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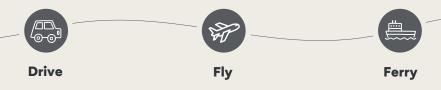
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# Tlingit Totems

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There's no denying it. While travel to the Yukon is still an unforgettable experience, it is a little different right now. For our current border restrictions, safety policies and tips on respectful travel once you're here, visit **travelyukon.com/covid-19**.

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# "It's the beauty that thrills me with wonder, It's the stillness that fills me with peace."

- The Spell of the Yukon, Robert Service

Squanga Lake. YG

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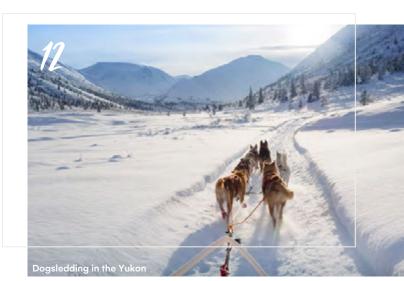


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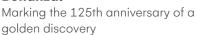


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Left to right: John Peters Jr.; Minister Pauline Frost; Doug Smarch Jr.; Minister of Tourism and Culture Jeanie McLean; Premier Sandy Silver



# **TO THE 2021 YUKON EXPERIENCE GUIDE**

#### What is a Yukon Experience?

At a glance, breathtaking natural beauty, rich and immersive culture and first-rate hospitality are at its core. Still, the Yukon Experience offers much more than what can be defined on paper. It offers what can only truly translate if it is seen, felt and lived.

There is a sacredness of spirit to this land like no other. While photographs and keepsakes help to hold memories, it is the intangible qualities of our territory that leave travellers mesmerized and enriched.

A Yukoner need not look further than within themselves to grasp the deep connection that we have to this land and to the community of unique individuals who live here. This inherent pride and joy that we feel is infused into how we share our Yukon with our guests. As a lifelong Yukoner, I have a unique relationship with the exquisite beauty of our territory. From the gleaming aurora on long, cold nights, to the midnight sun ablaze; from the fiery autumn horizons, to our northernflowing rivers — which, like the Yukon, go against the grain. As a lover of hiking, canoeing, snowmobiling and dogsledding, there is not a moment that the matchless beauty of this place ever ceases to amaze me.

I invite you to connect with this extraordinary land and its people so that you can discover your very own Yukon Experience. It's here to see, to feel and to live.

Jeanie McLean Minister of Tourism and Culture



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Whatever the season, Yukon's lineup is jam–packed. Find music festivals, sports events and deeply rooted cultural celebrations with Yukon character built right in.

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# WINTER COOL LIST

They're called the Yukon's BFFs (Best February Festivals) and you don't want to miss them. Be the life of the party at the week-long **Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous Festival** in Whitehorse. Then pack enough popcorn for an epic week of movie nights at the **Available Light Film Festival**.

# SUMMER HOT LIST

In the summer, the midnight sun combined with memorable merriment is too good to pass up. Soak up internationally acclaimed music, First Nations culture and heart-pumping good times at the **Dawson City Music Festival**, the **Adäka Cultural Festival** in Whitehorse and the **Yukon River Quest** from Whitehorse to Dawson City.



Flip the page for the full Yukon lineup

# **PLEASE NOTE**

Due to COVID-19, some events may have been altered or cancelled. For the most current 2021 Yukon lineup, visit **travelyukon.com/events** 

# **SPORTS**

#### Percy DeWolfe Memorial Mail Race Dawson City

Race back in time with intrepid dog mushers tracing the legendary mail run of "Yukon's Iron Man." **March** 

#### 43rd Annual Kilrich Yukon Native Hockey Tournament Whitehorse

Cheer on First Nations hockey players from across the North in the biggest and best native hockey tournament North of 60. **March** 

#### Yukon Energy Dempster to Dawson City Solstice Race Dawson City

Run (or walk) along the Klondike River valley into historic Dawson City, with a wrap-up event at Waterfront Park. **June** 

## Dust 2 Dawson Motorcycle Ride Dawson City

Meet friends new and old at the D2D weekend in a celebration of motorcycles, Dawson City and epic riding. **June** 

# **Yukon River Quest** Whitehorse, Dawson City

Watch competitors set off on the world's longest paddling race—75 km from Whitehorse to Dawson City. **June** 

# ARTS & CULTURE

#### **Nakai Theatre's Pivot Festival** Whitehorse, Dawson City

Light up the long nights with some uncommon good fun. Theatre, music, pub crawls and more. **January** 







# Available Light Film Festival Whitehorse

Strike cinematic gold at silver screens across town during the largest film festival North of 60. **February** 

#### Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous Festival Whitehorse

Experience "what the Yukon is all about" during this week-long, cabin feverbusting extravaganza. **February** 

## **Thaw di Gras Spring Carnival** Dawson City

Come for the serious, the ridiculous and the simply outrageous at this quintessentially Yukon event. **March** 

#### Dawson City International Short Film Festival Dawson City

Check out four days of short films in one of the most northern competitive film festivals in the world. **April** 

#### Dawson City International Gold Show Dawson City

Celebrate Dawson's gold rush heritage as well as contemporary mining in the Klondike at this kick-start to summer event. **May** 

## Da Kų Nän Ts'étthèt Dance Festival Haines Junction

Come for a celebration of Aboriginal drumming, song and dance including exhibits, workshops and feasts. **June** 

#### **Commissioner's Klondike Ball** Dawson City

Dress in your 1898 finest and celebrate Yukon's birthday with an extravagant tea, dinner and dancing. **June** 

## National Indigenous Peoples Day Territory-wide

Held annually on summer solstice (June 21), enjoy live music, artist demonstrations, traditional food and more. **June** 

# Adäka Cultural Festival Whitehorse

Get inspired by Indigenous culture from across the Yukon with workshops, galleries and live performances. **June** 

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# Canada Day Territory-wide

From small art festivals to parades to live music to specialty food pop-ups, celebrate Canada's heritage, Yukon-style. **July** 

# Haa Kusteeyí Celebration Teslin

This biennial festival brings Inland and Coastal Tlingit people together for three days of arts workshops, cultural events and more. All are welcome. **July** 

## Atlin Arts and Music Festival Atlin, BC

Revel in three days of stellar performances, film screenings and hands-on workshops in picture-perfect Atlin. **July** 

## **Dawson City Music Festival** Dawson City

Don't miss this ultimate music lovers' scene, proclaimed "Canada's tiny, perfect festival" by the Georgia Straight. **July** 

#### **Canada's Parks Day** Territory-wide

Mark your calendar for the third Saturday in July, and visit **pc.gc.ca** for activities taking place in parks around the Yukon. **July** 

#### **Yukon Pride Festival** Territory-wide

All are welcome to this week-long celebration of Pride with everything from films to lip sync challenges to campfire chats. **August** 

## **Discovery Day Celebrations** Dawson City

Watch this historic town come alive to mark the golden discovery that put Dawson on the map. **August** 

#### Yukon Riverside Arts Festival Dawson City

Satisfy your inner Picasso with artist demonstrations, exhibitions, lectures, art installations and more. **August** 

#### **OUT North Queer Film Festival** Whitehorse

Show up for OUT North and take in three days of the queerest films seen on Yukon screens. **November** 









Canada Day Parade in Dawson City

#### **Blue Feather Music Festival** Whitehorse

Be inspired and encouraged as young people share their gifts of music and the arts. **November** 

# CULINARY

# Street Eats Festival Whitehorse

Calling all foodies! Bring your appetite to this five-day celebration of all things delicious. It's food truck heaven. **August** 

## Yukon Beer Festival Whitehorse

As the temperatures drop, raise a glass to some of the best beers and ciders from across North America. **October** 

# NATURE

#### **A Celebration of Swans** Marsh Lake

Flock to Swan Haven Interpretive Centre as trumpeter swans descend on the Yukon en masse. **April** 

## Crane and Sheep Festival Faro

Take in an awe-inducing number of sandhill cranes as they darken the skies above Faro each spring. **May** 

#### Weekend on the Wing Birding Festival Tombstone Territorial Park

Welcome the return of the winged things with free guided walks, workshops and talks in this subarctic tundra environment. **June** 

## Summer Solstice Territory-wide

During this energizing time of year in the Yukon, there are no shortage of ways to fill the long, glorious days. **June** 

## **Kluane's Dark Sky Festival** Haines Junction

Catch up with the constellations on the shores of Kathleen Lake, and hopefully enjoy a guest appearance by the aurora borealis. **September** 

## Winter Solstice Territory-wide

Fill the longest night with nocturnal events like the Problematic Orchestra's annual production at the Yukon Arts Centre. **December** 

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While you're here, get a taste of the Yukon — fresh from the land, from a local eatery, or as a take-home from a shop or market.



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An Indigenous tavourite, **bannock** can be baked in an oven or on a stick over an open campfire. Serve with jam and tea, and prepare to eat far too many.



In the great Yukon pioneering tradition, winter months are spent perfecting the art of making **sourdough** bread (and pancakes and cinnamon buns and waffles...). True story: some Yukoners have sourdough starter dating all the way back to the gold rush!



Straight from our waters to your table, try bbq'd **pike** fillets, smoked **Arctic char**, or shake 'n bake **grayling** fried over a campfire grill.



Every spring Yukoners hunt their secret haunts for **morel mushrooms**. Hard to find in the wild, search for this Yukon delicacy on local menus.



Smoke it, roast it or make it into a soup. Locally raised **elk** is perfect with sourdough bread and a side of Yukon-grown veggies.

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Kipe for the picking (and brewing)

Canada's new "superberry," **haskaps** thrive in the Yukon's northern latitude and colder temps. Enjoy their unique sour/sweet tang in locally made jams and syrups, ciders from Solstice Ciderworks, or wines from Yukon Berry Farms.



Packed with vitamin C, spruce tips are light, citrusy and oh-so-versatile. Try them candied or cooked, or in a pale ale from Woodcutter's Brewery.





If you're here in fall, **cranberries** reach their prime after the first frost—the perfect sour complement to the sweetness of muffins, cakes, and sauces. Or enjoy a refreshing craft soda from Polarity Brewing, made with **Yukon berries**.



# YUKON NUGGET

# A sour side-note

A bread with character, **Sourdough** is a term given to a person after they've experienced their first Yukon winter. Until then, you're stuck with the newbie moniker of Cheechako.



Put your hips into it with Surfer Rosa from Winterlong Brewing or Gathering from Deep Dark Wood Brewing, two craft beers made with Yukon **rose hips** – also a popular berry for making jellies and teas.



Yukon's territorial flower, **fireweed**, makes one of the finest honeys in the world. Also try Discovery Fireweed Honey English Pale Ale from Yukon Brewing for its uniquely sweet and herbal flair.

# She Followed the Call of the Wild

# MEET A MARITIMER TURNED YUKON DOG MUSHER

Jocelyne LeBlanc completed the Yukon Quest 1,000 Mile International Sled Dog Race. So you could say she knows a thing or two about mushing huskies. But it wasn't always that way. We asked Jocelyne about her life as a dogsled guide, a world away from her beginnings on Canada's East Coast.

# Watch Jocelyne's Yukon Story at travelyukon.com/dogsledder

#### What first drew you to dogsledding? Did you grow up in that world?

I moved to the Yukon from New Brunswick, about 23 years ago. I started off doing hotel work here. Then I saw my first Yukon Quest and it changed everything. I had shivers watching as each dog team left the starting gate. I thought, I have to try this. It wasn't long before I was hooked.

#### What was it like to compete in the Yukon Quest, the 1,000 Mile International Sled Dog Race?

Well, I raced in the 2010 Yukon Quest and won both the Red Lantern Award (that's the award for coming in last!) and the Challenge of the North Award for completing the Quest from Dawson City with only seven dogs.

The Yukon Quest is an amazing, magical event. You get to be alone in the bush with your team, with the support of vets and volunteers from around the world. The race touched every emotion in my mind and soul.

#### What's a typical day at Sky High Wilderness Ranch like for you? What do you love about your work as a dogsled guide?

A typical day starts at 8 am with 110 dogs, all happy to see me. From feeding to watering to scooping poop to running them ... it keeps me busy. I've been a dogsled guide for almost 20 years, and I love my job. I work in the most beautiful place in the world, with my dogs. And to me a dog is the best friend you can ever have. Sometimes I think I have more dog friends than human friends. (*she laughs*) Not sure.

# Any stand–out memories of past guests at the ranch?

Once I picked up a woman at her hotel, and she was concerned that she'd forgotten her curling iron. I gently told her there would be no power at the ranch, so she wouldn't be curling her hair anyway. I guess she hadn't read the fine print of her tour! But she ended up having a great time. She was so excited to tell her grandkids what grandma just went through, and to bring them to the ranch one day.

#### To those who've never considered trying dog mushing, what's one reason you'd give them to go for it?

If you love dogs, that's the reason. When you book a multi-day tour, you get the same dog team for the whole time you're at the ranch. You get to bond with the dogs. We get lots of repeat guests, and they always ask to have the same team.

