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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 Station 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 Tuktu 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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YOU'LL LOVE THE NIGHTLIFE

Be on top of the world, literally, for two weeks in Quttinirpaaq National Park on Ellesmere Island. Explore the park starting from Tanquary Fjord during day trips and multi-day backpacking adventures. See the midnight sun, glaciers, polar desert, muskoxen, and wolves; walk the 4500-year-old Muskox Way, the route of ancient peoples. While trips are mostly self-guided, park staff delight in sharing their knowledge of local natural and cultural history.

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How many times a day do you say something is **‘awesome’**? Five. Ten. Twenty? We all love bragging about the ‘awesome’ things we do and see. But are these everyday things truly awesome? What about walking the landscape where tens of thousands of Porcupine Caribou migrate every year? or being able to sleep when you want, eat when you want, hike when you want because time has little meaning when the sun never sets.

This is what awesome used to mean.

This is what it still means.

Across Northern Canada, nothing can come close to experiencing the awesomeness of Parks Canada places.

Let us show you how!



Check off your bucket list and head to the Yukon! Fly over ancient icefields and past Canada's tallest peak. Follow the trail of the Klondike Gold Rush. Paddle backcountry rivers or fly to an Arctic base camp for the hiking trip of a lifetime. You'll wonder why it took you this long to visit.

Now that's awesome!

YUKON EPIC!

A TRAIL LIKE NO OTHER

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You glance back at the trail you've covered. Unbelievable! You realize you're reliving the journey of all those gold-seekers that stampeded to the Klondike. Every moment is a thrill and a rush. Up the Golden Stairs, reaching the summit of the Chilkoot Pass, the vast beauty that surrounds you is breathtaking. All those years dreaming of this place, and now you've made it.

Chilkoot Trail National Historic Site p. 10



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ENDLESS ADVENTURES IN NEVER-ENDING DAYLIGHT

Daylight is all around you and this amazing view just won't quit. It's hard to believe it's evening as the sunlight and hillside invite you to play again, just one more time, before you call it a night. What a day: a grizzly bear in the distance, a moose so close, a creek crossing that cooled your feet, and good friends to share the adventure. And the best part? There's still tomorrow!

Kluane National Park and Reserve p. 10



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PADDLEWHEELER PLAY

Smile as you watch your kids bounce from one discovery to another exploring this stately paddlewheeler, pretending to embark on a great adventure. Marvel at the mighty Yukon River swirling by as you enjoy your picnic lunch on the riverbank. While making beautiful memories, you wonder where this trip will take you next.

S.S. Klondike National Historic Site p. 10



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"O DEAR LITTLE CABIN"

It's a beautiful day in Dawson City: clear blue sky, sun sparkling through the trees. Your group hikes up the hillside where poet Robert Service was inspired to write his memorable verse. As you journey along the trail to the Crocus Bluff you are filled with a sense of awe, while listening to Service's words, "There's gold, and it's haunting and haunting; It's luring me on as of old; ... It's the beauty that thrills me with wonder, It's the stillness that fills me with peace."

Klondike National Historic Sites p. 10



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FOLLOW YOUR #ARCTICDREAM

Fly over the Mackenzie Delta and into the heart of the British Mountains. Enjoy Arctic base camp living at Sheep Creek. Hike with local guides to Inspiration Point and the majestic tors of Halfway to Heaven. Listen to the stories of Inuvialuit people whose connections to this land go back generations. Bask in the glow of the midnight sun.

Ivvavik National Park p. 10

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES:

See the bison, muskox and caribou journey across these lands. Spot whooping cranes soaring across ancient Salt Plains. Hear the stories of the Dene, Metis and Inuvialuit people who have called this place home for generations. Paddle legendary rivers. Listen to the thunder of Nájłjcho (Virginia Falls). Kick back and relax at an Arctic base camp beneath the midnight sun.

STARE AWESOME IN THE FACE!



