

# Fall Aurora Viewing

The Yukon's Northern Lights can be seen from mid-August to mid-April. In August and September, the Yukon's brilliant fall foliage offers a stunning contrast to the Aurora at night.

## Duration Season

3 - 4 days Late August to September

Aurora viewing package tours depart from Whitehorse-based hotels or cozy cabins and lodges from further afield. During the day, your clients can enjoy local arts, entertainment and outdoor activities, or relax in their cabin in the Yukon wilderness. Please note, some attractions and activities finish seasonal operations in September. Dates vary by company. Please check with individual operators and attractions for availability.



## Whitehorse

Steeped in culture and history, Whitehorse is a contemporary city with a vibrant arts community, world-class attractions, and top-notch tourism services. It offers the amenities of a big city, with an endearing small-town vibe.

### Sightseeing

- S.S. Klondike
- Yukon Transportation Museum
- Yukon Beringia Interpretive Centre
- Kwanlin Dün Culture Centre
- Old Log Church Museum
- Whitehorse Trolley
- Macbride Museum
- Whitehorse Fish Ladder
- Miles Canyon
- Yukon Artists at Work Gallery

### Outdoor Activities

Canoeing, Disc golf, Dog sledding, Fishing, Horseback riding, Kayaking, Mountain biking

### Suggested Day Tours

#### ***Takhini Hot Springs Road***

About 30 minutes from downtown Whitehorse, visitors can spend the day visiting the Yukon Wildlife Preserve, enjoying Eclipse Hot Springs, and savoring some locally roasted coffee.

### ***Skagway, Alaska and the White Pass Yukon Route Railroad***

The two hour drive to Skagway, AK includes plenty of scenic viewpoints: Emerald Lake, Tutshi Lake, the Carcross Desert and Bove Island. The historic village of Carcross is not to be missed. Skagway is a well-preserved gold rush town and major cruise ship port with plenty of things to do. The narrow-gauge White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad is a Historic Civil Engineering Landmark. The track climbs 3000 feet in just 20 miles, through tunnels and across trestle bridges with stunning scenic views.

### ***Kluane National Park & Reserve***

Just a two hour drive from Whitehorse lies the wilderness playground of Kluane National Park and Reserve, part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This is an easy day trip or guests can plan to stay overnight in Haines Junction.

### ***Southern Lakes Region***

Named for the interconnected lakes and rivers that form the headwaters of the mighty Yukon River, this region is also home to diverse landscapes, from desert dunes to snow-capped mountains. Villages to explore include Carcross, Mt Lorne, Tagish, Teslin, Marsh Lake & Atlin.

## What we recommend

*For clients with a car rental:*

- Day 1: Explore Whitehorse during the day and an evening aurora tour
- Day 2: Explore the Southern Lakes region and an evening aurora tour
- Day 3: Day trip to Haines Junction and an evening aurora tour
- Day 5: Day trip to Skagway, Alaska

*For clients without a car rental:*

- Day 1: Sightseeing around Whitehorse (most attractions are within walking distance), and an evening aurora tour
- Day 2: Packaged day tour with one of the many amazing local operators, and an evening aurora tour
- Day 3: White Pass Yukon Route Railroad day tour (packages are bookable through local operators) to explore between Whitehorse - Carcross - Skagway
- Day 4: Relax and enjoy the ambience of Whitehorse, sip coffee at a local coffee house, browse the shops and galleries, and go for a relaxing walk along the Yukon River



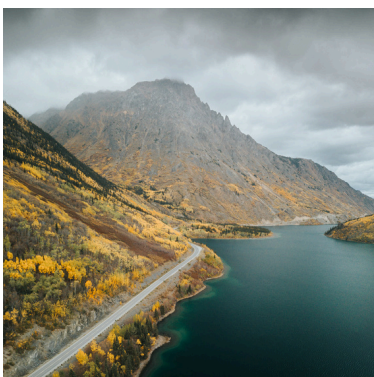
### Aurora Viewing

Aurora viewing tours operate from downtown Whitehorse each evening. Clients will be picked up at their hotel and transferred to an aurora viewing site away from city lights. We suggest a minimum of three nights, which will maximize your clients' chance of seeing the aurora.



### Accommodation

There are a range of accommodation options in and around Whitehorse. In Whitehorse itself there are several hotels, motels, B&B's and Inns. If your clients are looking for something uniquely Yukon, we suggest either a lodge or cabin. Cabins range in facilities from very rustic to those with all the creature comforts. With this option clients can watch the northern lights at their leisure.



### Getting here

There are multiple daily scheduled flights to the Yukon from Vancouver with Air North, Yukon's Airline, Air Canada and Westjet (seasonal). There are also services from Calgary, Edmonton, Kelowna, Yellowknife, Toronto and Ottawa. Access is via the Erik Nielsen Whitehorse International airport which is located just 10 minutes from downtown Whitehorse. Most downtown hotels offer airport shuttle services; car rentals and taxis are also available at the airport.