A guide to meetings and conferences in Nunavut
Nunavut – untamed, unspoiled and undiscovered. Canada’s youngest territory, whose unsurpassed beauty is found in scenic landscapes and picturesque hamlets, leaves travellers with a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Alive with a rich history and captivating society, Nunavut is a vibrant and diverse territory deeply rooted in tradition, culture and arts. The welcome is warm in Nunavut.

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We’re closer than you think! With jets arriving daily from southern cities such as Edmonton, Ottawa, Montreal and Winnipeg you can board a plane and in a few hours be in one of the regional centres or the capital city of Iqaluit. You’ll quickly find yourself comfortable in a cozy bed and breakfast or a contemporary hotel, while endless tundra and ocean waits outside your door.

Nunavut is quickly becoming a place to host national meetings. Our facilities and amenities will make your next meeting, conference or corporate retreat an assured success. While Iqaluit can accommodate meetings up to 200, smaller meetings and corporate retreats can be arranged in more remote communities. Activities can be planned for delegates during your event such as dogsledding, fishing, wildlife viewing, birding, local entertainment, shopping for local arts and crafts and much more. You’ll experience Nunavut’s wild food, like Arctic Char and Turbot prepared by world class chefs. Travellers can expect to enjoy a level of excellence in hospitality with an emphasis on quality customer service and a small town charm unlike anywhere else in Canada.

Nunavut Tourism welcomes increasingly more associations and organizations every year to hold their meetings. Facilitation of these events is aided by Nunavut Tourism’s wide range of member organizations. Meetings we’ve held before include the 2008 G7 Finance Ministers’ meeting in Iqaluit, the 2013 annual meeting of the Canadian Council of Motor Transport Administrators, and in 2011 Iqaluit hosted the Canadian Society of Landscape Architects for their Annual Congress here with many attendees saying it was their best congress in recent history.

Although Nunavut has no roads linking the territory’s communities, we are well serviced by air. Working with our Nunavut Tourism members you’ll find ample activities and options for pre- and post-conference trips to extend your stay and your delegates’ stay in Nunavut. With some of the best remote airports in the world, accessing the Canadian Arctic is easier than ever before. The diverse culture, traditions, wildlife and expansive lands beckon.

Welcome to Nunavut!
Nunavutmut Tunngasugitsi!
Essential Information
Nunavut Facts:

- Date entered Confederation: April 1, 1999.
- Nunavut means “Our Land” in Inuktitut.
- Territorial Flower: Purple Saxifrage.
- Territory Bird: Rock Ptarmigan.
- Official animal is the Canadian Inuit Dog.
- 4 official languages: Inuktitut, English, French and Inuinnaqtun.
- Premier: Honourable Peter Taptuna.

There are 25 communities that range in population from 130 – 6,699. Nunavut makes up about 20% (one-fifth) of Canada’s land mass. Nunavut’s population is 33,330 as of October 1, 2011. Inuit make up 85% of this total. Nunavut has 15 territorial parks, 4 national parks, 19 wildlife sanctuaries and 4 heritage rivers. Nunavut has more artists per capita than any other place on earth.

Money

Most things in Nunavut cost twice as much as they do in southern Canada. Cambridge Bay, Iqaluit and Rankin Inlet all have CIBC and RBC branches. Iqaluit also has a First Nations bank. ATMs are available all over the territory and cash, credit card and debit are all accepted at most businesses. Visitors should also bring along some Canadian currency, especially if they are arriving on a Sunday as stores and banks may be closed.

Taxi Service

Cambridge Bay, Iqaluit and Rankin Inlet all have cab companies and getting a taxi is easy, quick and convenient. It is not uncommon in Nunavut for the driver to pick up more than one fare in the same taxi, so be prepared to share your cab. Most of the hamlets have a taxi company or at least a taxi service that operates around the flight schedule.