THRILL OF A LIFETIME

Welcome to the home of the Bluenose West caribou herd, wolves, grizzly bears, muskoxen, arctic char and many raptors. Paddle the crystal clear Hornaday River. Stay at an Arctic base camp and day-hike the rolling terrain to marvel at the lush tundra in bloom. Take in the view of the Brock River. There's no need to rush in this ancient land.

Tuktut Nogait National Park p. 11



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BE AMONG THE FIRST!

Challenge yourself to a river journey through boulder gardens and rapids. Ride the wild headwaters of the South Nahanni. Travel through the traditional lands of the Shútagot'ine, the Mountain Dene. Bask in the solitude on the shores of lakes ringed by majestic ranges. Be awed by Nááts'ihch'oh, the mountain of great spiritual power. Put on your boots and hike the rugged terrain. Discover Nááts'ihch'oh, one of the newest national parks in Canada.

Nááts'ihch'oh National Park Reserve p. 11



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MODERN EXPLORER

Journey to the "place where people travel," witness to 3,500 years of human history. See the largest concentration of muskoxen in the world as they graze on softly rolling hills. Paddle the Thomsen River, the most northerly navigable river in Canada. Meander through arctic tundra. Be one of the few modern adventurers to experience this ancient landscape. What a thrill!

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NORTH WITHIN REACH

Follow the road to Canada's largest national park. Catch a coveted glance of a whooping crane or free-roaming wood bison. Stroll through unique salt-dusted plains to touch and taste salt from ancient seas. Play in the gentle waters of a sinkhole lake. Wait for sundown: the brilliant stars over this Dark Sky Preserve, the world's largest, will wow you.

Wood Buffalo National Park p. 11



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QUEST IN THE LAND OF GIANTS

Your flight into Nahanni is a sensory overload. Feel the thrilling splash of whitewater. Trek through the spires of the Ragged Range. Make a pilgrimage to Gahnjthah Tufa Mounds, home of the Horizon Walker. Feed the fire in a traditional Dene ceremony. Challenge your mind, your body, your soul. Find your Nahanni.

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NUNAVUT LIKE NOWHERE ELSE.

Find yourself amid towering cliffs and spectacular mountains wrapped in glaciers that wind their way to the ocean. Beautiful and dynamic, this land welcomes you. The Arctic has its own pace and, falling in step, you recognize the rhythm never forgotten by those who live here. Today is the day your dream becomes your journey!

WHERE ONCE THEY STOOD

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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.



HIT A HIGH POINT

Revel in the climb, that last push, that feeling of satisfaction as you open your arms wide and embrace the beauty that fills your view. Nunavut's mountaineering possibilities include Thor Peak, the world's highest vertical drop and Mount Barbeau, the highest point in Eastern North America. Check these peaks off your bucket list – they're all here and all yours!

Experience mountaineering in these Nunavut National Parks:

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THE GREAT WHITE NORTH

The brisk arctic air is a welcome relief after your ascent. Preparing your skis, you catch your breath and gaze out over distant glaciers and sharp, white peaks as far as the eye can see. Now, take a moment to consider: today you and your friends get first tracks... the only tracks. Head home with stories that nobody can top!

Experience backcountry skiing in these Nunavut National Parks:

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FIND CLARITY

The sun never sets here in summer; you know it is night only by the profound stillness that settles over the land, the silence broken only by arctic terns calling overhead. You've never known an atmosphere so clear before; the distant mountains seem closer. Now's the perfect time to push your kayak into the calm, icy water and live your dream!

Experience kayaking in these Nunavut National Parks:

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WILD. LIFE.

Watching the distant herd of muskoxen, you feel a calm stare. You turn your head and far off you see an arctic wolf, his curiosity no less than your own. Polar bear, arctic fox, walrus, narwhal... in Nunavut they are at home. This is the Arctic, these are her creatures, and this is why you came.

