

WELCOME TO  
**Tuktoyaktuk**  
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES



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# Welcome

This guide contains information about travel, tourist activities, services and amenities in Tuktoyaktuk, affectionately shortened to Tuk by the locals. We hope this helps with your planning! Have additional questions? Please contact: [Travel\\_WesternArctic@gov.nt.ca](mailto:Travel_WesternArctic@gov.nt.ca). Information in this brochure is subject to change without notice.

## GETTING HERE

### Inuvik Tuktoyaktuk Highway

The Inuvik Tuktoyaktuk Highway celebrated its official opening in November 2017 and road-travellers can now venture all the way to Tuktoyaktuk and the Arctic Ocean. This is the only public highway to the Arctic Ocean in North America and it now connects Canada from sea, to sea, to sea.

The highway is truly beautiful to drive and the landscape varies by season. Enjoy the vast white frozen tundra in the winter dotted only by the occasional sighting of a red fox or other wildlife, the sun shimmering down on the crystal lakes in the summer time, and the colorful arctic shrub and berries in the fall.

As a new highway, there will be ongoing maintenance. The highway is surfaced with gravel and travellers should be prepared for rough, muddy and dusty sections as well as delays due to construction or maintenance. Travellers should check for road conditions before heading out.

### Where can I find out about road conditions and concerns?

Updates on highway conditions can be found at:  
[www.dot.gov.nt.ca/Highways/Highway-Conditions](http://www.dot.gov.nt.ca/Highways/Highway-Conditions)

You can also drop by the Visitor Centres in Dawson City and Inuvik before heading on the Dempster Highway or Inuvik Tuktoyaktuk Highway to get the most recent traveller updates.

### Are there roadside pull-outs along the Inuvik Tuktoyaktuk Highway? Can I overnight my RV?

There are several pull outs along the highway at various points. These are unserviced rest areas and are not suitable for overnighting in an RV.

### Pull-Out Locations

1. Km 29+980 to Km 30+320 - Left Hand Side
2. Km 30+720 to Km 31+060 - Right Hand Side
3. Km 62+420 to Km 62+760 - Left Hand Side
4. Km 71+740 to Km 72+080 - Right Hand Side
5. Km 107+000 to Km 107+340 - Left Hand Side
6. Km 113+500 to Km 113+840 - Right Hand Side
7. 177 Access Road Pingo Pullout at 3 Km from Tuktoyaktuk  
Km 134+860 to Km 135+060 - Left Hand Side
8. Trail Valley Creek Km 41+761 to Km 42+099 - Right Hand Side

### Is the highway patrolled?

The Territorial Government's Department of Infrastructure does patrols along the Inuvik Tuktoyaktuk Highway. There are sections where cell phone service is not available. Carry a spot or in-reach device when travelling on remote highways.

### Is there shuttle service between Inuvik and Tuktoyaktuk?

There is no regularly scheduled transit service but there are taxis in both Inuvik and Tuktoyaktuk where you can book a trip.



Photo: Lucas Scarfone



# STAYING HERE

## Camping in Tuktoyaktuk

Overnight parking for RVs and campers is available in Tuktoyaktuk at The Point. Please note that there are no power or water hookups at this location so ensure that your RV is prepared to be self-contained during your visit.

The fees are:

- \$30/night for a camper or RV
- \$20/night for a truck, car or tent

Payment can be made Mon - Fri, 9 am - 5 pm, at the Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk's office (Visa, debit, or cash accepted). After hours 5 pm - 7 pm and weekends, payment can be made at the Visitor Information Centre (cash only).



## Camping in Inuvik

The nearest campgrounds to Tuktoyaktuk with power and water hookups are Happy Valley Territorial Park and Jàk Territorial Park. These parks are located near Inuvik, a two hour drive from Tuktoyaktuk.

For more information on NWT Parks or to book a campsite online please visit [www.nwtparks.ca](http://www.nwtparks.ca).