An added bonus is that dogsledding is a highly active sport, and at the end of your time with us, you earn a dog mushing diploma. Think of the bragging rights!



Jocelyne LeBlanc E. Bancet photo



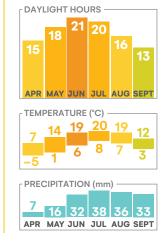




# YUKON FORECAST 100% chance of changing within the hour

Think layers. Even on the hottest days, the nights are cool. If you're tenting it, keep a toque and warm socks handy.

# **AVERAGES**



# Summer highs

When the sun never sets, the adventures never end. June and July welcome up to 21 hours of daylight. Perfect for road tripping, paddling and camping. Don't forget your night mask, or your campfire flask.

@helpmewander

# Fall colours

For all the summer latecomers, it's your chance to see the rise of the fall. From mid-August to late September, the Yukon is ablaze in colour. A not-to-be missed colour show is in Tombstone Territorial Park. Don't forget your camera, or your gloves.



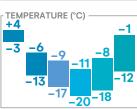


In the Yukon, winter is not the season to hibernate. Bundle up and get outside with all the locals! Try dogsledding, ice fishing, skiing, snowshoeing or snowmobiling. Not sure what to pack? Hit up Yukon shops with northern know-how to rent your gear and outfit your adventures.

# Spring light

Longer sunny days, sparkling "fast" snow, and warming temps make March a popular month for getting outdoors. Dark enough to pursue northern lights by night, but bright enough to enjoy winter activities by day. Don't forget your shades. Snow glare is strong in spring.

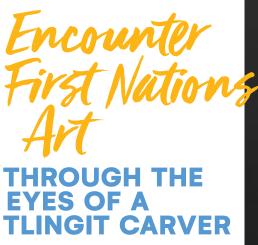






# **TECH TIP** Keep your loved ones close

Cold weather zaps battery power, so store your phone in an inside pocket. Consider bringing insulated touchscreen gloves for catching epic moments in frosty temps.



Meet Keith Wolfe Smarch. On any given Yukon day, you'll find this renowned Tlingit carver in his carving shed, nestled in the heart of Carcross in the Southern Lakes region. Travellers are encouraged to stop by to watch him work, to say hello, and to ask questions. We asked him a few ourselves, to get the ball rolling.

# What first attracted you to the art of carving?

Three early life experiences drew me to the art of carving. The first was when I was five or six years old. My grandfather, Tommy Smarch, took me for a walk in the woods. We sat together and he carved me a bow and a few arrows. It impacted me that with just a knife and pieces of wood you could create something useful seemingly out of nothing. I sat and watched it evolve before my eyes, in so little time.

A few years later, at school, I watched an NFB film called "Paddle to the Sea." It showed a young First Nation boy in a cabin in the middle of winter, carving by firelight. He carved a man in a canoe, wishing for it to make its way, one day, to the ocean. I still remember the sounds of the knife in the wood as he worked. I was inspired by his dream. The whole world wasn't paying attention to what he was pursuing, yet he created with his own hands and set it adrift, all the way to the sea. That film always stuck in my mind. It taught me that you can achieve anything you want with just your own hands and a knife.



Around the age of 13, I was shown a picture of Skookum Jim's last potlatch. Him being an ancestor of mine, I suddenly realized the photo was taken in Carcross and these were my people, and this was my culture. I saw masks, frontlets, and designs that were part of my history. It was then I decided to pursue art and carving to bring my culture back to life.

# What do the different vivid colours represent on carvings and totem poles?

Every colour has a meaning. Black is protection. Red represents blood, or life. White represents peace. Blue is wealth.

# What special symbols or figures should we look for when interpreting Tlingit carvings?

In Tlingit design the most important and common components are the ovoid and u-shape. They are easily recognizable in all aspects of Tlingit art. In Carcross we have six clan symbols, which are the killer whale, the wolf, the raven, the beaver, the frog and the woodworm.

# Is there any work that holds special meaning for you?

All of my works have special meaning to me. But I am particularly proud of one piece, the Animal Mother Pole, which is the centerpiece of our building in Carcross called Haa Shagóon Hídi. It is a 35-foot pole with two five-foot side poles which are also part of the story. It depicts a legend that originates here in Carcross, a legend I've heard since I was a child.

# What is one thing you would like visitors to understand about carving?

I would like visitors to know that this isn't a museum or simply a collection of artifacts. This is a living culture. We live it every day. Tlingit culture is necessarily visual. Through our art we express our history, our songs our dance, and our stories.

Explore First Nations art from across the Yukon at **YFNarts.ca** 

LET'S GO SHOPPING! Take the Yukon Home

They say you can't take it with you when you go. Those people have clearly never gone shopping in the Yukon.





# When there's no room left in your luggage, you'll just have to wear it home!

**Scents**—For a fragrant keepsake, try Yukon body-care products, and locally made and sourced soaps.

**Jewellry**—Good luck narrowing down your favourites, with Yukon creations ranging from the modern to the eclectic to the classic gold-nugget varieties.

**Clothing**—Style yourself and your loved ones in Yukon apparel. Choose from hoodies, baby onesies, caps, toques, and original t-shirt designs.





# Your chosen pieces will bring your Yukon experiences to mind for years to come.

**Diversity** — Find everything from art prints to photography to sculpture to beading to glass-blown creations to carving to pottery.

**Book club** — Most Yukon book stores offer titles by local authors and tales of Yukon lore including cookbooks, art books, historical fiction, poetry and children's books.

**Online** – Dizzied by the choices? Head to **travelyukon.com/art** for some pre-shopping research. It's a gallery crawl from your couch.

# **FOOD** Consume It

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# If these tasty treasures don't make it all the way home, no one need be the wiser.

Local sips—The Yukon has more than a few craft breweries worth a pint stop. Yukon-made wines, cider and locally crafted bitters are for sale at local shops.

**Coffee roasters** — With three local roasters to choose from, including two with storefront coffee shops, taste tests are definitely in order.

Handcrafted delicacies — Consider Yukon spice blends, locally made chocolates, and Yukon-sourced jams and jellies, honey and syrups.

# CREATED IN THE YUKON



As you shop, keep an eye out for these two symbols – marks of authenticity on items created by Yukon artists and artisans.



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# AGAINST ALL ODDS, THEY FORGED THEIR OWN WAY



# SHAAW TLÁA a.k.a. KATE CARMACK

From the Carcross/Tagish First Nation, Kate Carmack became the first woman of the Klondike Gold Rush. In 1896, Kate, along with her brother Skookum Jim, Charlie Dawson, and her husband George Carmack discovered gold at Bonanza Creek. Their fortunes were made and the stampede to the Klondike was set in motion.



## **MARTHA BLACK**

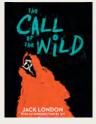
Martha Black was a female pioneer who dared to go it alone. At the height of the stampede, she left her husband behind, hiked the Chilkoot Trail (whilst pregnant!) and built a log cabin in Dawson City. Ever full of pluck and style, she would eventually become only the second woman to be elected to the House of Commons of Canada, and was a lifelong ambassador for the Yukon.



# KATHLEEN ROCKWELL a.k.a. KLONDIKE KATE

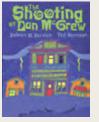
It wasn't easy for a woman to get to the Klondike, let alone conquer it. Yet Kate, undeterred by rapids or rules, disguised herself as a man and leapt to a male-only scow's deck to reach Dawson City. Once there, she quickly became known as the best entertainer in town. But it was her qualities of charm, kindness and sincerity that won her the title of "Queen of the Klondike."





# JACK LONDON

Like so many sorry souls, Jack London came to Dawson City with big dreams and left with empty pockets. But he didn't walk away empty handed. His experiences of the gold rush frenzy inspired his pen in the creation of such beloved stories as White Fang and The Call of the Wild.



# ROBERT SERVICE

Celebrated wanderer writer Robert Service caught the spell of the Yukon early on during his years in Whitehorse and Dawson City. A prolific poet, he penned lyrical ballads that wove whimsical tales, like The Shooting of Dan McGrew and The Cremation of Sam McGee, building a legacy forever embedded in Yukon lore.





# **GERTIE LOVEJOY**

Dawson's iconic casino Diamond Tooth Gerties was named for one of the most iconic dance hall stars of the Klondike. Gertie always had a little extra sparkle about her—in particular, a diamond she had inserted between her two front teeth! Her good-time legacy lives on at Gerties today, with nightly can-can shows performed throughout the summer.



Arriving as a prospector selling hot-water bottles to fellow stampeders along the way, Belinda quickly set about blazing trails through the heart of the Klondike. Using her business savvy to build roadhouses and cabins, she also became a stakeholder in the Yukon's largest gold mine. Her biggest claim to fame was bringing a touch of class to Dawson City by launching the luxury Fair View Hotel.



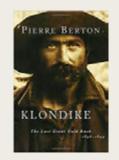
# YUKON NUGGET

Charlie Chaplin's silent film *The Gold Rush* (1925) was set in the Klondike and was the highest grossing silent comedy film of all time.



#### LAURA BEATRICE BERTON

In 1907, following a true-life call of the wild, Laura, then a 29-year-old teacher from Toronto, Ontario, uprooted her comfortable city life to teach in a Yukon mining town. There, she fell in love with the North—and a northerner—and wrote the classic and enduring memoir *I Married the Klondike*, recounting her life, love and adventures in Dawson City.



#### PIERRE BERTON

Born in the Yukon in 1920 to the aforementioned Laura, accomplished storyteller Pierre Berton grew up the son of a prospector amid the debris of the stampede. It almost seems inevitable then that his first important book, *Klondike: The Last Great Gold Rush*, detailed that same event, capturing the historical spectacle with riveting authority.

# Sternwheelers of the Yukon

# BEFORE THERE WERE ROADS, THERE WERE RIVERS

The Indigenous Peoples of this land had been successfully navigating its waterways long before gold seekers ventured north. But for those nugget-hungry newcomers, sternwheelers were a lifeline to the outside world. Beginning in the 1870s, these steamboats plied the Yukon River, carrying everything from passengers to flour sacks, evening gowns to dynamite - right up until improved roadways retired them in the 1950s. Today, you can still find a handful of sternwheelers throughout the Yukon, as well as one "honorary sternwheeler" in Atlin, BC — an honorary Yukon town. Turn back the wheels of time and take a closer look.

For more information on access and guided tours, visit a local visitor information centre or **travelyukon.com** 

# S.S. Klondike, Whitehorse

Sitting proudly on the banks of the Yukon River, it's hard to miss this iconic feat of engineering. Built in 1929 the S.S. *Klondike* was the largest of the British Yukon Navigation (BYN) Company sternwheeler fleet. Today you can take a tour and uncover the mechanics of hauling cargo, see how the various classes of passengers lived aboard the ship, and relive an era gone by.

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# S.S. Keno, Dawson City

By 1923, the value of silver coming out of the Mayo District had surpassed that of gold coming out of the Klondike. Crucial to the Yukon's economic success, the S.S. Keno traversed the Stewart River, hauling silver, lead and zinc from Mayo to Stewart City. Now docked in Dawson, she is open to the public for self-guided and guided tours.

## S.S. Tutshi, Carcross

Built in 1917 as a luxury tourist vessel, the S.S. *Tutshi* steered its patrons through the surrounding beauty of the Southern Lakes. In 1990, years after being pulled from service, the sternwheeler caught fire. Today there is a multi-use interpretation memorial in its place—a community space dedicated to an important icon of the past.

# M.V. Tarahne, Atlin, BC

As Atlin gained in popularity as a tourist destination, the BYN built the motor vessel *Tarahne* to connect Carcross and Atlin. While often termed a steamboat, the *Tarahne* was actually powered by gas engines. Guests were offered cruises around Teresa Island with a close-up view of Llewellyn Glacier. In the first weekend of July each year, the Tarahne Tea brings people out in period finery to relive history with some high tea and sandwiches.

# **Relics of the past**

With the arrival of roads, sternwheelers were slowly abandoned, some more unceremoniously than others. Take the free ferry at Dawson City to the Yukon River Campground. A short trek brings you to the Sternwheeler Graveyard, a riverbank collection of these forgotten relics. At Shipyards Park in Whitehorse, you can still see the old pier structure at the Yukon River's edge and find pieces of sternwheeler machinery along the riverside trail. You'll need scuba gear and some diving expertise to explore the historic site of the A.J. Goddard which sank on Lake Laberge in 1899. More accessible is the mostly submerged wreckage of the Casca at Lower Laberge, and the nearly intact Evelyn/Norcom at the abandoned village of Hootalingua at the lower end of Thirty Mile River.

TIPS FOR YOUR WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS

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Jake Paleczny is passionate about two things: wildlife and education. Which makes his work as Executive Director of the Yukon Wildlife Preserve a very good fit. When he's not roaming about where the wild things are, he's helping others to have their own animal encounters. We asked Jake a few questions to help smooth the introductions for visitors who want to meet Yukon wildlife for themselves.

# When is the best time to see wildlife in the wild?

If I had to pick a time of day, I'd say in the transition times between night and day when many animals are more active. But the best trick if you want to see wildlife is just to spend lots of time outside—watching, looking for signs, and reading the land.

