

SPEAKING IN TONGUES

There are approximately 6,500 living languages; more than half of them are spoken by fewer than 10,000 people. Here, three that you can brush up on while traveling—no Ph.D. in linguistics required.

● **GULLAH** Experience a native tongue of the rural South with **Gullah Tours** (843/763-7551; gullahtours.com; two-hour tours \$18), which deploys the 300-year-old language on excursions in Charleston, S.C. (the Underground Railroad, the Old Slave Mart).

● **GAELIC** **An Darach Ltd.** (44-131/664-2606; andarach.com; \$50 per hour) incorporates the historic language of Scotland into personalized half-day to three-day trips throughout the Scottish Highlands and islands.

● **INUKTITUT** To revitalize a dialect of Labrador and Newfoundland, **Rosetta Stone's** Endangered Language Program (800/788-0822; rosettastone.com; \$100 per CD or one year of online instruction) created an interactive CD-ROM to teach speaking, reading, and writing skills with photos. —JENNIFER WELBEL



WHAT DOES INUKTITUT SOUND LIKE?

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