Hospital and Health Services

Qikiqtani General Hospital is in Iqaluit; it is the only hospital in the territory. Rankin Inlet has a large health centre with beds, a doctor and nurses on staff. The rest of Nunavut’s communities have health centres and nursing stations with nurses and a few of these hamlets have resident doctors.
Language and Francophone Services
Though Inuktitut is the first language of the majority (70%) of Nunavut’s residents, English-speaking service is available virtually everywhere. In Iqaluit there is a large Francophone population with an association and you will find some businesses will provide service in French.

Six Season Climate
Nunavut has six seasons as the distinctions between the types of autumn and winter we have here are quite profound. They are Ukiuq (Winter), Upirngassaq (Early Spring), Upirngaaq (Spring), Aujaq (Summer), Ukiassaaq (Early Fall) and Ukiaq (Fall). We experience perpetual to 24-hour daylight in summer and the opposite in winter. Winter gets very cold but our summer is comparable to spring or fall in southern Canada with the average January temperature at -30°C and +15°C for July.

Visit www.nunavuttourism.com or call one of our knowledgeable information counsellors at 1-800-NUNAVUT for more useful information.
Cambridge Bay (Ikaluktutiak)
Cambridge Bay is the regional centre of the Kitikmeot and boasts breathtaking beauty, wildlife, spectacular fishing and an avid arts scene. With over 50 hotel rooms and conference facilities for up to 100 people, this intimate Arctic location can provide a scenic backdrop to your next meeting.
www.cambridgebay.ca

Arctic Coast Visitor Centre — Cambridge Bay
This centre features prized Inuit artworks and it provides visitors with tour guides, maps and cultural information.
Ph: (867) 983-2224 Fax: (867) 983-2302
Email: coasters@qiniq.com

Omingmak Frolics is an annual springtime festival highlighting traditional activities and celebrations.

Ovayok Territorial Park features the striking natural beauty of Mount Pelly, hiking trails, the chance of viewing Muskox and much more.

Iqaluit
Iqaluit is the capital of Nunavut and the regional centre of Baffin. Known as Canada’s coolest Arctic city. With over 250 hotel rooms in the city, multiple conference and meeting facilities, restaurants and caterers, all your group’s needs can be fulfilled in Iqaluit.
www.city.iqaluit.ca

Unikkaarvik Visitor Centre — Iqaluit
This facility features several cultural exhibits, wildlife displays, special events, guest speakers and visiting exhibitions. You can find many maps, tours and historical information and services here.
Ph: (867) 979-4636 Fax: (867) 979-3754
Email: info@nunavuttourism.com

Toonik Tyme – An annual springtime festival highlighted by snowmobile races, traditional activities, Inuit games and the Toonik Tyme hockey tournament.
www.tooniktyme.com

St. Jude’s Anglican Cathedral – This internationally recognized landmark is not to be missed with its famous igloo design.
The Nunatta Sunakkutaangit Museum – With changing exhibits and a souvenir shop where you can purchase local art.

The Legislative Assembly of Nunavut – With unique design and architectural elements, tours are available throughout the year by appointment.
Ph: (867) 975-5000
www.assembly.nu.ca

Sylvia Grinnell Territorial Park (Iqaluit Kuunga) – Only a quick drive or a 30-minute walk to the park gates. There are hiking trails and a viewing platform with a scenic view of the river, ocean and the twin waterfalls. You can fish for Arctic Char with a Nunavut Sports Fishing License.

Qaummaarviit Territorial Park – Across the bay from Iqaluit is Qaummaarviit which means “the place that shines.” Remnants of sod houses and ancient graves can be found. This small island is accessible by boat in summer and snowmobile in winter.

Rankin Inlet (Kangiqliniq)
Rankin Inlet is the regional centre of the Kivalliq and serves as the region’s business and transportation hub and arts and crafts are abundant. Conference and meeting amenities are available in Rankin with over 70 hotel rooms, multiple meeting rooms and restaurants to serve and cater to your group.
www.rankininlet.net

Kivalliq Regional Visitor Centre – Rankin Inlet
This visitor centre provides maps and tourism information.
Ph: (867) 645-3838 Fax: (867) 645-3904
Email: kivalliqtourism@nunavuttourism.com

Pakallak Tyme is a springtime festival with traditional activities, snowmobile races, games and much more.

