

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

A 13 DAY ROAD TRIP FROM EDMONTON TO THE ARCTIC OCEAN



JULY 17-29, 2022 | 13 DAYS

Explore the Arctic Circle during the Summer Solstice and experience the midnight sun! Journey from Edmonton through grasslands and boreal forests and learn the ways of the north from the people who have always been there. Pass through northern Alberta communities and mingle with wild herds of Bison before crossing the 60th Parallel into the Northwest Territories. Spend time in Yellowknife - a place where traditional indigenous culture and art blends together with modern amenities. Uncover the beauty of Inuvik, known as the Land of the Midnight Sun and home to remote rivers and arctic wildlife. Drive on Canada's first highway to the Arctic and visit the Inuit community of Tuktoyaktuk and dip your toes in the Arctic Ocean. This tour includes all transfers to the airport and to/from all included activities, all flights, accommodations, breakfast daily, four lunches, five dinners and the services of a Cardinal/Lakeshore Tour Director.

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What's Included?

- Deluxe Highway Motorcoach Throughout
- Airfare from Toronto to Edmonton and Yellowknife to Toronto
- Listed airfare between Yellowknife & Inuvik
- 12 Nights Accommodation with luggage handling (1 bag per person)
- All activities listed in the itinerary
- National Park Fees as required
- Breakfast Daily / 4 Lunches / 5 Dinners
- Services of Lakeshore/Cardinal Tour Director



TOUR PRICING
 Double - \$7,999.00 | Single - \$8,999.00
 Includes approximate taxes of \$800.00. All prices in Canadian Dollars.

Terms & Conditions

Booking & Payments

Deposit of \$750 due at the time of booking. Final payment is due May 2, 2022. Prices are subject to change.

Cancellation Penalties

Cancellations received before May 2, 2022 will result in a loss of all deposits.

Cancellations received on May 2, 2022 or later are 100% non-refundable

Cancellation insurance is recommended and available in office.

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PROPOSED ITINERARY

Day 1 - Sunday, July 17, 2022 | Arrive Edmonton

Board our coach at your selected pickup point and head to Pearson airport for our flight to Edmonton, Alberta. Upon arrival in Edmonton we will head to our hotel at the West Edmonton Mall where we will have some free time to explore the largest mall in North America, head into the city, grab dinner or just rest up for the coming journey.

Day 2 - Monday, July 18, 2022 | Edmonton - Peace River (B,D)

After breakfast, we will take a short driving tour of Edmonton to see the major city highlights before heading North. We will arrive in Peace River this afternoon and check in to our hotel. Due to the long daylight hours at this time of the year, we will have plenty of time to enjoy exploring the town centre with its selection of shops and restaurants. Consider taking a stroll along the Peace riverfront or check out the popular local craft brewery. This evening we will enjoy a welcome dinner as a group and get to know our fellow travellers!

Day 3 - Tuesday, July 19, 2022 | Peace River - High Level (B, L)

Today we will travel to the town of High Level. Along the way we'll stop at the Battle River Pioneer Museum. Once we arrive in High Level, we'll visit The Northern Trading Post located within the Mackenzie Crossroads Museum, to see a collection of over 1600 food and medicine containers and photos of the area. These are showcased in a typical trading post setting complete with attached living quarters. Tonight enjoy dinner on your own.

Day 4 - Wednesday, July 20, 2022 | High Level - Hay River (B, D)

Today we cross into the Northwest Territories and enter the sub-Arctic regions of Canada. We will stop at the 60th Parallel Visitor Centre for a short visit. Later we'll travel the highway dubbed the Waterfalls Route, stopping at the Twin Falls Gorge Territorial Park to view the breathtaking Alexandra Falls. Later, we'll arrive in the town of Hay River where we will visit the Hay River Museum and Heritage Centre before a heritage style dinner at our hotel.

Day 5 - Thursday, July 21, 2022 | Hay River - Fort Providence (B, L)

Sample the region's Indigenous culture on today's tour with a local guide, surrounded by some spectacular scenery. We will tour the Hay River Reserve including the Dene Cultural Institute and learn about the history and traditions of the Dene people. This afternoon, we will visit the spectacular Lady Evelyn Falls and the tiny traditional Indigenous community of Kakisa, on the shores of Kakisa Lake before arriving at our resting place for the night - Fort Providence. After checking into the hotel, take some free time to grab dinner and explore this small but picturesque indigenous community situated on the Mackenzie River.