# What animals are seen the most frequently in the Yukon wild?

Red fox

Mountain goat

Without a doubt, red foxes—and that's before you even leave Whitehorse! As you head into the wilderness, it depends where you go. If you're paddling the Yukon River, moose and beavers are frequently spotted. If you're headed to the mountain country of Kluane, odds are good that you'll see thinhorn sheep. As you head north into the Tombstone mountains and beyond, caribou sightings become more common.

# Aside from the Yukon Wildlife Preserve, what are some of the best spots to view wildlife?

There are many great spots around the Yukon, like White Mountain for mountain goats, Sheep Mountain in Kluane for thinhorn sheep, the Takhini Hotsprings Road for mule deer, any rivers for moose! And, of course, so much wildlife can be seen along roadsides.

# What should a person do if they come across a bear in the wild?

The most important thing is to stay aware of your surroundings and stay well away from bears. Never approach a bear to get a better look. If you are going to be recreating in bear country, make sure you have the knowledge and tools to stay safe.

# Do you have a memorable encounter with a wild animal you could share?

One of the most special experiences I've had was watching the release of a great grey owl we rehabilitated at the Yukon Wildlife Preserve. Watching it spread its wings and take flight into the snowy Yukon wilderness was a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

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# What part can visitors play in helping to keep the wild things of the Yukon wild?

When it comes to wildlife encounters accept the gift they are giving you. What I mean is that it's important to enjoy the experience, but don't be pushy. Give animals their space and leave them to do their thing.

# Want to guarantee a face-to-face meeting?

Visit the Yukon Wildlife Preserve to get up close and personal with Yukon species. **yukonwildlife.ca** 

# Imagine where your wheels can take you

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**days** — the Yukon was made for road tripping. Choose from one of the seven epic road trips mapped out in the pages ahead. Then set your GPS for adventure. Leisurely wind along scenic highways. Loop a few favourite drives together. With breathtaking vistas and inviting detours, you won't want the journey to end.

Klondike Highway. Martin Rudlof

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# STOCK UP & KEEP ON ROLLING

- Stock up on essentials in Whitehorse. The city has everything you'll need for whatever adventures lie ahead, including grocery stores, hardware shops, and clothing and equipment outlets.
- Fuel up before you leave larger communities and, basically, whenever you have the opportunity! Stations and services can be few and far between, especially when you head off the beaten track.
- Most Yukon highways are paved, but prep your vehicle for hard-packed gravel on the Top of the World Highway, the Dempster Highway, and all secondary roads. Stop by any Yukon visitor information centre for highway maps and road updates.



• With snow-capped peaks, frozen lakes, and frosty tree-lined highways, a Yukon winter road trip is a beautiful thing. It also requires preparation.

#### A few recommendations:

Change out your summer tires for snow tires. Brush up on your winter driving technique. Pack an emergency kit. Double check your head and tail lights — an absolute necessity in the darker winter months. Pack an extension cord for plugging in at night, and install a block heater to get that engine revving each morning.

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# WATCHING THE ROAD

- Along with Yukon's northerly setting comes permafrost. And with permafrost comes the frost heave — sworn enemy to the RV driver. Many frost heaves and road ruts will be marked by orange flags, but not all. Keep your eyes on the road and slow waaay down. For current road conditions and construction, check **511yukon.ca**.
- Watch out for wildlife, there's plenty around! Especially at dawn and dusk, Yukon's wild things come out to play. Keep your headlights on and your eyes peeled.
- During Yukon's long summer days, adventures start early and end late. Time can be deceptive and sleep patterns can go awry. Plan your drives to include regular breaks to avoid driving tired. There are enough beautiful pit stops along every route to make resting a pleasure not to be missed.

# SWITCH OFF & ENJOY THE RIDE

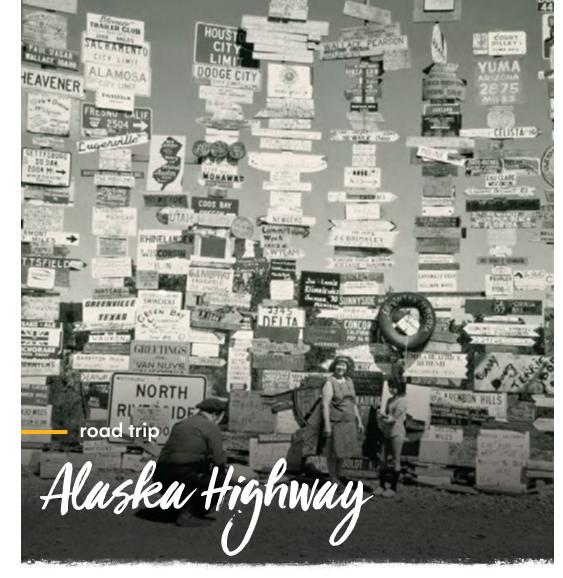
 Some Yukoners like to embrace the notion of digital detox and live off the grid, but we know a phone signal can be an essential service. Check with your phone provider that you are Yukon-covered, and be prepared for long stretches without cell coverage or wifi.

Get those music playlists in order before you set out, and accept that those Insta-worthy photos may not always be up in real time.

# YUKON NUGGET

# Ferry we merrily

With so many rivers crisscrossing our wild spaces, you'll find the occasional ferry. Passenger ferries cross the Yukon River in Dawson City, the Peel and Mackenzie rivers on the Dempster Highway, and at Ross River heading to the North Canol Road. Check current schedules ahead of time, especially at the start of winter freeze-up.



# Map out the details at travelyukon.com/alaska-highway

Starting in Dawson Creek, BC and winding all the way to Delta Junction, AK, the construction of the Alaska Highway was once called "the hardest job since the Panama Canal." Relish the wide-open spaces of this iconic route steeped in history, and tick off this bucket-list drive.

- Watson Lake Sign Post Forest Take a trip around the world without leaving Watson Lake. You'll find more than 80,000 signs tacked on to towering posts in this miniature maze. The forest started "growing" in 1942 when a homesick American soldier, one of 16,000 recruited to build the highway, erected an homage to his own hometown in Illinois.
- 2 Teslin Cross the Nisutlin Bay Bridge, the longest bridge on the Alaska Highway, and take in the beautiful views offered up by this lakeside community. Plan a guided boat trip to the Nisutlin Delta National Refuge, a major waterfowl staging area near Teslin.
- Whitehorse Reserve a couple days to enjoy all the capital city has to offer. Watch a show at the Yukon Arts Centre, take in the classic Main Street ambience, and explore the area's five regional parks.

#### Haines 4 Inction 3 Whitehorse 2 Teslin

Watson Lake

# DISTANCE

892 km (one way)

# REGIONS

Liard **p.40** Southern Lakes **p.46** Whitehorse **p.54** Kluane **p.68** 

# **TRIP TIP**

The road is easy driving, but don't rush the journey. Alaska may be in the name, but the Yukon is the main event.

ALL YEAR



Transportation buffs, don't miss the **Yukon Transportation Museum**, right on the Alaska Highway, next to the airport.

- 4 Haines Junction This little town is your base camp for wilderness adventure. Treat your taste buds at the alwayshopping Frosty's. Then tour the fascinating Da Ky Cultural Centre and learn the ancient significance of the land. Ready to explore? Get your maps and trail information right next door at the Kluane National Park and Reserve Visitor Centre.
- 5 Fishing So many lakes, so take your time. Pick from popular fishing spots like Kathleen, Mush, Bates and St. Elias lakes. Stop at Destruction Bay for great access to Kluane Lake. But before you drop your line, note that a special fishing licence is needed for Kluane National Park and Reserve.

Matson Lake Sign Post Forest. Yukon Archives/Flo Whyard fonds 84-43 #9



# DISTANCE

1,436 km (loop)

# REGIONS

**p.54** Whitehorse**p.68** Kluane**p.88** Klondike

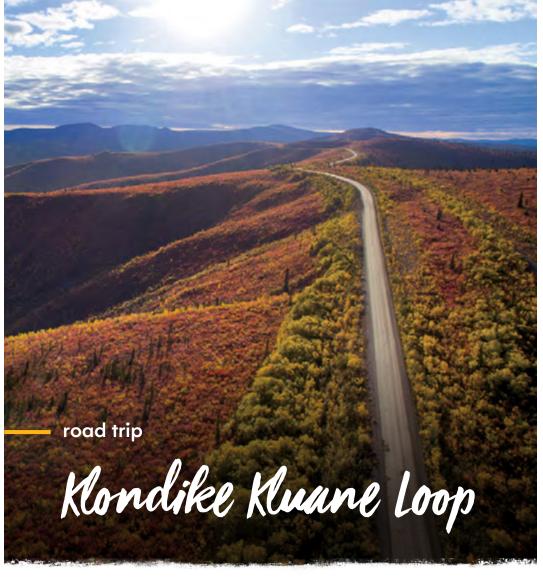
# **TRIP TIP**

Pack your passport, this tour comes with a side of Alaska.

# SUMMER



Cross frontiers and travel back in time. This road trip is the perfect history– nature mashup. Round up natural wonders, get down and dirty, and track historic journeys in one giant loop.



# Map out the details at **travelyukon.com/klondike-kluane-loop**

- **1** Tasty treasures We'll let you in on a Yukon secret. Not all treasures here are gold. Coffee break at Braeburn Lodge and take a bite (or twenty) out of the best (and biggest) cinnamon buns in the world. For lunch, stop for a hearty burger and a shake as creamy as they come at the riverside Coal Mine Campground in Carmacks.
- 2 The goldfields Explore the 1.5-km interpretive trail at the Discovery Claim National Historic Site. This is where gold was first discovered in 1896, triggering the Klondike Gold Rush. Find yourself amazed at how large-scale mechanized mining worked at Dredge No. 4 National Historic Site. Try your own hand at gold panning at Free Claim #6. Then gain the Indigenous perspective on the gold rush era with a guided tour of the Hammerstone Gallery at the Dänojà Zho Cultural Centre in Dawson City.
- **3 Top of the World Highway** The name says it all. Take the free ferry across the Yukon River at Dawson City onto a road atop a ridgeline, with views that go on forever. For an extra dose of spectacular, make the drive in early September when the landscape is ablaze in fall colour.
- 4 Kluane Lake It's a jaw-drop kind of beauty from the rocky beaches of the largest lake in the Yukon. Check at the Thechàl Dhâl (Sheep Mountain) Visitor Centre for local hikes and backcountry permits. In the spring and fall, scan the rocky cliffs for frequently seen Dall sheep.
- 5 Ruins of Silver City A short detour from Kluane Lake, the ruins of Yukon's largest ghost town are a crumbling reminder of Yukon's fickle, frontier past. The former trading post, roadhouse and Northwest Mounted Police barracks make for some great photo opportunities.



# Map out the details at travelyukon.com/campbell-canol-route

For an off-thebeaten-track experience, venture into one of the Yukon's least populated regions. This true wilderness drive offers solitude, a leisurely pace and all the fishing, hiking and camping you could ask for.

- Wildlife galore On less-travelled roads such as these, every turn is an opportunity to spot wildlife. Take it slow on the Robert Campbell Highway and be on high alert for signs of moose, bears, Fannin sheep and caribou.
- 2 Canol Suspension Bridge Walk the thousand-foot length of this historic footbridge over the Pelly River in Ross River. Take note of the concrete anchor blocks, painted by students of the Ross River school with their own and traditional Kaska First Nation designs.
- 3 Dena Cho Trail This ancient trail of the Kaska people leads from Faro to the community of Ross River for an accessible multi-day wilderness hike through otherwise untracked territory. Unique stone sculptures by local artists mark the start and finish of the route.



#### Watson Lake

#### DISTANCE

500–1,000 km

46

# REGIONS

Liard **p.40** Campbell **p.76** Klondike **p.88** 

# TRIP TIP

A summer ferry at Ross River gives access to the North Canol Road, a route reserved for the bold and the rugged. 4WD required.

#### THREE SEASONS



- 4 Faro Stay in this community of creatives and miners, where even the resident Fannin sheep have their own following. For those ready to soak up the great outdoors, start at the Campbell Region Interpretive Centre for fresh tips on everything from golfing to hiking to casting a line.
- 5 South Canol Road You have to take the rough with the smooth on this route. But if your suspension is up for it, the rewards are pretty wild. Gas up, check your spare, then spend a couple of days camping and embracing the area's peaceful magic. Fish at Quiet Lake, or paddle across subalpine Rose and Lapie lakes. Keep your speed down and your camera handy—this is moose country.

# DISTANCE

Whitehorse

Haines Junction

600 km (loop)

# REGIONS

p.46 Southern Lakesp.54 Whitehorsep.68 Kluane

# **TRIP TIP**

Pack your passport and plan ahead. For smooth transitions, check the border hours and the Alaska Marine Ferry schedule.

# ALL YEAR



Drivers, be warned. Dramatic landscapes will be competing for your attention as you journey past turquoise rivers and a tiny desert, across an ocean channel and international borders, and through towering mountain ranges.