# ACCOMMODATION IN TUKTOYAKTUK

There are no hotels in Tuktoyaktuk, but there are B&Bs. See list below:

Name	Phone	Address	Description
Hunter's B&B	867-977-2558	324 Oceanview Dr.	Located beside the ocean with views of the pingos and airport. It is next door to vehicle rental and taxi services. Full kitchen for guest use, Wi-Fi, satellite TV, and laundry facilities. \$200 per person/night \$300 per couple/night GST included.
Smitty's	867-977-2779	608 Kitti Lane	Located near the airport and End of The Road convenience store and restaurant. Breakfast items to cook to your own liking, Wi-Fi, and satellite TV. \$231 per person or couple/night GST included.
Tuktu B&B	867-977-2880	239 Mangilaluk Dr.	Located a short walk from the beach and near the End of The Road convenience store and restaurant. Wi-Fi, breakfast, satellite TV. \$150 per person/night \$180 per person/night GST not included.
End of The Road Inn	867-977-2044	314 Beaufort Drive	Located centrally in town with a lake view. They offer a 7 room inn, 1 room with a private bathroom. 2 shared bathrooms, 1 large shared living room with large sectional couch and big screen TV, full kitchen, a convenience store providing snacks and other retail items such as clothes and personal hygiene products, and a take-out restaurant. Limited Wi-Fi and Satellite TV also provided. Washer and dryer available for extended stays only. \$200 per person/night \$250 double occupancy Children no charge, cots provided. GST not included.
Roger Gruben	867-977-2230		5 rooms- \$200 single, \$150 for 2 or more rooms. Shared bath & shower, satellite TV, living room Meals are extra

## AMENITIES AND SERVICES IN TUKTOYAKTUK

Please note that some amenities and services in Tuktoyaktuk are seasonal. Please contact the Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk at 867-977-2286 for current information.

There is cell phone service in Tuktoyaktuk, but no public internet access.

### Information

**Visitors Information Centre at The Point** 10 am – 7 pm  
seven days a week, including holidays 867-977-2286

Trans-Canada monument and Arctic Ocean sign at The Point

### Public Washrooms

Public washrooms are located near the Trans-Canada monument (at The Point) and by the Sod Houses (beside Northmart). There are no public showers.

### Restaurant

**End of the Road Restaurant** 5 pm – 9 pm

There are no cafes in Tuktoyaktuk but End of the Road Restaurant offers coffee and tea.

**Grandma's Kitchen** Noon to midnight, 7 days/week  
330 Ocean View Road 867-678-5226 or 977-2547

Food truck right by Front Beach serving traditional aqpiq jam and dried fish, burgers, pizza, poutine, fries, chicken fingers, hotdogs, coffee, tea, water and soft drinks. There is an enclosed deck where you can enjoy your meal, take a photo with a traditional parka and purchase carvings, postcards and t-shirts.

### Grocery Stores

**Stanton Tuktoyaktuk Ltd.**  
(867) 977-2845

**Northmart**  
(867) 977-2211

### Churches

There are four churches in Tuktoyaktuk: **Roman Catholic, Anglican, Pentecostal and Baptist**. Check with the Visitor Information Centre in Tuktoyaktuk for service times.



### Government Offices

**Canada Post:** Mail post cards from the Arctic Ocean  
Mon to Fri: 10 am – 5:30 pm (*closed for lunch from 1 pm - 2 pm*)

**Government and other public places**  
(including the Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk office):  
Mon to Fri: 9 am – 5 pm.

### Gas Stations

**Bob's Gas Bar**

Mon to Sat: 9 am – 10 pm  
Sun: 12 pm – 10 pm

**Northern's Gas Station**

Mon to Sat: 10 am – 6 pm  
Sun: 1 pm – 5 pm

Both gas stations sell gas and diesel.

