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Canada's Best Unique Bucket-List Travel Adventures



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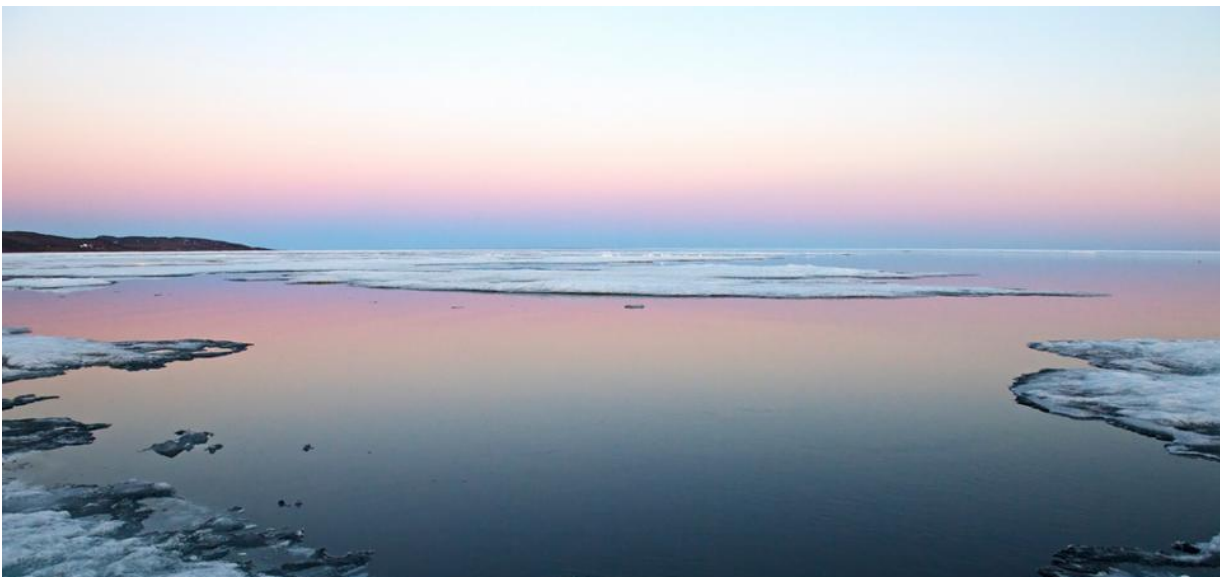
Canada has an abundance of truly unique landscapes, culture, waterways and wildlife. There's never been a better time to discover some of the country's most outstanding and unforgettable trips for adventurous travelers.



High Arctic Explorer Cruise CAM GILLIES

High Arctic Explorer Cruise

Experience both breathtaking landscapes and amazing animal sightings with a High Arctic Explorer cruise. These tours offer the potential to see polar bears, walrus, muskox, arctic birds and more incredible wildlife. Discover the rich biodiversity of the Tallurutiup Imanga National Marine Conservation Area and hike on Devon Island, the largest uninhabited island on Earth. In addition to Arctic animal sightings, guests travel with onboard staff that have a vast knowledge base across natural history, photography, Inuit culture, geology and history, offering a rich learning experience.





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Ideal for wilderness lovers, this trip takes you to the boundaries of ice and open sea at the very top of Hudson Bay. You'll make your way over the ice by snowmobile to the floe edge where you will set up camp and spend the coming days in a one-of-a-kind setting. Polar Bears may course atop the ice's edges nearby. Narwhal, Beluga, and Bowhead Whales, pushing their

boundaries into the thawing sea, may pass before you and stunning Arctic birds, such as the gorgeous King Eider also push forth.



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Explore the remote island archipelago off the northwest coast of British Columbia often described as Canada's Galapagos. See ancient Haida village sites, as well as abundant marine life, including puffins, albatrosses, sunfish, jellyfish, killer whales, and humpback whales. Through sailing, small boat excursions, interpretive walks and kayaking, guests will explore Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve, National Marine Conservation Area Reserve, and Haida Heritage Site, collectively referred to as Gwaii Haanas.



