



## [Pingo Canadian Landmark](#)

**Pingo National Landmark** is a natural area protecting eight pingos near Tuktoyaktuk, Northwest Territories. It is in a coastal region of the Arctic Ocean which contains approximately 1,350 Arctic ice dome hills, approximately one quarter of the world's pingos!

The Landmark comprises an area roughly 16 km<sup>2</sup> (6.2 sq. mi), just 5 km (3.1 mi) west of Tuktoyaktuk, and includes Ibyuk Pingo—Canada's highest, exceeded in height only by Kadleroshilik Pingo in Alaska—at 49 m (161 ft.). The Landmark, which lies within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region, is managed by Parks Canada under the National Parks Act. Although a nationwide landmarks program was envisioned at its creation, Pingo remains the country's only National Landmark.

In a region near the Beaufort Sea which is quite flat, pingos dominate the skyline, rising from 5 to 36 m (16 to 118 ft.), in various stages of growth and collapse. Ibyuk Pingo, the highest, continues to grow about 2 cm (0.79 in) per year, and is estimated to be at least 1,000 years old. Unique to areas of permafrost, pingos have formed here thanks to numerous lakes in the Tuktoyaktuk Peninsula



## Breathtaking Skies and Landscape

Come experience the Land of the Midnight Sun, where the sun never sleeps during the summer, giving our community 24-hour daylight. During the Summer months' visitors are encouraged to work with our local outfitters and tour guides as they provide visitors cultural experiences such as learning how to set a fish net, make dry fish, learning how to prepare a whale or even tagging along on a hunt during all 4 seasons!

During the fall time the land changes to a blanket of vibrant green landscaping which later on turns into dramatic autumn colors, giving visitors a change to capture these beautiful views.

With the arrival of winter, the atmosphere gets colder and the snow and ice start to thicken. Our green colored landscape now turns into a magical frozen planet where the moon, stars and northern lights replace the sun for up to 3 months out of year. The northern lights are created from collisions between electrically charged particles from the sun that enter the earth's atmosphere.

When Spring arrives it brings with it crisp fresh air, the sun rises now rises higher each day and the environment is slowly warmed up to melt away the snow & ice giving life back to the flowers and plants. If you want to experience these 4 extraordinary seasons, then Tuk is the place to be!