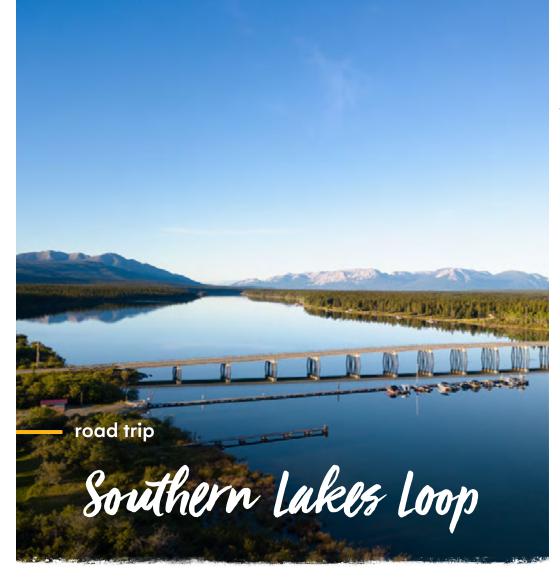


# Map out the details at travelyukon.com/golden-circle-route

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- Scenic stops With views aplenty, the photo opps are many. Take a selfie with Emerald Lake, then switch the camera to landscape-mode to capture Bove Island. Wind through magnificent alpine scenery and over the White Pass before descending into Skagway, AK. Pullouts along the way not only give you outstanding vistas, but also reveal the heroic and heartbreaking stories of the gold rush.
- 2 The White Pass & Yukon Route railroad Don't miss your chance to ride "The Scenic Railway of the World" on its legendary route. Your vintage passenger car will retrace the prospectors' original journey through panoramas of mountains, glaciers, gorges and waterfalls. Choose a tour option leaving from Carcross or Skagway, AK.
- Ocean breezes Watch for marine life from the sea-sprayed deck as you ferry from stunning Skagway, AK — a fun-filled and well-preserved gold rush town — to the picturesque fishing village of Haines, AK. As you re-enter Canada, pass through the spectacular alpine heights of the Haines Pass. From there, explore the seasonal First Nations fish camp of Klukshu Village and get your money's worth with a stop at Million Dollar Falls.

Kluane National Park and Reserve For outdoor lovers, this park will have you spellbound for a day, or three. Stop by the Kluane National Park and Reserve Visitor Centre and choose your own adventure in this UNESCO World Heritage Site. For the ultimate I-can't-believe-howawesome-that-was experience, take a flightseeing tour to see Mount Logan, Canada's highest peak.



# 395 km (loop)

DISTANCE

O Whitehorse

Atlin

Mount Lorne

# REGIONS

Southern Lakes **p.46** Whitehorse **p.54** 

## **TRIP TIP**

ALL YEAR

Detour to the honorary Yukon hamlet of Atlin, BC. With beauty, quirk and no cell service, it's a place to truly switch off.

Map out the details at travelyukon.com/southern-lakes-loop

This route offers easy driving through a landscape of deep blue lakes, coastal mountains and hospitable villages. Follow winding roads through a maze of waterways in this picture-perfect loop of Southern Lakes' finest.

- Mount Lorne Just a short drive from Whitehorse, this hamlet is happening. Meet the locals at a farmers' market. Take a drive down the gorgeous Annie Lake Road and paddle on peaceful Annie Lake. Hike Mount Lorne for a view from the top. And for an "only-inthe-Yukon" experience, don't miss the Annie Lake Wilderness Golf Course — emphasis on the wilderness.
- Carcross Walk the Carcross Heritage Complex, a cluster of historic structures, including some of the Yukon's oldest buildings. Picnic at the S.S. Tutshi multi-use sternwheeler interpretation memorial on the banks of the Nares River. Then drive five minutes north to Caribou Crossing Trading Post for some all-season dog cart rides, gold panning and family-friendly Yukon fun.
- Water play For boaters, birdwatchers and beachgoers, take some time to enjoy the surrounding lakes and rivers. Bennett Beach in Carcross routinely makes it onto Canada's best beaches lists. If fishing is more your speed, launch your boat at the Tagish bridge, then head down Six Mile River to Tagish Lake or north to Marsh Lake. Either way, it's classic Yukon vistas for as far as the eye can see.

4 Glacier flights Upgrade your view and take to the skies. From Whitehorse or Atlin, BC, grab a front-row seat and witness the grandeur of this breathtaking region. You'll feel oh-so-small as you near the Llewellyn Glacier at the south end of Atlin Lake. For some extra wow factor, try for an unforgettable glacier landing. Tuktoyaktuk, NWT

Inuvik, NWT

Eagle Plains

Dawson

# DISTANCE

919 km (one way)

# REGIONS

p.88 Klondike p.98 Northern & Arctic

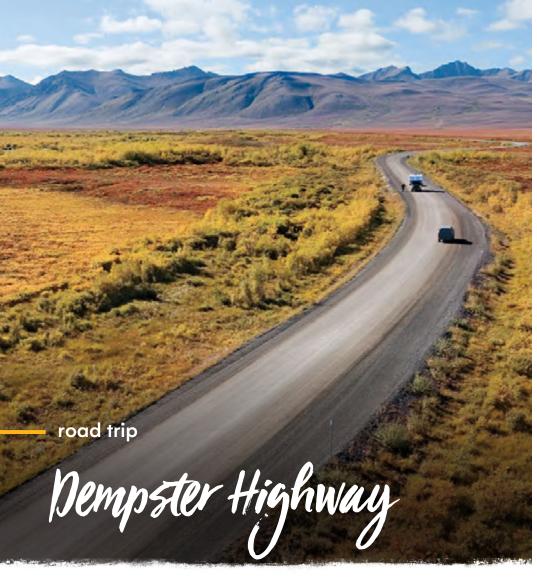
# **TRIP TIP**

The road is long, and the services few. Be sure to pack a spare.

# ALL YEAR



From mountain vistas to colourful alpine tundra to abundant wildlife, this truly memorable driving adventure invites you to slow down, take it all in, and prepare to be wowed on all sides.



# Map out the details at travelyukon.com/dempster-highway

- Dawson City In the home of the Klondike, past and present collide in eclectic wonder. Local living characters live side by side with a rollicking past. False-front buildings and wooden boardwalks take you back in time. And fine dining and modern-day fun are served up daily.
- 2 Tombstone Territorial Park The area's Hän name, Ddhäl Ch'è Cha Nän, means "ragged mountain land." Its subarctic peaks and valleys offer outstanding hiking and endless scenic vistas. Stop at the Tombstone Interpretive Centre for the latest on wildlife sightings and trail conditions.
- 3 Take a hike The Tombstones are known as the "Patagonia of the North," and hiking doesn't get any better than here. Lace up the boots and try the popular Goldensides Trail for an easy 1.5-hour walk with photo-worthy views.

Or try the more challenging but equally popular **Grizzly Ridge Trail**. An hour in you'll be rewarded with a view of Mount Monolith at the end of Grizzly Valley.

- 4 The Arctic Circle When you reach latitude 66° 33' (otherwise known as the Arctic Circle), it's time to break out the champagne and pose for the proofyou-did-it photo. Absorb the moment while you savour the sweeping views of the Richardson Mountains.
- 5 The Arctic Ocean For road trippers wanting to journey all the way north, this one's for you. Built in 2017, the Inuvik– Tuktoyaktuk Highway is the first all-season road to reach the polar shores of North America. While in Tuktoyaktuk, take in Pingo Canadian Landmark, a natural wonder to behold.



Map out the details at travelyukon.com/explore-the-silver-trail

Trade the typical touristy hot spots for hidden-gem communities and unexplored alpine vistas. Home to the lesser known silver "rush," this drive is rich in minerals, colourful characters, and unexpected treasures.

- Culture in community Stretch your legs along the scenic riverfront boardwalk in Carmacks. Then stop in at the Tagé Cho Hudän Interpretive Centre to see the world's only mammoth snare diorama. Take another breather at the quiet community of Pelly Crossing, home of the Selkirk First Nation. Drop by **Big Jonathan House Heritage Centre** and discover unique artifacts and local artwork.
- 2 Devil's Elbow wetlands Just south of the highway between Stewart Crossing and Mayo is prime moose calving grounds, a permanently protected habitat. Hike a short 750-metre elevation trail to a viewpoint overlooking the Stewart River wetland – part of the Traditional Territory of the First Nation of Na-cho Nyäk Dun.
- 3 Mayo Learn the history of the silver miners and the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun at the offbeat and awesome Binet House Museum. Stroll the riverfront along the Prince of Wales Trail, part of the Trans Canada Trail that stretches across the country. Then go for a deep dive (literally) at the popular recreation spot of Five Mile Lake, one of the Yukon's warmest lakes.

3 Mayo

Pelly Crossing Carmacks

Stewart Crossing

DISTANCE 287 km (one way)

> REGIONS Silver Trail p.82 **TRIP TIP**

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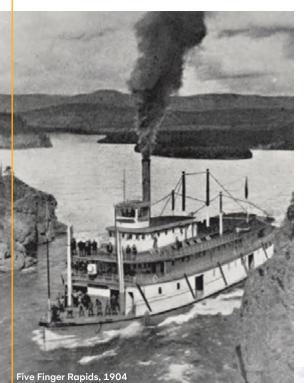
ALL YEAR

Keno City The authentic northern mining vibe is still in the air in this tiny hamlet. Pick up the Keno Walking Tour guidebook at the Alpine Interpretive Centre and explore this quaint and quirky community. (Did I just pass a house made of beer bottles?) Wrap the day at the Keno City Hotel and mingle with the old-timers, miners and artists who still call this place home.



2 North Klondike Highway, Km 380

Once upon a Klondike past, the infamous Five Finger Rapids posed a significant obstacle for gold seekers. Today they churn up a mighty good tale and provide a picturesque view for your roadside picnic. Take the 229 steps to the clifftop platform overlooking the rapids, and reflect on wilder days gone by.





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# **STEERING BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE**

# Five fingers, one guess

At the turn of the century, in a race against time, eager, would-be prospectors cobbled together homemade boats and rafts to make the 1,300-km journey from Lake Bennett to Dawson City. Named for their five channels, or fingers, the rapids presented the Klondike stampeders with a harrowing decision. Only the finger on the farthest right would provide safe passage, same then as it is today. Of course, not everyone knew that back in 1898. To avoid capsizing, the key was choosing wisely and navigating smartly. To prevent lives being needlessly lost to wrong decisions in ill-equipped boats, the Mounties often required stampeders to portage around the rapids altogether.

#### **Breaking the mould**

With the arrival of sternwheelers, new challenges required new engineering tricks. First, the problem of the rapids. A two-foot drop midway through was lifting the paddlewheels out of the water, causing the steamboats to lose power. The solution? Hook the boats onto a cable, then winch their way through the swift waters. A second challenge was the narrowness of the passage compared with the width of the vessels. For a time, pilots navigated between the unwavering rocks as best they could, frequently scraping sides across jagged edges. As a solution, over a period of years, the rock was repeatedly blasted with dynamite, widening the channel by six hull-saving metres.

# In the words of a stampeder

"A great barrier looms up a mile ahead — five great irregular blocks of reddish rock ranging across the river like the piers of a bridge — making two principal channels. That on the left is growling ominously over the shallow rocks, so we turn to the right ... We turn our prow squarely for the middle of the cleft; a drop, a smash, a few quarts of water over the sides, and we are shot through into the fast current, without even looking back."

— E.T. Adney,

The Klondike Stampede of 1897–1898





People who like camping, love camping in the Yukon. Government-operated campgrounds deliver the experience you crave — places that are uncrowded, unspoiled, unbelievable. Choose from over 40 government campgrounds and 12 day-use recreation sites throughout the Yukon.







# FIRST COME Campground

You can't book your campsite ahead of time but, don't worry, neither can anyone else. This gives you the freedom to make and change plans as the spirit of adventure leads. But take note spots closest to Whitehorse fill up quickly most weekends. Yukoners love to camp too! CAN'T BEAT THAT PRICE POINT

A night's accommodation for under \$20? Yes, please. Chop some wood (included in the price), set up camp surrounded by trees, then settle in for fun, fresh air and a whole lot s'more.



Yukon government campgrounds check all the boxes: picnic tables, campfire pits, firewood, outhouses and, most importantly, nature in surround sound. On top of that, many have picnic shelters and wheelchair-accessible facilities. In short, everything you want and nothing you don't.





# INDULGE Looking for power? Maybe a shower?

RV parks and private campgrounds are listed in each region, where applicable. Most offer showers, power, laundromats, stores, sani-dumps and wifi. Visit a local visitor information centre for a list of locations or go to travelyukon.com/ camping-rv-parks

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## Among Giants EXPERIENCE THE POWER & LEGACY OF GLACIERS

The formidable icefields of the St. Elias Mountains lie within Kluane National Park and Reserve in southwestern Yukon — remnants of massive ice sheets that once covered much of Canada.

Valley glaciers radiate from the central icefield, feeding mighty rivers that flow south to the Gulf of Alaska and north to the Bering Sea. These glaciers have advanced and retreated many times, working the land like gigantic bulldozers with each advance and massive dump trucks with each retreat.

