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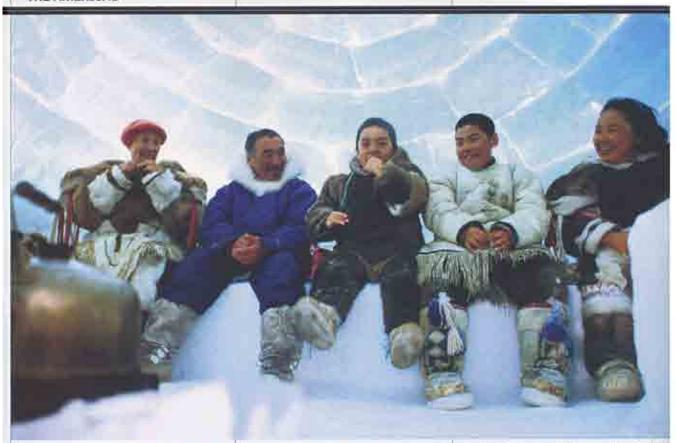
New Zealand

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America's largest national park is also one of its least crowded-yet surprisingly accessible. At 13 million acres, this daunting expanse of mountains, rivers, and mammoth glaciers is six times the size of Yellowstone but gets only 40,000 annual visitors. "It's where Alaskans themselves go to get away," says Shannon Lowry, a former editor at Alaska magazine. The park and preserve offer backpacking, mountaineering, river running, glacier hiking, flightseeing, even biggame hunting-in the wildest of settings. "Some wildernesses have welldeveloped trails, signs, and maps," says park ranger Megan Brokaw. "But this park is truly undeveloped." Make the town of McCarthy an eight-hour drive from Anchorage-your base of operations. From there you can mount a multiday adventure or dabble in nearby attractions, such as the historic ghost town of Kennecott or the Root Glacicr. "You don't need permits," says Brokaw: "A fundamental part of the experience at this park is your freedom."

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Adventures on Ice

Por top-notch adventure in the treeless tundra, head to Nunavut. Canada's newest territory (1999), which covers a fifth of the nation, extending north and west of Hudson Bay. Book ahead with a tour operator or all-inclusive lodge and plan on flying: No roads go to Nunavut.

"Sea kayak in the chiseled fjords of north Baffin Island," suggests Robin Duberow of Arctic Odysseys, "It's one of the few places you can see both land and sea mammals at once, including the clusive narwhal." Trek to the North Pole, sleep in an igloo, dogsled to the floe edge, and camp beneath the haunting aurora borealis. Finally, visit Inuit communities at Gjoa Haven on the Northwest Passage.

Canada's French Coast

Peninsula, where a decidedly French atmosphere permeates a landscape of mountains, forests, cliffs, and scattered coastal villages. Every exertion brings special rewards. At the Gaspesic Park, 25 of the highest summits in Quebec make hiking sublime, also kayak or hang glide, and watch for a herd of rare woodland caribou Follow the International Appalachian Trail, an extension of the famous Georgia-to-Maine route, to Cap Gaspe. "The views encompass the entire peninsula," says Jean-Guy Chavarie of Forillon National Park. Don't miss the Jardins de Métis, where 40 acres of English style gardens include rare Himalayan blue poppies. Picnic on the Ile Bonaventure, home to the continent's largest colony of gannet seabirds.

The Northwest Unspoiled

For the legendary beauty of the Pacific Coast without the crowds, head to the 260-mile stretch between Florence, Oregon, and Eureka, California It's practically untamed. Hike the whole route via the Oregon Coast Trail and the nearly complete California Coastal Trail, both with scenic beaches, bays, and forested bluffs. Or just drive, stopping at vari-