Day 6 - Friday, July 22, 2022 | Fort Providence - Yellowknife (B, L, D)

We cross the Mackenzie River Bridge before travelling through the Mackenzie Bison Sanctuary where free roaming wood bison are often found wandering near the roadside. We'll stop to enjoy lunch on the shore of the scenic Great Slave Lake. Our next stop is the North Arm Territorial Park for a great view of Great Slave Lake - here our Indigenous guides will talk about the animals, the birds, and share stories about their culture. We'll continue onto Yellowknife, looking for bison, stopping to enjoy the scenery along the way.

Day 7 - Saturday, July 23, 2022 | Yellowknife (B)

This morning, we'll take a boat tour of the harbour and Great Slave Lake with local guides. We'll see the Indigenous village of Dettah, the colourful houseboats and learn about this unique area and the lifestyle of those who live here. Back on land, we'll take a guided tour of Yellowknife and learn about the culture, the Indigenous peoples and the early settlers and the history of the area. We will also visit the Legislative Assembly Building of the Northwest Territories and the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre - a museum that chronicles Aboriginal and European history in the North. Later take some time to explore the Old Town and grab some dinner on your own.

Day 8 - Sunday, July 24, 2022 | Yellowknife (B, L)

In mid-summer, Yellowknife sees nearly 20 hours of sunlight a day so there are plenty of daylight hours to experience this northern community. Today we set out into the wilderness away from the city to some traditional Indigenous teepees and trapper's tents. Our local indigenous guide will share stories about their traditional way of life and talk about how they try to preserve their culture and skills today. Inside the teepee we will experience a traditional smudging ceremony followed by a lunch of local whitefish, buffalo and bannock. Finally, we'll end the day with a "Feeding the Fire" ceremony before heading back to Yellowknife.

Day 9 - Monday, July 25, 2022 | Yellowknife - Inuvik (B,D)

This morning we'll take a short flight from Yellowknife to Inuvik. The scenic flight takes us over vast stretches of the tundra before descending into Inuvik over a landscape of rolling tundra and small lakes. There is a short drive from the airport to the town of Inuvik for our stay at the comfortable MacKenzie Hotel. We have planned a cultural evening with local Inuit elders today to listen to traditional tales and learn a little about the Arctic way of life. This far north well within the Arctic Circle at this time we will experience the midnight sun and 24 hours of daylight!

Day 10 - Tuesday, July 26, 2022 | Tuktoyaktuk (B)

Today we drive from Inuvik to the community of Tuktoyaktuk on Canada's only road to the Arctic Ocean. In Tuktoyaktuk, we will be hosted by a local Inuit guide and will experience and learn the ways of life of the people who call this place home. Our local Inuit guide will share stories and history of the area and point out local landmarks and other points of interest. Then it is out onto the Arctic Ocean where the brave ones can dip their toes. This afternoon, weather dependent, we might be able to take a short boat ride on the Mackenzie River delta and to learn about traditional Inuit hunting techniques that allowed communities to survive in these inhospitable conditions for so many years. Because there is no accommodation here, we will return to Inuvik in the evening.

Day 11 - Wednesday, July 27, 2022 | Inuvik (B)

Today you have the opportunity to discover more of Inuvik as you please. Take a tour of the city to learn more about the community and see the igloo church and community greenhouse. Board a boat on the arctic ocean to search for beluga whales (additional cost). Or just take a day to relax and check out the local artisans and crafts.

Day 12 - Thursday, July 28, 2022 | Inuvik - Yellowknife (B, D)

After breakfast we will have the morning free for some last minute exploring around Inuvik on foot before boarding our flight back to Yellowknife. Tonight, we'll meet for a farewell dinner with our travel companions.

Day 13 - Friday, July 29, 2022 | Depart Yellowknife (B)

Depending upon our flight time, there may be some free time this morning in Yellowknife to revisit a shop, craft store or a museum before we transfer to the airport to begin the journey home. Upon arrival in Toronto our coach will be waiting to return us to our original pickup points!

