

Hopedale, Nunatsiavut, Canada

One of Canada's most remote cruise calls, Hopedale is the legislative capital of Nunatsiavut — an Inuit self-governing territory on the wild Labrador coast, where 18th-century Moravian mission buildings and living Indigenous culture coexist at the edge of the Arctic.

- Tender (no cruise pier)
- Typical call: 5–7 hrs
- Canadian Dollar (CAD)
- English & Inuittitut
- Expedition itineraries

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

- Docking:** Tender — ships anchor in Hopedale Run; Zodiacs to government wharf
- Best For:** Inuit culture, historic mission, indigenous art, sub-Arctic scenery
- Walk to center:** 5 min from wharf to Moravian Mission; everything within 15 min
- Don't Miss:** Hopedale Moravian Mission National Historic Site & Nunatsiavut Assembly

Getting around:

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Hopedale Moravian Mission National Historic Site** — The oldest surviving frame-building complex of European construction in Canada east of Quebec, established 1782.
- Nunatsiavut Assembly & Inuit Art** — Visit the striking igloo-inspired parliament building of the Inuit self-government, adorned with soapstone carvings and Inuit tapestries.
- Nanuk Hill Lookout Hike** — A short but steep climb behind the community rewards you with sweeping panoramic views over the harbor, the surrounding islands, and the vast...
- Zodiac / Coastal Wildlife Cruise** — Many expedition ships offer optional Zodiac tours around the harbor and nearby islands, where you can spot seals, seabirds, and on lucky days...
- Inuit-Moravian Brass Band & Throat Singing** — When coordinated with the ship, local performers showcase the extraordinary Hopedale brass band — a living tradition of Inuit musicians playing...

BEST WALKS

- Town & Mission Loop** 1.5 km · 20–30 min · Easy gravel roads — From the government wharf, walk along the waterfront to the Moravian Mission complex, continue past the Northern Store to the Nunatsiavut Assembly building, then loop...
- Nanuk Hill Lookout** 0.8 km · 30 min round-trip · Moderate incline — From behind the Moravian Mission, a rough track climbs Nanuk Hill for commanding views over the harbor and surrounding tundra islands.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		37°	22°	12d
Jun		54°	39°	12d
Aug		60°	46°	13d
Sep		53°	40°	14d
Oct		43°	30°	14d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:55AM–7:00PM · Jun 4:30AM–8:40PM · Aug 5:20AM–7:35PM · Sep 6:05AM–6:25PM · Oct 6:55AM–5:15PM

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bring Canadian cash. Local artisans selling soapstone carvings and labradorite jewelry typically only accept cash (CAD preferred; USD accepted at 1:1 by most sellers).
- Bug spray is essential July–August. Blackflies and mosquitoes are legendary on the Labrador coast — bring DEET-based repellent and consider a head net.
- Layer up, always. Conditions can swing from 20°C sunshine to 5°C fog and wind in an hour. Carry a windproof, waterproof outer shell even on sunny mornings.
- You'll be off the grid. There is no public Wi-Fi and cell service is minimal. Leave people at home knowing you'll be unreachable for the day.
- Hopedale is a dry community. Do not bring alcohol ashore from the ship.
- Ask before photographing residents, especially elders and children. The Inuit community is welcoming to respectful visitors — a little courtesy goes a long way.

Hopedale, Nunatsiavut, Canada — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



1 Hopedale Mission National Historic Site

Canada's oldest wooden-frame building east of Quebec, a 1782 Moravian mission complex overlooking the harbor.

2 Agvituk Historical Society Museum

Small community museum inside the mission complex telling the history of Inuit and Moravian missionary life in Hopedale.

P Cruise port / terminal