08</b> DKK Danish Krone
<b>2.55</b> TMT New Turkmenistan Manat	<b>61.04</b> INR Indian Rupee				