

Arctic Bay/Nanisivik
Baffin Island
Population: 477 and 315

While the Hudson Bay Company established a post at Arctic Bay in the 1920's, the community didn't develop until the Canadian government brought in health facilities and schools in the 1950's. Located on the northeast shore of Admiralty Inlet, Arctic Bay is an area rich in archaeological sites, with cairns, sod houses, burial sites and stone fish weirs from ancient Inuit cultures. The town offers food and lodging facilities for the employees of the Nanisivik Mines, located 13 miles to the north. Every summer solstice (June 21), Nanisivik holds the Midnight Sun Marathon, the northernmost marathon in North America. The taxi ride between Arctic Bay and Nanisivik offers one of the most scenic drives above the Arctic Circle, providing stunning views of Admiralty Inlet and the rugged landscapes of Baffin and Bylot Islands.