Experience the wild in Nunavut's National Parks.

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National Parks and National Historic Sites of Canada



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Northwest Territories

10 Nahanni



Plunge your paddle into the wild. Scale granite spires in the Cirque of Unclimbables. Fly in for the day or stay overnight. Feel the water thunder. Sense the mystery of Nahʔa legend. Feed the fire in a traditional Dene ceremony. Nahanni - the first UNESCO World Heritage Site in Canada. Nahanni - where land and people are inseparable. Find your Nahanni.

Fort Simpson, Northwest Territories
1-867-695-7750 | parkscanada.gc.ca/nahanni

11 Nááts'ihch'oh



Journey through the traditional lands of the Shútagot'ine, the Mountain Dene. Be inspired by Nááts'ihch'oh, the mountain whose top looks like a porcupine quill. Fly into remote mountain lakes and hike the breathtaking terrain. Paddle wild whitewater and be one of few to venture into the headwaters of the South Nahanni. Discover and explore a place few ever do, in one of Canada's newest national parks!

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

12 Tuklut Nogait



This is your real Arctic adventure. Challenge the Arctic landscape and reap the rewards. Follow the explorer in you to uncover endless hiking possibilities. Gaze over the pinnacles of the Brock River canyon. Hear the stories firsthand as a local guide reveals connections between ancient cultural sites and an evolving Inuvialuit culture. Tuklut Nogait, be one of the few.

Paulatuk, Northwest Territories
1-867-777-8800 | parkscanada.gc.ca/tuklutnogait

13 Aulavik



Place where YOU travel! In the Inuvialuktun language Aulavik means "place where people travel". Witness the human story of the Inuvialuit, their ancestors, and more recent explorers. Stand amongst the hearth stones and lichen covered muskox bones, looking back in time. Imagine arctic wolves, foxes and muskoxen that have never seen people curiously watching you take their picture. Aulavik graciously reveals its secrets to those who dare to turn bucket list dreams into reality.

Sachs Harbour, Northwest Territories
1-867-777-8800 | parkscanada.gc.ca/aulavik

14 Wood Buffalo



Seek the thrill of a lifetime in Wood Buffalo National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the world's largest Dark Sky Preserve. Embrace the challenge of seeing a herd of free-roaming wood bison. Hike or canoe this vast northern boreal forest. Boat and bird watch in the Peace-Athabasca Delta or sit in awe of Canada's largest national park, the nesting site of the only naturally migrating whooping cranes and the most magnificent Aurora Borealis.

Fort Smith, Northwest Territories
1-867-872-7960 | parkscanada.gc.ca/woodbuffalo

15 Saoyú – ʔehdacho



Feel the beating heart of Sahtu Dene culture with a warm welcome in the close-knit community of Deline, where teepees dot the shoreline and Dene culture is alive and thriving. Feel the drumming in your chest, as you approach the shore of Great Bear Lake. Experience the teaching, healing and spirituality of Saoyú and ʔehdacho. Listen to a legend, hike a trail, paddle the waters. Learn of the myths, visit hunting or fishing camps that all give testimony to thousands of years of Dene life.

Déline, Northwest Territories
1-867-589-3130 | parkscanada.gc.ca/saoyu

16 Pingo



Park your Truck on the Road to Tuk: Discover the only official Canadian Landmark. Do your own ice-road trucking over the frozen rivers of the Mackenzie Delta to the edge of the Arctic Ocean, where one quarter of the world's pingos rise from the coastal plain. Climb atop the tallest of these ice-cored hills and see the twinkling lights of Tuktoyaktuk shining through the ice fog, beckoning you in for a cultural tour with local guides, happy to share their living Inuvialuit culture.

