

# YELLOWKNIFE NORTHERN LIGHTS



## MARCH 8-12, 2021

**Double Rate: \$4395.00 | Single: Add \$500.00**

Prices are per person in Canadian Dollars. Includes taxes of approximately \$550 CAD. Gratuities not included.

Join us on a journey north to Yellowknife to view the Aurora Borealis - one of the Earth's greatest natural wonders. The capital city of the Northwest Territories is a place where traditional indigenous culture blends together with modern amenities. Far from city lights, we'll spend 3 nights watching the night sky light up around a campfire in cozy teepees with snacks and warm drinks. Expert photographers will join us to help you get that perfect shot. Indigenous guides will join us this week to teach us about the history and culture of their people past and present. We'll stay at The Explorer Hotel in Yellowknife and in addition to 3 nights of Aurora Borealis viewing, some highlights include a Yellowknife city tour, a dog sledding excursion, and a guided snowmobiling tour! We will also be in town during the Annual Winter Festival where we will visit the world famous Snow Castle and take in the festivities! This tour includes all flights, airport transfers, accommodations, 4 breakfasts, 1 lunch & 4 dinners, all activities listed in the itinerary, local guides, and the services of a Lakeshore/Cardinal Coach Tours escort! Don't miss out on this bucket list adventure!

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# DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

## **Day 1 - Monday, 8 March, 2021** | Arrive Yellowknife (D)

Today you'll be met by our coach at your pre-determined pickup point to head to Pearson Airport! Our amazing stay begins in Yellowknife, famous for its rustic beauty outdoors. Yellowknife is one of the best places to view one of Earth's greatest natural wonders, the Aurora Borealis - more commonly known as the Northern Lights. On arrival we will check into the Explorer Hotel which will serve as our base for the week! Spend some time to time to relax before an evening welcome dinner.

## **Day 2 - Tuesday, 9 March, 2021** | Yellowknife Sightseeing (B,D)

Today we'll explore Yellowknife on a city tour to learn the rich history of Yellowknife. We'll start off with our local indigenous guide in the famous Oldtown district where Yellowknife originally started almost 90 years ago! Hear stories of growing up in Yellowknife and maybe stop from time to time to chat with a local person during the tour. We will visit the Village of N'Dilo (dee-lo) and learn about their Indigenous culture. We'll also visit the downtown area of Yellowknife to check out the restaurants and shops, and the modern Southside to see how Yellowknife has grown. We'll also stop at the Visitor Centre to get our Yellowknife pin and North of 60 Certificate! Next we'll visit Yellowknife's famous ice road to learn how it's created every year. For our final stop we'll tour the world famous Snow Castle! Following an included dinner, we have time to spend at leisure before heading out for our first night of Aurora Viewing. We will travel away from the city lights to witness the amazing Aurora Borealis. We'll view the lights from our camp and warm up around the campfire in our cozy teepees. Throughout our time spent there, we can enjoy hot drinks and late-night snacks.

## **Day 3 - Wednesday, 10 March, 2021** | Indigenous Culture Tour (B, L, D)

Today we'll have the morning free to explore Yellowknife at our leisure. Those who are interested can join an optional ice fishing experience at an additional cost! After lunch, we'll head out to some traditional Indigenous trapper's tents in the wilderness. We'll stay warm in the tent beside a wood stove while our Indigenous guides tell stories about what life was like in the old days, how hard it was to survive in such extreme conditions and how they are trying to preserve their traditional ways in today's modern world. After this we'll have a chance to try on some beautiful traditional clothing and even go for a short snowshoe on the frozen lake for some great photo opportunities and light exercise. Finally, today's tour will round off with a traditional "Feeding the Fire" ceremony. Following an included dinner, we will depart for our second night of incredible Aurora Borealis Viewing. Our guides will have tripods and photography tips to help us get the best possible photos of this incredible natural phenomenon.

## **Day 4 - Thursday, 11 March, 2021** | Dog Sledding & Snowmobiling (B, D)

After breakfast we will depart the hotel for a traditional Dog Sledding experience. We'll meet the Northern dogs who will take us over the frozen lakes of northern Canada while being comfortably tucked in our sleds with warm blankets. Once our ride ends we'll hear some stories about how the dog team played an important role in indigenous people's daily lives in the old days. This afternoon we try our hand at Snowmobiling. Prior to heading out, we learn the basic safety and operating instructions - not to worry these snowmobiles are fully automatic and easy to operate! We venture out onto the frozen lakes of Yellowknife, stopping along the way to take photos of the breathtaking scenery. Tonight we join together for a farewell dinner, where we have the opportunity to share our favourite moments of our time spent in Yellowknife, before departing on our last night of Aurora Borealis Viewing.

## **Day 5 - Friday, 12 March, 2021** - Depart Yellowknife (B)

Our Yellowknife adventure has come to an end. Following breakfast, we depart the hotel at our leisure to begin our onward journey. Upon arrival to Pearson Airport we'll be met by our coach which will return us to our original pickup points!

*B - Breakfast | L - Lunch | D - Dinner*

Book now with a \$500 deposit. Final payment is due on Dec 15, 2020. All payments are non-refundable. Cancellation insurance is recommended - please call office for pricing. Prices are subject to change based on airfare costs.

