

Inuvik, NT

<http://inuvik.ca/>



Inuvik, known as the Land of the Midnight Sun and Gateway to the Beaufort-Delta is located 2 degrees above the Arctic Circle on the scenic Mackenzie River and Delta. With a population of approximately 3,500 people, this tight knit community offers a rich tapestry of cultures and events. Inuvik offers a wide range of services and experiences to make life in Inuvik enjoyable and memorable. Inuvik (place of people) is the homeland of the Inuvialuit and Gwich'in peoples as well as the residence for a wide variety of other people and cultures.

Weather

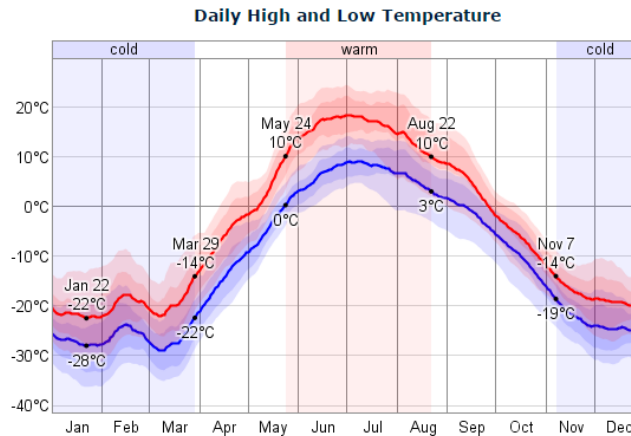
Due to its Northern location, Inuvik's warm season lasts between May and August while its cold season is from November to March. Over the course of a year, the temperature typically varies from -29°C to 18°C. Inuvik experiences an average of approximately 159 centimeters (62 inches) of snow per year. [Click here](#) to find out the current weather conditions in Inuvik.



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Location

Inuvik is located on the East Channel of the Mackenzie Delta, approximately 100 km from the Arctic Ocean and approximately 200 km north of the Arctic Circle. Because of Inuvik's extreme latitude, Inuvik experiences Polar Days (about 54 days with the sun above the horizon) during the summer and Polar Nights (about 30 days with the sun below the horizon) during the winter.



Transportation

Air

[Inuvik Mike Zubko Airport \(YEV\)](#) is a modern airport operated by the Government of Northwest Territories and is located 14 km from Inuvik. It is serviced with flights to the Yukon and other Northwest Territory locations including Yellowknife which has flights to international airports.



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Ground

If you plan on driving to Inuvik, the Dempster Highway is a beautiful drive with spectacular scenery along the way. It is also important to note that it is a gravel road that is regularly maintained. However, the road does have some rough areas along the way and it is not uncommon to acquire a flat tire. Be sure to have a couple spare tires with you and ensure that your vehicle has gone through a pre-trip inspection. It is also a good idea to pack an extra can of gasoline just in case as the service stations along the way are not as prevalent as on major highways down south. It is also important to note that driving the Dempster Highway to Inuvik consists of crossing two bodies of water, the Peel River and the Mackenzie at Tsiigehtchic). During the winter months these become two ice crossings and in the summer, ferry crossings. During ice break-up and freeze up times, these crossings are closed. For conditions of the Dempster crossings, [click here](#). Inuvik also offers [taxi](#) and [auto rentals](#) to get around town, as well as [bus services](#) on demand. Inuvik is small enough that it only takes about 20 minutes to walk across town, and taxi services cost a flat rate of \$5 for wherever you need to go.



Dempster Highway



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Accommodation

The average price for a home in Inuvik is approximately \$300,000. [Click here](#) for current real estate listings. Rentals in Inuvik are approximately \$1,000 - \$1,500 depending on the space required. [Click here](#) to view available rentals. Although prices for housing are high, it is usually offset by the higher than average wages offered.

Education

There are two schools in Inuvik, overseen by the Beaufort Delta Education Council. [East Three Elementary School](#) caters to children from kindergarten to sixth grade, and [East Three Secondary School](#) for grades seven to twelve.

[Aurora College](#) located in Inuvik offers post-secondary education for business, administration, teacher education, personal support workers, nursing, trades, and environment and natural resource technology programs.

Health Services

[Inuvik Regional Hospital](#)

867-777-8000

285 Mackenzie Road

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Opened in 2003, Inuvik Regional Hospital consists of 26 beds with 9 doctors and 32 General Duty Nurses. Services offered are two family clinics, an Emergency Room, acute care beds, long term care facility, rehabilitation services, public health, social services, diagnostic imaging and laboratory.

There is also an ambulance service as well as two pharmacies located in the town.



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Industry

Inuvik is the government centre and transportation hub for the Western Arctic. It is the largest Town north of the Arctic Circle. Since 1979, Inuvik has been the end of the Dempster Highway, thus connecting the Arctic with southern communities. Inuvik is also the main headquarters for the oil and gas industry operating in the Beaufort Sea/Mackenzie Delta.

Recreation

There is lots of things for everyone to do in Inuvik! Inuvik has a NHL sized surface skating rink (free skating for the public!) with seating for 400 people, a curling rink, a 24 hour fitness studio, a pool equipped with a waterslide, lane swimming, leisure pool, tot pool, lazing river, hot tub, sauna, steam rooms, squash courts, play zone and party room. Head outdoors to take on the world class cross country ski runs, or go snowmobiling. Go to the library and rent amazing books about the Arctic or rent a space to garden in the community green house! The Mad Trapper Pub also has a live band playing six nights a week.



Taxes

Northwest Territories does not have Provincial Sales Tax. Government Sales Tax is taxed at 5%.



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