*There is no company in Tuktoyaktuk that refills propane tanks, but you can buy a new propane tank at Northmart.*

### Mechanics

**E. Grubens Transport**  
1-855-673-7001

**Shawn Lundrigan**  
at North Coast Supply Ltd.  
867-977-2624

### Local Arts and Crafts (summer hours)

**Pingo Market at Kitti Hall**

Tues, Thurs & Sat: 1 pm - 5 pm

**Nautchiaq Fur Shop**

Mon to Sat: 9 am – 5 pm  
Sun: 1 pm – 5 pm

### Emergency Contacts

**Nursing station**

867-977-2321  
Office hours: 9 am – 5 pm

**The RCMP** (Royal Canadian Mounted Police)

867-977-1111  
Office hours: 9 am – 5 pm



## MAP OF TUKTOYAKTUK





## PINGOS

If you're travelling to Tuktoyaktuk, one of the must-sees are the pingos!

The Pingo Canadian Landmark is a natural area managed by Parks Canada. The Landmark protects eight of the 1,350 pingos scattered around the Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula. Of the eight protected, is Canada's highest and the world's second tallest pingo - Ibyuk Pingo. It reaches 49 metres in height and 300 metres across its base. The Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula includes one quarter of the world's pingos and is the most unusual landscapes in Canada.

### What is a Pingo?

Pingos are ice-cored hills created when water within the sediments of a drained lake is forced to move upward when it freezes due to the permafrost around it. The word 'pingo' is an English version of the Inuvialuktun word 'pingu' which means 'hill'. Inuvialuit and their Thule ancestors have used them as navigational landmarks ('nakataq') or lookouts ('nasisaqturvik') to scan the surrounding area for game, whales, ice conditions or human travellers.

### Parks Canada Invites You!

Five kilometres before Tuktoyaktuk - on the Inuvik Tuktoyaktuk Highway, stop at the newly built viewing platform and enjoy a sweeping view of the area around the landmark. Interpretive panels provide insight on various aspects such as traditional use, formation, and significance of the area. Continue travelling north and you will come to the Pingo Canadian Landmark Day

Use Area. This area is a great place for a picnic to enjoy the view or launch your small watercraft.

A short 30-45 minute paddle in a sheltered inlet brings visitors to the 400-metre-long pingo viewing boardwalk. Starting with a floating dock suitable for motorboats and paddle craft, the boardwalk gently slopes uphill above the tundra bringing you to a deck with seating that offers a panoramic view of Ibyuk and Split pingos. On a clear day numerous other pingos dot the distant landscape. Pack binoculars and a lunch then settle in to enjoy the view.

### Ways to Access the Pingo Viewing Boardwalk:

- Bring your own equipment or rent a paddle craft from local outfitters.
- Take a tour from Tuktoyaktuk: Some local outfitters are equipped to bring groups by motorboat to the Pingo Viewing Boardwalk or offer flightseeing tours and often package the tour with other interesting activities and sights.

### Avoid Environmental Impacts

Although it looks tempting, hiking on the pingos is restricted between May and September. A few people can make a big impact on the Arctic tundra — paths are created in less than a week of use and regrowth is extremely slow, often exceeding 50 years. The vegetation on the pingos protect them from melting, exposure of black soil or ice increases the degradation and leads to pingo collapse.

Motorized vehicles increase compaction of the soil and the reduction of vegetation growth which accelerates erosion rates. At no point from May to September are motorized land vehicles (for example ATVs and snowmobiles) allowed in the Pingo Canadian Landmark due to the impacts on the land. During the winter months general access is allowed to the entire Pingo Canadian Landmark.

Pingo Canadian Landmark merchandise and a customized map of the landmark area are available for purchase at the Parks Canada Office in Inuvik.

For further information please contact:

Parks Canada

Telephone: (867)-777-8800

Email: [Inuvik.info@pc.gc.ca](mailto:Inuvik.info@pc.gc.ca)

[www.parksCanada.ca/pingo](http://www.parksCanada.ca/pingo)