Rankin Inlet’s famous Inuksuk is 11 feet high and is the most photographed Inuksuk in Nunavut.
Marble Island gets its name because the island is made of quartzite laced rock. It can be visited by boat in the summer and fall. Nearby is the famous shipwreck of James Knight and his crew who perished there.

Iqalugaarjuup Nunanga Territorial Park features the Meliadine River (Iqalugaarjuk), an ancient Thule site with tent rings and the remains of sod houses.

For more information on all the Nunavut Territorial Parks listed above please visit www.nunavutparks.ca.

Traditional Charm
Looking for an intimate location to host a smaller group? Why not visit one of the other twenty-three dynamic hamlets and municipalities cozily nestled into the coasts, islands and mainland of Nunavut? Experience the glacial shores and titanic icebergs of the High Arctic, the limitless flatlands, rolling hills and coastal beauty of Hudson's Bay, the vast mountain ranges of Baffin Island or the lush landscape, rivers and lakes of the West. Every region and community in Nunavut has something unique and identifiable to offer and many cultural and geographic distinctions are shared throughout. No matter where your group decides to meet, the experience is sure to be outstanding.

Extend Your Stay
Seeking adventure and excitement before or after your event? Packed with leisure, wilderness and cultural activities, Nunavut can increase event attendance with ample options for travel pre- and post-conference. With wilderness adventure, shopping, sightseeing or just enjoying the charismatic allure of our communities, Nunavut has experiences no other destination can offer your delegates.

Visit a wilderness lodge or fishing camp
Take a dogsledding trip on the frozen ocean
Shop for locally made arts and handicrafts
Hike the trails and visit our territorial and national parks
Experience world renowned wildlife viewing and birding
Rent snowmobiles or ATVs for a hands-on travel experience
Book a boat tour or see the floe edge
Try your hand at sea kayaking or canoeing

Visit our website at www.nunavuttourism.com or call toll free at 1-866-686-2888 to find out about our unique hamlets, municipalities and the exciting activities available when visiting Nunavut.

Alcohol
Restrictions on importing and consuming alcohol in Nunavut are determined by the local plebiscite. Rules vary between communities. Possession of alcohol is prohibited in some places and restricted in others. Visitors should check with the RCMP for the rules. Visitors to Nunavut must never leave leftover alcohol behind. Trading alcohol for anything is illegal!

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For more information please visit www.finance.gov.nu.ca
Hotels and Conference Centres in Nunavut

Listed here are hotels that have meeting space in Nunavut

Arviat
- Katimavik Suites
  One 1,000 sq ft meeting room, capacity 40 people
  867-857-2752
  www.katimaviksuites.com/Arviat.page

- Padlei Inn, Inns North
  One meeting room, capacity 15 people
  867-857-2919
  www.arviathotel.com

Baker Lake
- Iglu Hotel, Inns North
  One meeting room, capacity 40 people
  867-793-2801
  www.bakerlakehotel.com

- Nunamiut Lodge
  Conference room seats 80 people or 40-50 in tables or u-shape
  867-793-2127
  www.nunamiutlodgehotel.ca/home.html

Cambridge Bay
- Arctic Island Lodge, Inns North
  Three meeting rooms, capacity of 100, 20 and 20
  867-983-2345
  www.cambridgebayhotel.com

Cape Dorset
- Dorset Suites
  Two meeting rooms, capacity of 16 and 24
  867-897-8806
  www.dorsetsuites.com

Gjoa Haven
- Amundsen Hotel
  One meeting room, capacity 25 persons
  867-360-6176
  www.gjoahaven.com
Iqaluit
- Discovery Lodge Hotel
  Two meeting rooms, capacity of 40 in each room or 80 combined
  867-979-4433
  www.discoverylodge.com

