

ARCTIC ADVENTURE AWAITS

10 THINGS YOU NEED TO DO IN THE NWT'S SPECTACULAR WESTERN ARCTIC

Travel to a world where a summer day can last for months. Where great rivers run free and picturesque pingos rise up from the unspoiled tundra. To a land where welcoming people are waiting to tell you their stories, under the shimmering Northern Lights. The Western Arctic region of Canada's Northwest Territories is everything you've ever imagined—and so much more.

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DRIVE TO THE ARCTIC OCEAN

Hit the road as far North as it can take you in Canada. This otherworldly drive threads through rugged mountains and crosses the Arctic Circle. It traverses the continental divide, as well as two great Canadian rivers, bringing travellers into some of the most beautiful, least touched wilderness scenery in all of North America.

The Dempster Highway takes you through grizzly bear and caribou country, with stops in friendly Gwich'in communities, comfortable campgrounds and the friendly town of Inuvik. From there, continue on to Tuktoyaktuk and cruise over rolling tundra as picturesque pingos dot the landscape. Drive until you reach the end of the road, which happens to be the end of the continent. Now, get out and dip your toes in the Arctic Ocean.

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2 MEMORIES FOR A LIFETIME

Bring home a memory of your trip through the Western Arctic's diverse and rich cultures with a traditional craft available for purchase like jewelry, Inuvialuit drums, or traditional carvings.



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3 VISIT INUVIK'S IGLOO CHURCH

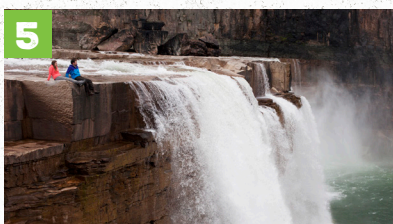
Our Lady of Victory church, one of the most photographed buildings in the NWT, stands out in downtown Inuvik. The bleach-white structure capped by a silvery dome imitates the Inuvialuit snow-houses of old.



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4 HIGH ARCTIC GOLFING

Pack your clubs for a trip to Ulukhaktok and compete in the Billy Joss Golf Tournament, held in July at the world's most northerly golf course.



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5 TREK THE LONELIEST PARK

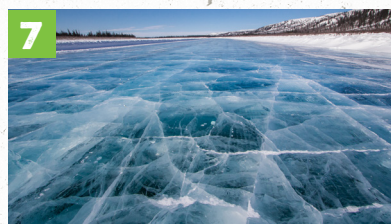
From Paulatuk, make the trip into Tuktu Nogait National Park—home to otherworldly canyons and rock formations. Here, caribou outnumber annual visitors a thousand to one.



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6 TUKTOYAKTUK'S MASSIVE PINGO

Visible from Tuktoyaktuk, at the end of the road, the Ibyuk pingo is a stunning geological wonder. This ice-filled permafrost hill is the second-largest pingo on the planet.



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7 AKLAVIK'S ICE ROAD ADVENTURE

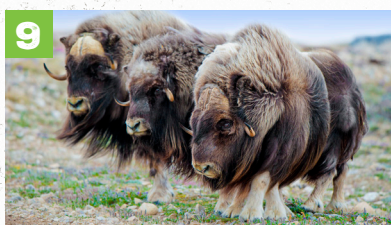
Drive the ice road over the frozen Mackenzie River delta to Aklavik to tour the grave site of the legendary Mad Trapper of Rat River.



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8 FUN-FILLED FESTIVALS

Communities in the Western Arctic love to have fun, celebrating the return of spring with snowmobile races and fishing derbies, or throwing a huge bonfire to welcome back the sun. There is always a festive event to join in on.



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9 MARVEL AT MAJESTIC MUSKOXEN

Banks Island is home to the largest muskox population on the planet. Head out with a Sachs Harbour outfitter to see these massive beasts in their natural habitat.



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10 THE VIEWS FROM TSIIGEHTCHIC

Have a picnic on Church Hill, near the Church of the Holy Name of Mary in Tsiigehtchic, for a sweeping view of the Mackenzie and Arctic Red rivers.