### Come face to face with giants

Kluane National Park and Reserve, home to more than 2,000 glaciers, is cooperatively managed by Parks Canada, Champagne and Aishihik First Nations and Kluane First Nation. Come face to face with the cool breath of glacial giants, like the Nàtùdäy (Lowell), Kaskawulsh and Dän Zhúr (Donjek), by taking a multiday rafting or hiking adventure, a mountaineering expedition for the more experienced climber, or a flightseeing tour.

For day trippers who want to keep their feet on solid ground, ice-carved valleys and glacier views can still be at your boot tips. Hike less than a kilometre on the **Rock Glacier Trail** to a massive boulder field left behind by moving ice. Or spend a day summiting **Mt. Decoeli** and glimpse into the heart of **Kluane's icefields** and Canada's highest peak, **Mount Logan**.

Nestled within the glacial valley of the **Ä'äy Chù (Slim's River)**, experience the stories of the land and local culture through new exhibits and interpretive programming at the **Thechàl Dhâl Visitor Centre** near Haines Junction. You can even explore the park virtually with Google Street View. Whatever way you choose to experience it, prepare to be awed by these landscapes and the powerful, but threatened, masses of ice that shape them.

## Become a steward of tomorrow

Around the globe, glaciers are changing in unprecedented ways in response to climate change. The glaciers of Kluane are no exception. In the past 50 years, glaciated areas in the park have decreased by 20% and over 230 small glaciers have disappeared altogether. Over the course of a few days in the spring of 2016, retreat of the **Kaskawulsh Glacier** largely turned off the tap to the **Ä'äy Chù**, redirecting most of the meltwater to a completely different ocean — causing physical and biological changes downstream and impacting the way of life for local communities.

To be in the midst of these water-carved landscapes is to feel the immensity of geologic time, the minuteness of the human form, and the inspiration to take care of these special places. Canada's network of protected areas plays an important role in helping to mitigate the impacts of climate change by protecting and restoring healthy, resilient ecosystems. It is the personal connections with these places that create the stewards of tomorrow.



Visit **travelyukon.com/kluane-national-park** to start planning your trip to the largest internationally protected area in the world.



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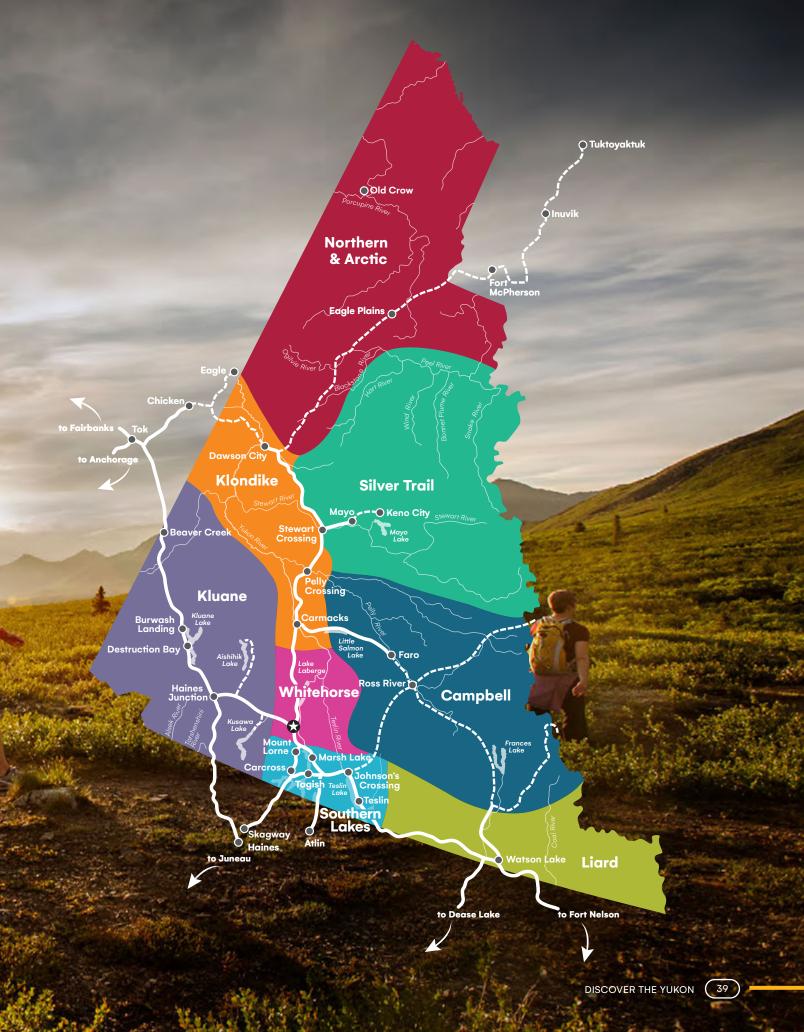
"It was sensory overload seeing these amazing glaciers wrap around these giant peaks. Hopefully, we can preserve this incredible place."

📵 @deanheliotis

# Eight extraordinary regions DISCOVER THE YUKON

In the Yukon, we walk to a different beat. You will too. Break from routine and connect with our vast wilderness and colourful communities. Hear eccentric tales, wow at natural wonders, and explore unexpected surprises in extraordinary places. Every region invites you to wander, let go and discover new experiences as individual as you.

Tombstone Territorial Park. YG/Cathie Archbould



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Leave your mark — literally. Wander in wonder through the **Watson Lake Sign Post Forest**, a maze of more than 80,000 signs giving shout-outs to hometowns from around the globe. Tack your own origin story to a sign post. Bring a sign from home or make one at the **Watson Lake Visitor Information Centre**.

Watson Lake Sign Post Forest. mtnmichelle





## LISTEN

Enjoy a siesta to the soothing soundtrack of rushing waters. Choose from two popular recreation sites in the scenic Rancheria River valley. At **Rancheria Falls**, follow a short boardwalk lined with interpretive signs to the waterfalls. Or picnic by the clear bubbling waters of **Morley River**, with good fishing and a walking trail to the water.



## GAZE

Prepare to see the night sky in a whole new light. The Yukon is world-renowned for **aurora adventures**, and early fall to spring is your best shot at seeing the real thing. But when the Yukon skies swap northern lights for midnight sun, the **Northern Lights Space and Science Centre** is the next best thing. Hear the legends, learn the science, and be awestruck by the beauty as the aurora borealis dance across a panoramic video screen in a domed 100-seat theatre.





## TOUR

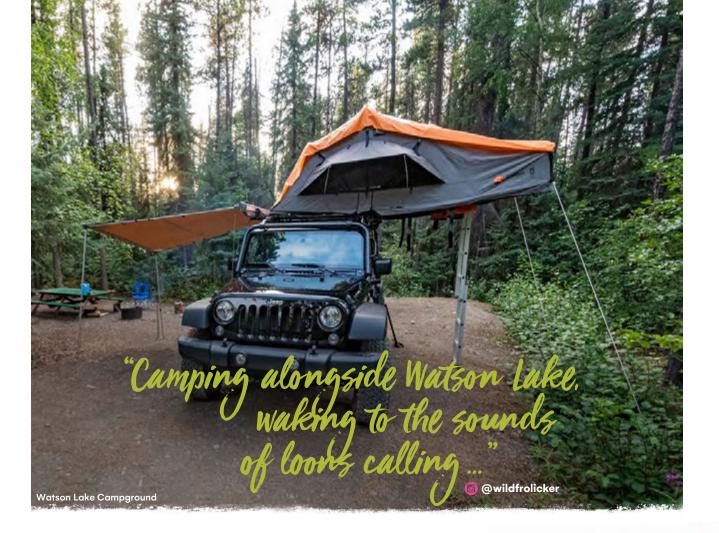
Spend some time in **Watson Lake**. Stop by **Wye Lake** to birdwatch, relax in the park (there's a playground for the kids), and walk the 2.5-km boardwalk loop. Pick up local art and homegrown treats at the **Farmers' Market** each Saturday. Just outside of town, visit **Lucky Lake** for a swim and a slide on one of the only outdoor waterslides North of 60. Then hike the forest trail down to the fast-flowing river for a view of the **Liard River Canyon**.

## SOAR

Fly back in time to the Watson Lake Airport, where the original **BC-Yukon Air Service hangar** still stands, the last of its kind in Canada. Handsome and aging well, the military hangar loves to pose for pictures. Right next door is the log-sided **Watson Lake Air Terminal Building**, built in 1942 as a refueling station for US military. View photo exhibits of this critical time in history. You can almost picture war planes parked on the runway outside.



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## **ADVENTURE**

In the southern corner where the river rules, the Liard First Nation holds a deep connection to the land. And when it comes to Yukon wilderness, this region boasts an embarrassment of natural riches. Check in with local outfitters for an authentic Yukon hunting experience, or stay at an exclusive fishing lodge launching from the Watson Lake area. If it's remote adventure you're after, just ask. Liard will deliver.



### A SIDE OF WILD Bison on the side

A little south of Watson Lake are the roaming lands of the wood bison herd. Keep your eyes open, your camera ready, and your wits about you. These formidable mammals love to graze along the Alaska Highway.





#### WATSON LAKE AREA

#### **Bia Horn Hotel**

Family owned and operated, quiet, very clean, wifi, satellite TV, flat-screen TV, fridge, coffee pot, all queen beds, two Jacuzzi rooms, kitchen suites, wheelchair-accessible room. We consistently have the lowest rates. Smiles are free! \$139-\$165



#### Cedar Lodge Motel

Clean, comfortable rooms, centrally located away from the hustle and bustle of bars. Wifi, satellite TV, telephone. Parking for all sized vehicles. Shuttle to airport available. Trails and fishing nearby. Repeat customers are our speciality. \$145-\$160

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#### **Northern Beaver Post Cottages at Nugget City**

Super clean, smoke-free private cabins with private baths. Jacuzzi suites available. Satellite TV, fridge, coffee, hair dryer, wifi to four cabins. Walk to lake, wildlife and fishing. Twelve sleeping rooms from \$69 and up. 24-hour gas and diesel. Licensed restaurant. Off-season rates. Horse corral with cabins. \$149-\$275



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#### WATSON LAKE AREA

#### Archie's Diner s

Right downtown! We offer hamburgers, veggie burgers and wraps, pizza, fish and chips, sandwiches, stir-fry, homemade soup, ice cream, milkshakes and more! Alcohol is not available. Eat in or take out. 805 Frank Trail (867) 536-2646 atannock@hotmail.com

#### Wolf It Down Restaurant and Bakery at Nugget City \$\$

Enjoy beer and wine with your home-cooked meal. Specializing in steaks, buffalo burgers, fish and chips, BBQ ribs and spaghetti. Bakery with fresh bread and pies. Liquor to go. Patio, dining room for groups/buses. Fifteen minutes west of Watson Lake (867) 536-2307

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#### RV Parks & Private Campgrounds ŝ Ņ internet access full hook-up 5 showers store laundromat pull-through sites 50 61) 30 or 50 amp 📚 boat launch 0 sani-dump

#### WATSON LAKE AREA

#### **Baby Nugget RV Park at Nugget City**

90 serviced, pull-through sites and 45 dry, 15/30/50 amp, cable/satellite TV. Fishing, birdwatching and hiking trails. RV wash, laundromat, tire repair. Cabins, restaurant, gift shop, wifi, 24-hour diesel and gas. 10% off for Good Sam.

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#### **Downtown RV Park**

Close to all amenities. Centrally located. Good Sam Park. Wifi. Car wash area available. AAA approved. 10% discount for Good Sam and AAA. Gift shop. Big rigs up to 105 feet.

Downtown Watson Lake (867) 536-2646 atannock@hotmail.com



More Campgrounds

Campgrounds operated by the Government of Yukon can be found on page 35. Pick up A Guide to Camping in Yukon online or at any visitor information centre. yukon.ca/camping



#### LIARD AREA

#### **Grizzly Creek Lodge**

Remote, fly-in fishing at its finest. World-class fishing trips and wilderness cabin rentals in the heart of southeastern Yukon. Get ready for the trip of your lifetime. (967) 399-3791 grizzlycreeklodge.com



#### WATSON LAKE AREA

#### **Northern Beaver Post Gift Shop**

Moccasins, mukluks, jade, gold nuggets, souvenirs, tees, clothing, books and true story of family gold mine book. Making your dollar go further this year, up to 70% off selected merchandise. Don't miss us. Km 1003 Alaska Highway, Historic Mile 650 (867) 536-2307 nuggetcity.com



#### **Nugget City Gas and Service Centre**

24-hour diesel and gas, use Visa, Mastercard, Amex, or debit card. Cash sales available during restaurant and RV park hours. Tires and tire repairs done at Baby Nugget RV Park next door. Km 1003 Alaska Highway, 20 minutes west of Watson Lake (867) 536-2307 nuggetcityyukon@gmail.com

#### Watson Lake Visitor Information Centre

Operated by the Department of Tourism and Culture. Located at the junction of the Alaska and Robert Campbell highways. The centre provides a look at the history surrounding the construction of the Alaska Highway. In the Watson Lake Morgan Chaddock Recreation Centre located on Lakeview Ave., behind the famous Sign Post Forest (867) 536-7469 vic.watsonlake@gov.yk.ca

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Two Roads, One Destination

If you're driving up from the south, you'll have two choices of highway to bring you to the start of your Yukon adventure both beginning in British Columbia and converging in Yukon's Liard region. Two equally intriguing options, each with their own local champions and cheering squads. Here is what you can expect on each journey.