Sun setting over Dinosaur Provincial Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in Alberta, Canada. The ...
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Alberta Birds & Dinosaurs

This singular tour includes birding Canada's prairies and fabled Badlands with hunting for T. Rex bones! The Alberta Birds & Dinosaurs tour offers an incredible combination of great birding and fossil hunting, as well as a behind the scenes tour of Canada's acclaimed Tyrell Museum of Palaeontology. Some of the most spectacular bird sightings include rock

wrens in the Badlands, longspurs in the grasslands and yellow-breasted chats in the cottonwoods along the river.



Sunset view on Carcross Desert and Nares Lake JAKUB FRYŠ

The Road to Tuktoyaktuk

This signature experience will take you along the amazing Inuvik-Tuktoyaktuk Highway, which has made it possible to drive all the way to the Arctic Ocean! You'll explore Canada's smallest "desert" at Carcross, where you'll view fantastic canyon formations and learn about the region's Gold Rush history. Fantastic pingos will greet you as you approach the Arctic Ocean. Be on the lookout for black and grizzly bears as they graze on greens and, with some luck, you may even spot caribou and the elusive Canada lynx!





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Canadian Rockies & Northern Lights

Packed with eye-popping views of snow-capped mountain ranges and frozen wonderlands, this 11-day adventure is the ultimate great white north escape. Experience the rugged mountains of Canada and go in search of the northern lights in the night skies of Alberta. Watch for moose, white-tailed deer and elk as you drive through pristine Canadian wilderness. Meet and greet a team of canines before ticking dogsledding off your bucket list or just wrap your hands around a mug of hot chocolate and lose yourself in the beauty of the Rockies.



Spirit Bear, Great Bear Rainforest Summer Escape KEVIN J SMITH-MAPLE LEAF ADVENTURES

Great Bear Rainforest Summer Escape

This award-winning journey to Canada's Great Bear Rainforest is a weeklong safari among the fjords, bears and whales of this 6.4-million-hectare world. Some of the highlights include snaking down fjords laced with rainforest aboard a classic tugboat, watching the sunset from a remote island beach fire, viewing whales, hiking forest trails and kayaking in remote estuaries. The summer is an especially wonderful time for coastal exploration, and spotting whales and seabirds.



Beluga whale, Somerset Island, Canadian High Arctic. GETTY

Northwest Passage

The icy and labyrinthine channels of the legendary Northwest Passage have enchanted explorers and adventurers for centuries. Get a glimpse into the world that captivated early explorers by discovering a portion of the fabled Northwest Passage. Experience the archipelago of islands and channels that

form Canada's High Arctic region and encounter enigmatic Arctic wildlife, including walrus, beluga whale, polar bear, musk ox and more.



Pacific Rim National Park, Vancouver Island, British Columbia, Canada GETTY

West Vancouver Island Expedition

Delve into the ecosystems, wildlife, natural history, Indigenous cultures, and more at the edge of Pacific Rim National Park Reserve. This expedition lets you discover the sprawling island archipelagos of ancient rainforests and wave-carved coastlines, a magical place where herring spawn in kelp forests, bears forage on beaches, gray whales sift the shallows, and killer whales hunt for salmon and seals. Guests will discover this breathtaking region through boat-based and shore excursions.





Bear reflected in the waters of the Great Bear Rainforest in British Columbia, Canada GETTY

Whales and Totems

Sail away on summer breezes into Blackfish Sound in the southern Great Bear Rainforest. View orca, humpback whales and other marine wildlife. This adventure along the coast takes you to mainland fjords, white shell beaches and temperate rainforest aboard a classic, 92-foot schooner. You won't find cities or roads on this coastal safari, only ancient village sites brimming with culture.



SABLE ISLAND IN NOVA SCOTIA (CANADA) SYGMA VIA GETTY IMAGES

Atlantic Canada Explorer Cruise

Visit three Canadian provinces and the French island of Saint-Pierre on this unforgettable cruise. Be among the lucky few to experience the wonder of the famous wild horses of Sable Island, living protected and free one hundred miles off the coast of Nova Scotia. Spend time out on deck in the Gully Marine Protected Area to spot deep-diving whales and dolphins. You'll also hike along the remote south shore of Newfoundland and visit the living museum of the Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site on Cape Breton Island.

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