



#### **4. Telecommunications**

All telecommunication to and from Nunavut is via satellite, and is generally reliable. Internet speeds are considerably slower than in the south.

Free wireless internet is available at the Frobisher Inn, and there is a public internet access point at the Iqaluit Centennial Library.

Bell Mobility and Ice Wireless (using Rogers' frequencies) provide cellular phone service in Iqaluit. If you're on the Bell network only cell phones with CDMA hardware will work. Newer hardware (GSM or HSPA+) and cell phones with SIM cards do not work in Nunavut.

If you're on the Rogers network, your 3G phone will work, but roaming fees will apply.

If you are planning to communicate with your home or office using a calling card or pre-paid long distance card, make sure that your card covers calls to and from the three territories. Many "free anywhere in Canada" cards don't include calls to and from Nunavut.

#### **5. Alcohol**

There is no liquor store in Iqaluit, but there are licensed restaurants and bars. The legal drinking age is 19. Regulations allow visitors to import 3 litres of spirits, 9 litres of wine, or 26 litres of beer for their personal consumption without a permit. Please be sure to check with the Nunavut Liquor Commission on restrictions and prohibitions in other communities if you will be travelling outside Iqaluit: alcohol is prohibited in some nearby communities, such as Pangnirtung.

#### **6. Inuit Art, Books, and Souvenirs**

If you enjoy Inuit art, you will really enjoy Iqaluit. You can pick up a variety of Inuit art, particularly prints and sculptures, at gift shops around town. And don't be surprised if you are approached to purchase a small or medium size Inuit sculpture at your hotel or restaurant. Prices are often negotiable, but consider that the artists take considerable time, skill, and effort in making their artwork, and their livelihoods often depend on sales.

In the galleries and at the museum, prices will range from \$20 to a few hundred dollars. There is a great selection of local art at Carvings Nunavut (Building 626), the Iqaluit Fine Arts Studio (Building 1127), and at the Nunatta Sunakkutaangit Museum (Building 212). Arctic Ventures Marketplace has an excellent local book section.

If you'd like to take home some arctic char (smoked or fresh) or other country foods such as caribou or musk ox, a visit to Iqaluit Enterprises (Building 158 B) is a must. Frozen arctic char is also available at Northmart. If your return journey involves a stopover in Ottawa, the hotels near the airport will happily store your food in the freezer overnight- they do it for us all the time!

## **7. Banking**

RBC, CIBC, and First Nations Bank all have branches in Iqaluit, and all have 24-hr. ATM service. Major credit cards are accepted at most retailers. Artists generally only accept payment in cash. The museum accepts cash and cheques.

## **8. Local Transportation**

Our conference will be held at the Frobisher Inn, which is located in the centre of Iqaluit. Most places of interest are easily reached by foot. Taxi service is available at a \$6 flat rate per person. Taxis may also pick up and drop off other passengers along the way so shared rides with others are common.

## **9. Stopping Over in Ottawa?**

If your flight plan to Iqaluit involves an overnight stay in Ottawa, consider staying at a hotel close to the Ottawa Airport; that 8:15 am check-in comes earlier than you'd think! Many Iqaluit residents stay at the Southway Inn, the Hilton Garden Inn Ottawa Airport, or the Holiday Inn Express Ottawa Airport. All have complimentary shuttle service to and from the Airport.

## **10. Staying Longer in Nunavut?**

The Alianait Arts Festival will be hosting a National Aboriginal Day concert on June 21, the day after our conference concludes. The Alianait Festival brings in top musical talent from across Nunavut, Canada, and the world. For more information, visit [www.alianait.ca](http://www.alianait.ca).

If you're sticking around Iqaluit after the conference, or you plan to explore our communities, Nunavut Tourism can help you plan your trip. Check out their website: [www.nunavuttourism.com](http://www.nunavuttourism.com)

Remember, we're just 90 minutes from Greenland! Air Greenland flies between Iqaluit and Nuuk on Fridays and Mondays. Book your tickets online through First Air or at Air Greenland's website: [www.airgreenland.com](http://www.airgreenland.com)

## **11. Did We Forget Anything?**

If you've read this Guide and still have unanswered questions, just send Nalini an email at [ceo@lawsociety.nu.ca](mailto:ceo@lawsociety.nu.ca) and she will get back to you. Nalini Vaddapalli provides executive support to both the Law Society of Nunavut and the CBA Nunavut Branch. We're glad that you've decided to come and visit us.

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