Tuktoyaktuk, Northwest Territories, Canada



The Arctic Ocean

Come and swim in the Arctic Ocean! The ice clears in late June and the sun warms the shallow salt waters to up to 15°C. During summer months it doesn't last long, on average 9 months throughout the year the ocean freezes and eventually gets solid enough to walk and even drive on the ice. Previously Tuk was only accessed by air and a winter ice-road that took you from the Mackenzie River to the Arctic Ocean. You can now drive on our newly built year-round highway to the top of the word and reach mile 0, where the Trans-Canada monument marks Canada's latest history that connects East, West, and North by road from coast, to coast, to coast.









Culture & Community

Tuktoyaktuk is the most Northern mainland community in Canada with vast-pristine lands and an environment where the Inuvialuit culture and traditional way of life still thrives in our everyday lives. Immerse yourself in the authenticity of this cultural community, filled with rich history and changing impacts that shifted the Inuvialuit culture. Visit Tuktoyaktuk to learn more about the Inuvialuktun language, traditional arts & crafts, dance & music, clothing, games, subsistence harvesting, and country foods. Visitors are welcome to explore the contrast between traditional and modern lifestyles, still evident at historic Tuktoyaktuk.



Shown to the left is an Inuvialuit doll dressed in traditional Inuvialuit clothing. These dolls are sewn both by hand and machine.



Beluga Whales are a delicacy in the community. The picture on the left is whale dry meat in the making and the picture on the right is beluga blubber being hung. Once hung it will be boiled and stored for the long cold winter months, giving sustenance to the harvesters.