## LICENSED INUVIK and TUKTOYAKTUK TOUR COMPANIES:

Please do not use unlicensed tour operators

Name	Phone	Email	Licensed for:
<b>Arctic Chalet/ Arctic Adventure Tours</b>	867-777-3535	judi@arcticchalet.com arcticchalet.com	Aurora viewing, Community tours (Tuktoyaktuk, Inuvik & Fort McPherson), Dog sled tours, Flightseeing tours, Hiking/ backpacking, Ice road tours, Interpretive tours, Nature/ wildlife viewing, Road tours, Sightseeing, Snowmobile tours, Snowshoeing
<b>Arctic Motorcycle Adventures</b>	867-678-0869	lawrence@arcticmoto.com	Motorcycle tours of the Dempster and Inuvik Tuktoyaktuk Highways
<b>Arctic Ocean Tuk Tours</b>	867-977-2406	eileenjacobson@hotmail.com	Community tours Cultural tours/ activities
<b>Arctic Tour Company</b>	867-977-2230	rogergruben@netkaster.ca	Aurora viewing, Boat tours, Community tours, Nature/wildlife viewing, Photographic tours, Snowmobile tours
<b>Beaufort Sea Adventures</b>	867-620-7401	beaufortsea@hotmail.com	Cultural tours/ Adventures Big game hunting
<b>Chuck Gruben's Guiding &amp; Outfitting</b>	867-977-2360	chuckgruben@hotmail.com	Big game hunting, Boat tours, Cultural tours, Customized tours, Snowmobile tours
<b>Cockney Big Game Hunting</b>	867-678-5368	rcockney21@hotmail.com	Community tours, Grizzly bear hunting
<b>C-TAP Guiding &amp; Outfitting</b>	867-977-2669	charles.tap@outlook.com	Boat tours of the Mackenzie River and pingos
<b>Noksana Mushing Tours</b>	867-678-5588	bnoksana@hotmail.com	Dog sled and toboggan tours in and around Tuktoyaktuk and Husky Lakes
<b>Only Way Outfitting</b>	867-620-1046	onlywayoutfitting@gmail.com	Big and small game hunting, Boat tours, Community tours (Inuvik), Fishing, Road tours
<b>Oopik Tours &amp; Adventures Ltd/ Pokiak Guiding &amp; Outfitting</b>	867-977-2170	ookpiktours@yahoo.ca	Big game hunting, Boat tours, Community tours, Cultural tours/ activities, Nature/ wildlife viewing, Snowmobile tours
<b>Steen Enterprises Ltd / Tuktoyaktuk Tours</b>	867-977-2547	jsteen@netkaster.ca	Community tours
<b>Tundra North Tours</b>	867-678-0510	info@tundranorthtours.com tundranorthtours.com	Boat tours (Mackenzie River Delta), Community tours (Inuvik), Cross Country skiing, Cultural Tours, Fishing, Ice road tours (Inuvik to Aklavik), Nature/wildlife viewing, Road tours, Snowmobile tours, Winter activities



Photo: Lucas Scarfone

## Arctic Ocean Certificate

Drop by the Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk's office during business hours or the Visitor Information Centre at The Point to receive your Arctic Ocean certificate. Local tour guides can also take you to dip your toes in the Arctic Ocean and give you a certificate.



## Welcome to Tuk Sign

Take a photo at the "Welcome to the Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk" sign located by Ibyuk, the biggest pingo in Canada and second tallest in the world.



## Traditional Artists

Be sure to pick up our traditional Inuvialuit artists and crafters brochure from visitor centres in Dawson City, Inuvik or Tuktoyaktuk. The brochure includes a list of local artists and crafters as well as the products they offer.



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## Did you Know:

Nearly 900 people live in Tuktoyaktuk.  
English and Inuvialuktun are the primary languages of Tuktoyaktuk



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## Did you Know:

The sun doesn't set from May 19 to July 24 and does not rise from November 28 to January 13.

Visit between mid to late August until early to mid-October to photograph the beautiful fall colours.



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## Special Dates:

June 21: Summer Solstice and National Indigenous Peoples Day

December 21: Winter Solstice

Local events:  
[www.Tuktoyaktuk.ca](http://www.Tuktoyaktuk.ca)

Information about travelling within the Beaufort Delta Region and the rest of the Northwest Territories:

[www.spectacularnwt.com](http://www.spectacularnwt.com)