

## Welcoming Visitors to Nunavut

Welcome to our beautiful land – Nunavut – Canada’s Arctic territory. We are happy to have you here. Please read this information to make the most out of your time in Nunavut.

1. Daily life here is different from what most visitors are used to. We encourage you to learn about our Inuit culture, to hear our stories, and to share in experiencing our traditions. Please come with an open mind to learn how we have survived for thousands of years and how we live now, and please remember that we are proud of our hunting traditions and our use of local food sources such as seal and caribou. Wildlife products are central to our culture and our subsistence.
2. You provide us with an important opportunity to share our stories both from the past and the present, so please listen to our stories and, if you want, share your stories, too! Let’s celebrate our differences and our similarities.
3. Please be aware that bringing illegal substances to communities is not allowed. In some communities, no alcohol is allowed, so you must make sure you know and follow the rules. Trading alcohol for local products is always wrong.
4. We invite you to take pictures of our beautiful scenery and our friendly communities, but please ask permission before taking pictures of us, our children, and our homes.
5. We encourage you to explore our communities, but please respect our privacy, our belongings, our homes and yards. Treat us the way you wish to be treated at your home.
6. Stay with your tour guides, who are knowledgeable and will enrich your experience, and don’t wander around communities unless you are invited to.
7. Most of our communities are small. A lot of new faces in town all of a sudden can have a significant impact on our daily lives. We welcome visitors, but please respect our need to have our own space.
8. Your spending is important to our livelihoods, so be generous when bargaining and give proper value for locally-made arts and crafts. Make sure you know whether you can bring wildlife products such as sealskin, bone or ivory back to your own country.
9. We invite you to visit our grocery stores but remember that due to the remoteness of our communities, it takes a lot of effort to fill our shelves with provisions. Fresh items are only re-supplied once a week, weather and flights permitting. Please purchase only the food that you truly need.
10. Dog teams are important to hunting and it is necessary to remember that they are working animals, not pets. While we encourage you to watch our dogs please do so at a respectable distance. Please do not interfere with dogs while they are being fed or talk to the owners when they are working with their teams, unless you are especially invited to do so.
11. If you venture away from the community, enjoy our scenery and local fauna, but remember that our stones and cultural treasures are not souvenirs, they are part of our ancient history. Please kindly leave them where they belong. Avoid littering, too, on land and water!

We hope your visit to Nunavut will leave you with great memories of both the landscape and its people! We encourage you to share your experiences with others, so that one day we can welcome you, your family and friends back to our home.