### STEWART-CASSIAR HIGHWAY

Rugged and wild, with a middle-of-nowhere vibe, BC's Stewart-Cassiar Highway twists and turns its way into the Yukon, making this route most suitable for smaller, more agile vehicles. Weave alongside clear lakes and rivers to a backdrop of endless mountain ranges and glacier views. Stay in quirky lodges or camp lakeside at an endless supply of striking locations. Just be sure to fuel up at every stop, as services are few and far between on this route. Wildlife is commonly seen from the roadside, so take the winding corners slow. This highway will set your pace for the voyage ahead.

For an offbeat detour, visit the town of Stewart, BC and the neighbouring Salmon Glacier. Or take a float plane over the wild plains of the Muskwa-Kechika Management Area, otherwise known as the "Serengeti of the North."

"I thought every dark patch was a bear, every other time I was right." © @helpmewander

## ALASKA HIGHWAY

**Iconic and formidable, with its own monument to boot,** the Alaska Highway is an engineering marvel, an historic journey, and your most direct gateway to the Yukon. Starting in Dawson Creek, BC, this highway is suitable for all vehicles and popular with RV travellers, with enough towns, services and sights to make your road trip a breeze. Camping options and provincial parks dot the road up to the Yukon border, and wide-open vistas beckon at every turn. Be sure to stop for a soak in the Liard River Hot Springs—the perfect unwind after a long day's drive—for your adventure is just beginning.

**Enjoy scenic stops** all along your route, like the spectacular Sikanni Chief Falls, the aptly named Summit Lake in Stone Mountain Provincial Park, and the azure colours at Muncho Lake Provincial Park.

"Make sure you stop at Muncho Lake. The emerald colour is astoundingly beautiful." @ @wander\_hoor



## An endless loop of picturesque exploration

# SOUTHERN LAKES

Trainspotters, be sure to watch the tracks. **Carcross** is the end of the line for the vintage **White Pass passenger coaches**, en route from Skagway, AK and Fraser, BC. Carve out time for this Carcross/Tagish First Nation community and be richly rewarded with surreal landscapes, a thriving arts scene, and an artisan marketplace.

Carcross. YG/R. Postma



## CAST

Marsh Lake, 20 minutes south of Whitehorse, is perfect for getting out on the water. Rent a boat and gear from Whitehorse, or hire a guide to take you to where the fish are. From lake trout and Arctic grayling to northern pike and whitefish, they're out there! On the Atlin Road, smaller lakes offer big rewards. Bring a canoe or small boat and explore the fish-full waters of Little Atlin, Snafu and Tarfu lakes.









#### INDULGE Diamonds in the rough

Who says you have to rough it in the wild? If you prefer your adventures with a side of gourmet feasting and fine linens, try the **Boréale Ranch** or the **Southern Lakes Resort**—two of many wilderness retreats that don't skimp on the pamper-me extras.

SOUTHERN LAKES

## DETOUR

Take a not-to-be-missed side trip aboard the **White Pass & Yukon Route** railway from Carcross along the shores of beautiful Lake Bennett to the abandoned townsite of Bennett, BC along the Chilkoot Trail. It's historic, picturesque and a must-do for all rail fans. For another worthy side jaunt, discover the calming allure of **Atlin, BC**. Drift out on the stunning waters of **Atlin Lake**. Take a dip in the **warm springs**. Stroll the charming, historic streets. They call this hidden gem of a town "the little Switzerland of the North," and for good reason.

## MAKE TRACKS

The Southern Lakes is home to **Montana Mountain**, an internationally renowned mecca for mountain bikers. Rent a bike in Carcross and choose your trail. With over 40 kms of single-track to pick from, there's something for every ability. Warm up with Grouse, ride the plateau of Wayne's World, or go the distance with Mountain Hero. If the wild, rugged trails don't take your breath, the views most definitely will.

## LEARN

Connect with the Teslin Tlingit people in the picturesque town of **Teslin**. Start with the **George Johnston Museum**, named after the venerated Tlingit Elder, trapper, fur trader, and entrepreneur. Artifacts and photos open a window to this First Nation's rich past and dynamic present. Close by is the **Teslin Tlingit Heritage Centre** where you'll find cultural and historical interpretive displays and beautifully handcrafted masks.







## **IMMERSE**

As you enter Carcross, you'll see seven traditional totem poles looming large before the **Haa Shagóon Hídi**, one for each of the six clans in the Carcross/ Tagish First Nation and one story pole. Further into town, find the pride and culture of the community on full display in the totem poles and building art throughout the **Carcross Commons**. Visit the **carving shed** for an inside look at how master carver Keith Wolfe Smarch creates these totems, and the stories from which they come.





#### A SIDE OF WILD Keeping the caribou crossing

Carcross was formerly known as Caribou Crossing, as large numbers of woodland caribou migrated through the region. Thanks to conservation programs between the government and First Nations, there are three herds still roaming the Southern Lakes area.

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Expect snap-worthy scenery, geological wonders and shopping galore on this oneday ramble through the soul of the Yukon.







# Look into the past, savour the present

It's hard to miss the "pink store." Established in 1909, **Matthew Watson General Store** is the oldest operating store in the Yukon, and a popular ice cream pit stop for the young at heart. Walk in and feel like you're entering an era gone by. Walk away with a Yukon souvenir in one hand and a double-scoop in the other. 

## Pull out the camera

A short drive from Whitehorse, make your first stop the startling colours of **Emerald Lake**. Then a few minutes further up the road, encounter the **Carcross Dessert**, affectionately known as "the world's smallest desert." Race down sand dunes surrounded by snow-capped mountains. You have to see it to believe it.

Art House Carcross

## Espresso yourself

Pick up an espresso and some fresh baking from **Caribou Crossing Coffee**. Shop the lively **Carcross Commons** with its treasurefilled boutique huts and marketplace vibe. Then cross the tracks to the **Art House Carcross**, a contemporary collection from established Yukon artists.

## Get into nature

For high-flyers and trailblazers, Montana Mountain beckons. Rent a bike or pull out your hiking shoes. Prefer to stay in your summer sandals? Grab a map at the Carcross Visitor Information Centre and take a self-guided walking tour of the town's many historic buildings. Wrap up the day on the soft white sands of **Bennett Beach** with a view that defies description.

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Each of the 14 First Nations of the Yukon has a story as old as time. Pause in your journey. Ask questions. Share in our stories, lessons and laughter.



## CARRY IT WITH YOU

#### **PASSING THROUGH**

Bring home a piece of First Nations art. In each community, local artists display and sell their work at First Nations cultural centres, museums and galleries. You can also purchase from many private retailers, including **Skookum Jim House** in Carcross, **Bear Paw Music and Gifts** in Whitehorse and Carcross, and **Northern Cultural Expressions Gallery, North End Gallery, Unorthodox** and the **Indian Craft Shop**—all in Whitehorse. Or you can shop

in Whitehorse. Or you can shop for Indigenous art online at **YFNarts.ca**.





#### AFTERNOON FINDINGS

**First Nations cultural centres** throughout the territory showcase our diverse heritage. They are the perfect places to experience the hospitality and unique traditions of our people. For an outdoor immersive experience, spend a few hours at Long Ago Peoples Place in the Traditional Territory of the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations. Enjoy a fully guided interpretive tour through a recreated village, where you will hear stories and experience what life used to be like for the Southern Tutchone of central Yukon.



## CELEBRATE WITH A FESTIVAL

#### WEEKEND IMMERSION

Join us at one of our many gatherings or festivals, including Moosehide Gathering downriver from Dawson City, Haa Kusteeyí Celebration in Teslin or Carcross, the Da Ky Nän Ts'étthèt Dance Festival in Haines Junction, the Mayo Arts Festival, and the Blue Feather Music Festival in Whitehorse. Our largest gathering is the Adäka Cultural Festival held every summer in Whitehorse. With over 40 hands-on workshops, live performances and cultural presentations, this world-class festival offers something for everyone to learn from and enjoy.



To learn more about our renowned artists, inspiring experiences and cultural centres, visit **yfnct.ca** 





#### ATLIN AREA

#### **Glacier View Cabins/Sidka Tours**

GUTEN TAG! Cozy log cabins with a tremendous view over lakes, mountains and glaciers. All cabins have a kitchen and barbecue on the big porch. Reasonable rates. Canoe and kayak rentals. \$89-5145



(250) 651–7691 glacierviewcabins.ca



#### **Little Atlin Lodge**

GUTEN TAG! Comfortable lakefront guesthouses on Little Atlin Lake—one hour south of Whitehorse, one hour north of Atlin. Full kitchens, separate bedrooms, private baths. Boat rentals, fishing licenses. Reservations recommended. \$195-\$330



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#### **CARCROSS AREA**

#### **Chilkoot Cabins**

Located in downtown Carcross, behind the Caribou Hotel. Three rental cabins each include a queen bed, satellite TV, bathroom with tub/shower, mini fridge, kettle, microwave, coffeemaker and dishes. \$125-\$135





#### **Dunroamin' Retreat**

BONJOUR! iHOLA! Single lakeside cabin in a tiny artist community with a tree-house library, traditional sauna and Mongolian yurt. Simple breakfasts provided. Minimum two-night stay. Located one hour south of Whitehorse, 12 kms from Carcross, and 1.5 hours from Skagway. **\$140** 



#### Wheatonriver Adventure Ltd.

GUTEN TAG! Cozy cabins or bed and breakfast at Wheaton River. Mountains all around, solitude and nature. Excellent hiking, biking, canoeing or skiing. A log sauna invites every guest with a view of the mountains and the river. **\$60-\$145** 

Km 22.7 Annie Lake Rd. (867) 668–2997 wheatonriver.net



#### MT. LORNE AREA Gray Ridge Lodge

This luxury cabin is a great rental for family and friends. Just 45 min drive from Whitehorse and nestled in the coast mountains right on Annie Lake. Private off-grid accommodations. **\$200-\$450** 

1130 Km 18 Annie Lake Rd.
(867) 333-4729
grayridgelodge.ca

### TAGISH AREA

#### **Southern Lakes Resort and Restaurant**

GUTEN TAG! Spectacular lakefront resort with beautiful, private log cabins right on Tagish Lake. Licensed restaurant, outdoor patio. Cabins for two, for your family and deluxe cabins. Canoe and kayak rentals, boat trips/snowmobiling and dogsledding. \$184-\$380





#### **TESLIN AREA**

#### Yukon Motel and Restaurant

All our rooms feature satellite TV and full bathrooms. Licensed restaurant with fresh baking. Off-sales and gas station. You won't want to miss our Northern Wildlife Gallery and souvenir shop! \$100-\$250

Historic Mile 804 Alaska Highway (867) 390-2575 yukonmotel.com



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#### **CARCROSS AREA**

#### Chilkoot Trail Sourdough Bakery \$\$

Located in a historic cabin built in 1921, the bakery features homemade soup, sandwiches, fresh baking and sourdough bread. The cabin was a family home in the 1930s and an RCMP barracks in 1959. Tagish Ave. (867) 821-6004 caribouhotel@northwestel.net

#### **TAGISH AREA**

#### Southern Lakes Resort and Restaurant \$\$

GUTEN TAG! Inspired by the lake, the sea and the North, our seasonal creations take you on a culinary journey at the headwaters of the Yukon River. Lakeside restaurant and bar, outdoor patio, licensed. Open May to October for lunch, dinner and events. 1702 Ten Mile Rd. (867) 334–9160 southernlakesresort.com

## Campgrounds

Campgrounds operated by the Government of Yukon can be found on page 35. Pick up A Guide to Camping in Yukon online or at any visitor information centre. yukon.ca/camping

#### NATURAL WONDERS A swoon–worthy spectacle

About 10% of all the trumpeter swans in North America stop at Marsh Lake during their annual spring migration. Witness this extraordinary gathering through the month of April at the popular **Celebration of Swans** at **Swan Haven Interpretive Centre**, just south of Whitehorse on the Alaska Highway.



