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Canada

Backpacking Baffin Island

This 12-day, 70-mile trek passes through the rolling hills, rivers, and summer tundra of Baffin Island's Auyuittuq (translation: "The Land That Never Melts") National Park, established in August 2000. This is Arctic Canada at its best: a northern landscape blooming with purple mountain saxifrage, moss campion, and mountain avens. Glacier-draped peaks form granite faces like the one on 5,495-foot Mount Thor, and you can spend a day front-pointing on Turner Glacier. Or just look for eider ducks, gyrfalcons, and arctic foxes from your camp.

Outfitter: Equinox Wilderness Expeditions (604-222-1219, www.equinoxexpeditions.com)

When to Go: July

Price: \$2,795

Difficulty: Strenuous