- Frobisher Inn
  Four meeting rooms, capacity of 150, 25, 100 and 136 (last two can combine to be 250)
  867-979-2222
  www.frobisherinn.com

- Hotel Arctic
  Two meeting rooms, capacity of 25 and 84
  867-979-6684
  www.hotelarctic.ca

- Navigator Inn
  Three meeting rooms, capacity of 46, 108 and 128 persons
  867-979-6201

Kugluktuk
- Coppermine Inn
  Dining room could be available for meetings, capacity of 32
  867-982-3333
  ijhorn@hotmail.com

Pangnirtung
- Enokhok Inn
  Dining room is available for short meetings, capacity of 20
  780-452-5784
  www.enokhok.com/hotel/3-enokhok-inn

- Frobisher Inn
  Four meeting rooms, capacity of 150, 25, 100 and 136 (last two can combine to be 250)
  867-979-2222
  www.frobisherinn.com

- Hotel Arctic
  Two meeting rooms, capacity of 25 and 84
  867-979-6684
  www.hotelarctic.ca

- Navigator Inn
  Three meeting rooms, capacity of 46, 108 and 128 persons
  867-979-6201

Pond Inlet
- Sauniq Hotel
  Two meeting rooms, capacity of 50 people in both the main hotel and Qaggavik building
  867-899-6500
  www.pondinlethotel.com

Rankin Inlet
- Katimavik Suites
  Two conference areas, one 1,000 sq ft meeting room, capacity 40 people and one room holds 8
  867-645-2275
  www.katimaviksuites.com

- Siniktarvik Hotel and Conference Centre, Inns North
  Four meeting rooms, 15 to 250 people can meet in conference rooms
  867-645-2807
  www.siniktarvik.com

- Turaarvik Hotel, Inns North
  One meeting room, capacity 32 people
  867-645-4955
  www.rankininlethotel.com

Resolute
- Qausuittuq Inn
  One meeting room
  867-252-3900
  www.resolutebay.com

- South Camp Inn
  One meeting room, capacity 40 people
  867-252-3737
  www.southcampinn.com

Sanikiluaq
- Amaulik Hotel, Inns North
  One meeting room, capacity 20 people
  867-266-8821
  www.mitiq.com

Other Accommodations
Listed here are other accommodations available in Nunavut that do not have meeting space available on site but may be able to provide services for your delegates while your conference is taking place.

Bed and Breakfasts
- Leonie’s Place
  Coral Harbour
  867-925-9751

- Nunattaq Suites
  Iqaluit
  867-979-2221
  www.nunattaqsuites.com

- Arctic Circle Paws and Paddles
  Repulse Bay
  867-462-4482
  www.arcticcirclepawsandpaddles.weebly.com

Wilderness Lodges and Camps
- Arctic Haven
  Meeting room available up to 24 people
  819-923-0932
  www.arctichaven.ca

- Arctic Watch
  Meeting room available up to 32 people
  819-923-0932
  www.arcticwatch.ca

- Bathurst Inlet Lodge
  Two (or three) meeting areas that can each accommodate 20 or more people
  867-873-2595
  www.bathurstarctic.com

- High Arctic Lodge
  250-497-2000
  www.higharctic.com/

- Kazan River Camp – Kasba
  250-248-3572

- Treeline Lodge (Nueltin Fly-In Lodges in MB but borders NU)
  Lodge could act as a meeting space holding 30 people
  204-767-2330
  www.nueltin.com/treeline_lodge
How to Get Here
Most visitors to Nunavut arrive by air travel on regularly scheduled flights that depart from the following cities:

- Ottawa, Ontario
- Montréal, Québec
- Winnipeg, Manitoba
- Churchill, Manitoba
- Edmonton, Alberta
- Calgary, Alberta
- Yellowknife, Northwest Territories

The following airlines fly to Nunavut from southern Canada:
- First Air  www.firstair.ca
- Canadian North  www.canadiannorth.com
- Calm Air  www.calmair.com

Flight discounts may be available.

Please contact us for information:
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