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#### CARCROSS AREA

#### **Carcross Visitor Information Centre**

BONJOUR! GUTEN TAG! Operated by the Department of Tourism and Culture. Provides extensive information about one of the Yukon's most picturesque areas. Carcross Gateway Pavillion (867) 821-4431 vic.carcross@gov.yk.ca



#### **Caribou Crossing Trading Post**

Located in the picturesque Southern Lakes region of the Yukon, Caribou Crossing Trading Post is the premier experiential excursion site. There is something for everyone at Caribou Crossing! Km 109 South Klondike Hwy. (867) 821-4055 **cariboucrossing.ca** 



#### **Caribou Hotel**

This designated Yukon historic site is haunted by the ghost of Bessie Gideon. It was once owned by Káa Goox (Dawson Charlie), co-discoverer of Klondike gold. The Surly Bird Saloon is open seasonally. Dawson Charlie St. (867) 821–6004 caribouhotel@northwestel.net

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#### **Chilkoot Trail National Historic Site**

toll-free: 1-800-661-0486 pc.gc.ca/chilkoot



#### **Destination Carcross**

BONJOUR! Visit scenic Carcross. From its astonishing scenery—including the sandy Bennett Beach—to the Carcross Commons artisans' boutiques and the Montana Mountain worldclass mountain biking and hiking trails, Carcross will ravish all. Explore the historical downtown or stop by for dinner or a coffee while the kids are having fun at the playground! (867) 393–2356 destinationcarcross.ca



#### **Tagish Lake Kennel**

**BONJOUR!** Tagish Lake Kennel offers year-round dog mushing experiences for their guests. From multi-day dogsledding expeditions to hiking with huskies, we have something for everyone. (867) 332-2768 tagishlakekennel.com



#### MT. LORNE AREA Alayuk Adventures

**BONJOUR!** An authentic experience. Dogsledding in winter. Guided hikes or kennel tours in summer. (867) 668-2922 **alayuk.com** 



#### A Taste of Yukon Adventures Inc.

GUTEN TAG! Your Yukon dreams come true! High-end customized VIP tours for singles, couples, small groups and families. With your personal guide, discover our amazing Yukon! Great photo opportunities—lots of FUN! (867) 668-2883 tasteofyukon.ca



#### Wheatonriver Adventure Ltd.

GUTEN TAG! Our small, professional, family outfit offers exclusive one- to multi-day hiking and canoeing adventures. Long-time wilderness experience; customized trips are our best. We show you the best places! Km 22.7 Annie Lake Road (867) 668-2997 wheatonriver.net



#### TAGISH AREA Tagish Log Cabins & Furniture

A small, northern Canadian, eco-friendly company specializing in hand-crafted log cabins and furniture. Beautiful, unique pieces that will last for generations. 37 Tagish Estates Rd. (867) 399–3904 tagishfurniture@northwestel.net



#### **YUKON NUGGET**

#### Take a peek, if you dare

#### The Caribou Hotel in

Carcross is one of Canada's most famous haunted abodes, known for its long-standing squatter: the ghost of Mrs. Gideon. The Gideon family owned the hotel in the early 1900s. But while the original family members have moved on, many eyewitnesses claim Mrs. Gideon can still be seen inside, peering out the windows at passersby.



#### Yukon Bliss

Wild-picked, hand-crafted skin care products from locally harvested Yukon medicinal plants. Hand-painted face coverings and artwork. (867) 333-1053 **yukonbliss.ecwid.com** 

#### **TESLIN AREA**

#### **George Johnston Museum**

BONJOUR! See rare Inland Tlingit beadwork; brilliant ceremonial clothes; original WWII-era radio repeater station; and the story of a car in the roadless wilderness on an ice highway, RV parking and picnic area. Km 1244/Historic Mile 804/Actual Mile 776 Alaska Highway, 0.8 km northwest of Nisutlin Bay Bridge (867) 390-2550 gjmuseum.com



#### **Teslin Tlingit Heritage Centre**

The Teslin Tlingit Heritage Centre welcomes visitors to share in our Tlingit culture. Explore our exhibits, taste our homemade bannock and visit the gift shop for authentic Tlingit art. Km 1248 Alaska Highway (867) 390-2532 ext. 332 teslintlingitheritage.com



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# Fall in love with the Wilderness City

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GET VISIBLE

Discover a community that's loaded with charisma. Vibrant, energetic and entertaining — this small city has all the makings of a big one. Outdoor adventure, foodie flair, deep roots, and local colour found at places like the **Fireweed Community Market**, pictured here. With natural beauty and a great personality, it's easy to fall in love with **Whitehorse**.

Shipyards Park. YG/Cathie Archbould



## HEAR TELL

For a comprehensive view of the colourful characters and groundbreaking events that shaped the Yukon, visit the newly expanded MacBride Museum. A hive of activity, check for live demonstrations, art shows and storytelling year-round. Take a ride through boreal forest on the beloved "Loki" at the MacBride Copperbelt Mining Museum. Then head to church at the Old Log Church Museum. Built in 1900, you'll hear tales of Yukon's spirited history, including the legendary bishop who ate his boots!





## **SAVOUR**

Whitehorse is edging its way into foodie territory. For a satisfying sit-down, choose from character-filled brew pubs, contemporary fine dining and authentic cultural cuisine. If you're here in summer, food trucks to please every palate can be spotted at Rotary Park, along the waterfront and tucked into side streets throughout town.

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#### YUKON NUGGET The neighs have it

The city of Whitehorse got its name from Klondike gold seekers who thought the wild, frothing rapids of Miles Canyon resembled the manes of charging white horses.

Yukon Beringia Interpretive Centre. Uncover an ice-age world where mammoths and lions roamed the land bridge from Siberia to the Yukon. Then transport yourself to a slightly more modern age at the Yukon Transportation Museum for moving stories and some really cool planes, trains and automobiles. Including a restored DC-3 airplane on a rotating pedestal, the world's largest weather vane.

TIME TRAVEL

Trek back to a land before time at the



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## "I love events that bring us together."

Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre

## WANDER

Throw on your comfy shoes and take a **Heritage Yukon** audio walking tour of Whitehorse. Be it ghost stories, log skyscrapers or hidden art, this city is full of unexpected discoveries. Pick up a locally roasted cuppa from Midnight Sun Coffee Roasters or a Bean North blend from a neighbourhood café. Then take your lunch outside for some live music at Arts in the Park, held throughout the summer at LePage Park. Wander the shops until your soles need a break. Then take a seat at the waterfront wharf and watch the river go by. It's good for the soul.





## **ENGAGE**

Witness the revival, preservation and demonstration of the traditional and contemporary ways of life of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation at the **Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre**. The centre plays host to the annual **Adäka Cultural Festival** each summer, and offers cultural and historical exhibits year-round. To experience the beating heart of the Ta'an Kwäch'än people, spend time at the lake from which they take their name, **Tàa'an Män (Lake Laberge)**, 50 km north of Whitehorse.

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Prepare for creative discoveries, happy canines and warm plunges on this winter wonder of a day in Whitehorse.





### So mush fun

Book a half-day dogsledding tour with a local operator and experience a classic Yukon mode of transportation with man's best friend. Learn from mushers first-hand about caring for sled dogs. Then learn your "Gee! Haw!" (Go right! Go left!) and feel the rush as you drive your own sled. The best part? Watching the dogs in their element as they bound through gorgeous winter trails.





Lumel Studios



### Art on tap

In the Yukon, creative expression is all around. Browse the latest exhibitions of local and outside artists at the Yukon Arts Centre Gallery. If you want to take a piece home, try the downtown galleries of Yukon Artists @ Work and Arts Underground, or the numerous retail shops and galleries along Main and Front streets. If you prefer your art with some refreshment, find local art on the labels of many Yukon **local brews** – both the caffeinated and spirited varieties.



### **Rise and shine**

Start your winter morning with a warm glow at Lumel Studios. Watch the infectiously enthusiastic pros take on the fiery art of glass blowing and prepare to have your mind blown by their colourful creations. Now it's your turn! Transform 1,200°C molten glass into a take-home souvenir like no other.





As the night draws in, get yourself out to the **hot springs**, where the colder it is, the more magical it gets. Let the mineral-rich waters work their wonders, and be sure to keep your frosty eyelashes unstuck to scope for dancing northern lights above. If you time your visit right, you can even join in the antics of the annual International Hair Freezing Contest.





Known as the Wilderness City, Yukon's capital is a small city with a big backyard. So slip on your sneakers and start walking!

The Millennium Trail 🚳

No drive to the trailhead required! This scenic trail wends its way right through town. Ideal for all ages and abilities, this flat five-km paved trail loops around both sides of the Yukon River. Watch the impressive rapids flow beneath you as you cross the **Rotary Centennial Bridge**. Take a short detour to witness the seasonal migration of chinook salmon at the world's longest wooden **fish ladder**. Then cross the Riverdale bridge to finish the loop at the **S.S. Klondike National Historic Site**.



## Miles Canyon Nature Hike

Start at the popular 85-foot **suspension bridge** at **Miles Canyon** — a geological wonder known locally by First Nations as *Kwanlin*, meaning "running water through canyon." Take a guided hike to learn about the area's original First Nations fish camp, hear stories of foolhardy gold rush stampeders tackling the pre-dam rapids, and explore what was once **Canyon City**. Or feel free to strike out on your own, sans guide. Either way you'll be ambling alongside sharp granite cliffs above startling turquoise waters. Visit **yukonconservation.org** for interpretive hike dates and times.





More trails than time

The Whitehorse area has over 700 km of marked hiking trails (including 85 km of groomed crosscountry ski trails in winter). You'll run out of tread on your hiking boots before you run out of options.

Fish Lake Trail

A surround-scape of pristine clear waters and stunning views, the Fish Lake Trail begins at, you guessed it, **Fish Lake** — a 15-km drive off the Alaska Highway in Whitehorse. The approximately 2.5-hour climb is gradual, hitting treeline about an hour in. Soon you'll wind your way through alpine vistas and panoramic ridge views. A rewarding payoff for your cardio efforts.



Hike the Grey

View from the top

A popular hiking area, **Grey Mountain** is accessible right from downtown Whitehorse with many trails to choose from. If you have an off-road vehicle, motor your way to the top and hike from there. The views are stunning in every direction and a clear path leads you through the craggy alpine — particularly beautiful in fall. Insider tip: you may have to bushwack a bit, but the third peak rewards you with the best view.

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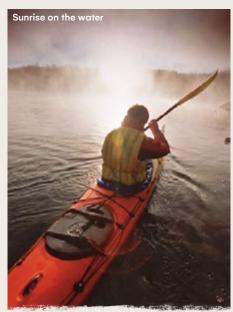
The longest river in Canada, with a watershed the size of Texas, the Yukon River was made famous by the Klondike Gold Rush of the late 1800s.

Discover the river, your way. Rent your choice of paddle board, canoe or kayak. Or pack yourself an expert guide and let someone else take care of the logistics. It's all about enjoying the peace of the river and connecting with the land, paddle in hand.



## SHORT ON TIME

For paddling newbies looking to test the waters, try one of these half-day paddles popular with the locals. Launch from downtown Whitehorse for an easy drift to the river's confluence with the Takhini River. Or put in upstream south of Miles Canyon and paddle through for pick-up at Schwatka Lake.



## a night in The Wild

Introduce yourself to the wild and camp under the stars in a onenight, two-day adventure. Start in downtown Whitehorse and pull out at Lake Laberge. Bring a rod for the fishing, a camera for the wildlife, and a sense of discovery for uncovering your own secret spots along the way.



## PADDLE Through

For a truly iconic Yukon adventure, launch from downtown Whitehorse and follow in the footsteps of the Klondike gold seekers all the way to Dawson City. If an 18-day paddle is more than you're looking for, start your journey at the end of Lake Laberge. Or, cut the trip in half and disembark at Carmacks. Either way, enjoy long, relaxed days, discovering echoes of history around every bend, tenting in shoreline alcoves, and spending cozy evenings by the double lights of campfire and midnight sun.

"Have you ever seen water so turquoise outside of the tropics? Hard to believe we're in the Yukon."

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For full journey details, visit travelyukon.com/paddling-the-yukon-river

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## Accommodations



#### WHITEHORSE AREA

#### **1st Choice Bed and Breakfast**

Affordable, chic, extraordinarily clean, ten minutes from airport. Breathtaking hiking trails nearby. Ensuite with private entrance or fully equipped separate apartment. Self-serve breakfast, highspeed internet with wifi, cable TV, DVD. **\$110-\$145** 





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GUTEN TAG! Comfort and class by the Yukon River valley. Sourdough cuisine, aurora viewing. Two-bedroom suite. Private bath. Jacuzzi, hot tub, multi-lingual host. Smoke-free. Discounts available. Free wifi. **\$95-\$125** 



#### **Beez Kneez Bakpakers**

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#### **Best Western Gold Rush Inn**

**BONJOUR!** iHOLA! The gold standard in hospitality with a convenient Main Street location in the heart of downtown Whitehorse. We're home to an Aveda Spa and the popular Gold Pan Saloon, now with a summer patio! \$175-\$255



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Prepare for wild places and amazing experiences as you discover the Yukon. Up for grabs? Prizes of placer gold from the Klondike.

#### Pick up your free **2021 Yukon Gold Explorer's Passport** at any Yukon visitor information centre. Then visit the attractions inside for your chance to win!