Tuktoyaktuk, Northwest Territories
1-867-777-8800 | parkscanada.gc.ca/pingo

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17 Quttinirpaq



Hop on to our custom charter flight and craft your personal dream experience at the top of the world. Ski to Mt Barbeau! Hike between Tanquary Fjord and Lake Hazen. See flashes of white against the tundra as arctic wolves chase enormous arctic hare. Follow the McMillan River as arctic tern and African birds wheel on the updrafts. Learn about the Defense Research Board's early days when they invented freeze dried food. Choose a hike that takes you through splashes of wild arctic flowers under brilliant high-in-the-sky 24 hour light. Kick back in the evening for an interpretive program just for you and your friends.

Ellesmere Island, Nunavut
1-867-473-2500 | parkscanada.gc.ca/quttinirpaq

18 Ukkusiksalik



Visit the inland sea of Wager Bay where polar bears, migrating birds, caribou and seals are abundant. See a mammoth number of cultural sites spanning 1000 years. Take a hike along the Sila River and stand in awe of Ukkusiksalik's reversing water fall, remnants of a Hudson Bay Post and lots of wildlife. Be sure to include water transport in your trip as the inland sea is a key feature of the park.

Repulse Bay, Nunavut
1-867-462-4500 | parkscanada.gc.ca/ukkusiksalik

19 Sirmilik



Icebergs and glaciers against the blinding cobalt and Prussian blue sea is the backdrop for your adventure. For the intrepid, ski across Bylot Island's glaciers. In the spring, go expedition-style to the floe edge for the wildlife array- narwhal, polar bears, seabirds and seals. While there, take a day trip to hike through a cultural site and amazing geological formations on the tundra in Sirmilik. By sailboat, yacht, kayak or cruise ship take advantage of the waters surrounding the park. Go ashore and hike to some of the natural features. Go guided or go alone - but go!

Pond Inlet, Nunavut
1-867-899-8092 | parkscanada.gc.ca/sirmilik

20 Auyuittuq



A place of immense scale from the world's highest vertical drop to the 24 hour daylight in summer. The "land that never melts" is an explorer's dream. Travel the incredible 98 km Akshayuk Pass on foot or by ski and marvel at the stunning scenery that lies around every corner. Dance around this wild paradise that straddles the Arctic Circle.

Pangnirtung or Qikiqtarjuaq, Nunavut
1-867-473-2500 or 1-867-927-8834
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How to get to Canada's North



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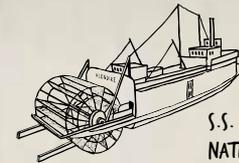
- Kluane, the historic sites in Dawson City, Chilkoot Trail and S.S. *Klondike* can all be reached by road.
- Fly year-round to Whitehorse from major Canadian cities, including Vancouver, Kelowna, Calgary, Edmonton, Ottawa and Yellowknife and seasonally from Frankfurt, Germany and Fairbanks, Alaska.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



AVAILABLE AT EACH OF THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

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).



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NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE



WOOD BUFFALO
NATIONAL PARK



DREDGE No. 4 NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

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NUNAVUT

- Auyuittuq is accessible via scheduled flights to Qikiqtarjuaq and Pangnirtung then by boat or snowmachine.
- Quttinirpaq 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:

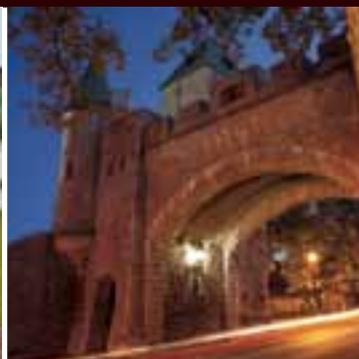
- In the High Arctic the sun shines 24 hours a day in the summertime and is very strong – bring sunscreen and a sleeping mask!
- Weather delays are a normal expectation in all seasons.
- It can snow in any month of the year; bring your tuque and mitts.
- Get access to deals on airfare by contacting your 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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to plan your own unforgettable
experiences in Northern Canada.



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 Ivvavik National Park - Sheep Creek Base Camp

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