Learn more at travelyukon.com/yukon-gold

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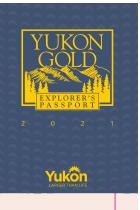




#### **Fox Bay Retreat**

BONJOUR! こんにちは Hidden away off-the-grid on famous Lake Laberge. Individual cabin stays all year long. Add a canoe, kayak or boat rental in summer or a snowmachine ride, ice fishing or dog mushing in winter. Two-night stay minimum. \$270-\$380





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6188 Sixth Ave. (867) 667-2255 Toll-free: 1-866-284-4448 **midnightsunbb.com** 



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northernlightsyukon.com

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こんにちは All rooms include A/C. Exceptional property, top-ranked on TripAdvisor. Free parking, wifi, Jacuzzi suites, king-size beds. Tony's Pasta and Seafood House serves Italian food for dinner. Quiet location. Non-smoking, pet-free. \$125-\$250

H&M	91622 Alaska Highway		
	(867) 456-2400		
	Toll-free: 1-866-799-4933		
	skkyhotel.com		
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#### **Stop In Family Hotel**

Full-service hotel. Laundromat, restaurant, clean and quiet rooms, wifi, air conditioning, wheelchair accessible, parking lot, close to shopping centre and the Yukon River, reasonable rates, friendly service. Smoke-free. **\$109-\$179** 





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GUTEN TAG! Enjoy your private cabin where every room has a view. Northern lights, midnight sun, close to Whitehorse. Photograph wildlife from your deck. Hot tub, sauna, walking trails, friendly Yukon hosts. \$150-\$295



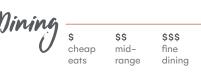


#### **Town and Mountain Hotel**

Centrally located in the heart of downtown Whitehorse, this 30-room boutique hotel offers air-conditioned, quiet rooms with king beds. Smoke-free, ample parking. **\$129-\$189** 

401 Main St. (867) 668-7644 townmountain.com





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#### **Hot Springs Campground**

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91091 Alaska Highway (867) 668-5944 Toll-free: 1-866-626-7383 **pioneer-rv-park.com** 

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#### **Robert Service Campground**

Walking distance from downtown Whitehorse, offering 23 drive-up sites, 45 tent sites and 2 group sites. All sites have a picnic table and firepit. Services include hot showers, bathrooms and firewood.

120 Robert Service Way (867) 668-3721 whitehorse.ca/campground



More Campgrounds

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### Experiences & Services

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#### Adäka Cultural Festival

At the Adäka Cultural Festival, you are more than just a visitor, you are a participant. Celebrate the 10th festival from June 25 to July 1, and join Indigenous artists from across the Yukon and beyond. 1–1109 Front St. (867) 667–7698 **adakafestival.ca** 



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#### Government of Yukon Wildland Fire Management

Wildfires are common in the Yukon from May to September. Follow Yukon Protective Services on Facebook and Twitter, and visit our website for the latest wildfire updates. Toll-free: 1-888-798-FIRE (3473) **yukon.ca/wildfires** 



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Unorthodox is a carefully curated shop full of unique and colourful items from Yukon, NWT, Nunavut and British Columbia. Located in the Horwoods Mall on Main Street. 100 Main St. (867) 333-6644 unorthodoxyukon.com



#### **Up North Adventures**

GUTEN TAG! An award-winning adventure travel outfitter based in Whitehorse, we have been helping people experience true wilderness since 1991. 103 Strickland St. (867) 667-7035 upnorthadventures.com



#### Whitehorse Who What Where Tours

Made in the Yukon. Safely open. NEW Hop-On, Hop-Off, day-tour offerings, custom-fit requests, or other transportation services. Meet a local. We operate year-round. Contact us! Call or text. (867) 333-0475 whitehorsetours.com



#### Whitehorse with a French Touch

BONJOUR! Free self-guided walking tour. Head off to discover untold stories in Whitehorse. Filled with photos, it will introduce you to various facets of Yukon heritage. Brought to you by the Association franco-yukonnaise. Available for free download using the BaladoDiscovery app for Android and iOS.



#### White Pass & Yukon Route

BONJOUR! GUTEN TAG! こんにちは iHOLA! 你好 The Scenic Railway of the World: this narrow

gauge railway was built in 1898 during the Klondike Gold Rush. Excursions from Skagway and train-motorcoach service between Whitehorse-Carcross-Skagway. 1109 Front St. (867) 633-5710, toll-free: 1-800-343-7373 **wpyr.com** 



#### Wilderness Weddings

Celebrate your romantic, adventurous wedding in the Yukon wilderness, winter or summer. Facebook/ AuroraBridalFaire or visit sheiladodd.com to book your unique Yukon wedding. Yukon-wide. (867) 633-5656 sheiladodd.com



#### Yukon Artists @ Work Gallery

**BONJOUR!** Yukon Artists @ Work Gallery is an artist-run fine art gallery featuring a wide variety of art styles and mediums. All artwork in the gallery is created by local Yukon artists. 4129 4th Ave. (867) 393-4848 **yaaw.com** 



#### Yukon Beringia Interpretive Centre

BONJOUR! Take a voyage into the past and learn about Yukon's ice age history. Explore fascinating exhibits and view the Centre's new film, Beringia: Crossroads of the Continents. Km 1423 Alaska Highway (967) 667–8855 beringia.com



#### **Yukon First Nations Arts**

Visit YFNarts.ca to purchase work by Indigenous artists from the Yukon. 1–1109 Front St. (867) 667–7698 **yfnarts.ca** 



#### Yukon First Nations Culture & Tourism Association

The Yukon First Nations Culture and Tourism Association (YFNCTA) is a non-profit organization that is committed to growing and promoting vibrant and sustainable arts/culture and tourism sectors. 1–1109 Front St. (867) 667–7698 **yfnct.ca** 



#### Yukon Fishing Adventure

BONJOUR! Yukon Fishing Adventure is specialized in all-season fishing adventures on several Yukon water bodies, in winter or summer, by snowmobile, boat or even in an amphibious all-terrain vehicle. 225–989 Range Rd. (867) 668–7231 yukonfishingadventure.com



#### **Yukon Horsepacking Adventures**

Journey on horseback into pristine Yukon wilderness. We offer horseback picnic rides, steak dinner rides, multi-day pack trips, cabin rentals, winter horse-drawn sleigh rides and short dog mushing adventures. Open year-round. Km 237 North Klondike Highway (867) 633–3659 **yukonhorsepacking.com** 



## Yukon Quest 1,000 Mile International Sled Dog Race

The Yukon Quest 1,000 Mile International Sled Dog Race from Fairbanks, Alaska to Whitehorse, Yukon is known as the toughest sled dog race in the world. Stop by our headquarters and gift shop for information on the race and to get decked out in swag! 2–1109 Front St. (867) 668–4711 **yukonguest.com** 



#### Yukon Rendezvous

Yukon Sourdough Rendezvous organizes an annual winter festival and year-round events in Whitehorse that bring people together and enrich the cultural, economic and social vitality of the territory. 900-4230 4th Ave. (867) 667-2148, toll-free: 1-888-386-6766 **yukonrendezvous.com** 



#### Yukon Spring Inc.

Producers of Natural Spring Bottled Water. Our water is infused with natural minerals that are unique to the Yukon, giving it a distinctive and refreshing taste. Our water truly is "A taste of the Yukon." Visit our website to find our products, services and local retail partners. 92281 Alaska Highway (867) 633–3877 **ykspring.com** 



#### **Yukon Tours**

Air, hotels, rentals, tours and custom travel options. We build amazing year-round packages suited to your dreams. Take the stress out of planning your trip and contact us today. We plan... and you escape. 212 Main St. (867) 668-5655 ext. 4, toll-free: 1-877-668-5655 ext. 4 **yukontours.ca** 



#### Yukon Transportation Museum

Come and experience big, impressive modes of transportation—dramatic, authentic and personal stories of Yukon ingenuity and self-sufficiency. Group tours welcome. 30 Electra Cres., beside the Whitehorse Airport (867) 668–4792 goYTM.ca



#### **Yukon Visitor Information Centre**

BONJOUR! Operated by the Department of Tourism and Culture. Located downtown on Second Avenue and Hanson Street. Enjoy the audio–visual presentations and displays on the Yukon. Open year-round. 100 Hanson St. (867) 667–3084 vic.whitehorse@gov.yk.ca



#### Yukon Wide Adventures Inc.

GUTEN TAG! こんにちは Visit our downtown location—20+ years experience offering canoeing, hiking tours and day trips. Equipment rentals and sales, transportation, quad tours and rentals, bike rentals. Winter Aurora Experience and Adventure Activity tours, snowmobile tours and rentals. 102 Lambert St. (867) 393–2111 **yukonwide.com** 



#### **Yukon Wildlife Preserve**

Experience the great wildlife of the North in their natural habitat. Join a guided bus tour or explore at your own pace. Whichever you choose, you can bet on seeing native animals like lynx and moose. Km 8 /Mile 5 Takhini Hot Springs Rd. (867) 456-7400 or (867) 456-7300 **yukonwildlife.ca** 



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## OOH & AAH

Pull out the camera at **Destruction Bay** to capture the vast expanse of **Kluane Lake**. A little further up the road, uncover ancient geo-history at the **Kluane Museum of History** in **Burwash Landing**, along with world-class wildlife exhibits. Admire tools, weapons and clothing from the Southern Tutchone people of the Kluane First Nation, and purchase locally made crafts at the gift shop. Got a big rig? Parking is no problem here. Just watch for the **world's largest gold pan**, located next to the museum.





## **GET SET**

On the edge of one of the planet's most beautifully wild places is **Haines Junction**, your base camp to the great outdoors. To make the most of your stay in Kluane, it's best to make a plan. Whether your interest lies in flightseeing, raffing, hiking, backcountry camping, skiing or scenic drives, the friendly staff at **Kluane National Park and Reserve Visitor Centre** and the **Thechàl Dhâl (Sheep Mountain) Visitor Centre** can help. They'll get you set with route maps, adventure tour options and trail conditions to prepare you for exciting days ahead.





## **TREASURE HUNT**

The historic Alaska Highway has countless places with a story to tell, and **Beaver Creek** is no exception. Seek out the wisdom of the White River First Nation as they continue to preserve an ageless tradition of respecting the land—an area with archaeological evidence that dates as far back as 10,000 years. For more hidden surprises, ask for Sid at the **Beaver Creek Visitor Information Centre**. He will guide you round his home, also known as the **Bordertown Garage and Museum**, a collection of random antiques and memorabilia gathered through the Yukon ages. You don't want to miss it.

## INNOVATE

Spend time at the **Da Kų Cultural Centre** exploring the vibrant language, culture and traditions of the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations. This innovative house hosts guided tours and campfire talks, and is home to traditional artwork and artifacts. Learn about dän—our people, dän kéyi—our land, dän ke—our ways, and Dàkwanjè (Southern Tutchone)—our language.





## **KICK BACK**

If you want to enjoy the scenery without too much effort, load up on picnic supplies at the **Village Bakery** and head to the day-use section of **Kathleen Lake**, a lovely Parks Canada campground. Stroll the **Kokanee Trail**, a 0.5-km wheelchairaccessible interpretive boardwalk that skirts the shores. A spacious day-use shelter and picnic area afford incredible views of the lake and dramatic mountain peaks.



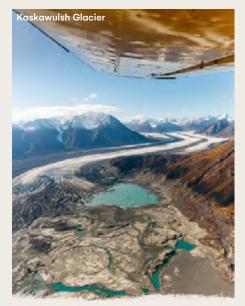




#### INDULGE Glamping, Yukon-style

Reserve a Parks Canada oTENTik to add some creature comforts to your camping adventures. Tucked into the trees of Kathleen Lake Campground, these A-frame prospector tents supply cozy mattresses, heating stoves, and plenty of living space.

## Experience Kluane National Park and Reserve



## BY AIR

Kluane's epic scale can only be truly appreciated from above. Take a flightseeing tour and view the spectacular peaks of the St. Elias Range. Land on a massive icefield and confront the king of these giants, Canada's highest peak, Mount Logan. Be one of a fortunate few to come face to face with glaciers, such as the Kaskawulsh and Donjek, those ancient highways of impossibly deep blue ice. The opportunity to soar above this vast landscape can be life changing. Air tours take flight from Haines Junction, Burwash Landing and Whitehorse, your gateways to cloud nine.



## BY LAND

Kluane National Park and Reserve is a dream hiking destination. The hardest part is choosing which trail to hike! Make your first stop the Kluane **National Park and Reserve Visitor** Centre, housed within the Da Ku Cultural Centre. Staff can help you plan your visit and provide trail recommendations and current conditions. For an easy hike, try the St. Elias Lake Trail. For a full-day experience, the popular Auriol Trail is a good option. Curving 15 km into the mountains of the Auriol Range subalpine, take a bonus two-km offshoot to gain outstanding mountain views. Higher route options such as King's Throne or Sheep Creek Trail supply strenuous climbs, but breathtaking rewards.



#### NATURAL WONDERS

The St. Elias Mountains form the highest coastal mountain range on Earth and include the St. Elias Icefields, the largest non-polar icefields in the world. With more than 2,000 glaciers, some over 100-km long and depths estimated to be 1.6 km, that's billions of tonnes of ice, and a whole lot of big.

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## BY WATER

Perhaps you prefer to go with the flow. With storied rivers and thrill-a-minute white water, rafting here is like a waterpark without the lineups. Longer river journeys take you through some of the most peaceful places on Earth. On the shorter runs, prepare to get a little wild. You won't have to get wet but, let's face it, that's part of the fun. Take to the Tatshenshini, designated a Canadian Heritage River for both its cultural and recreational significance. Nicknamed "the Tat" by locals and paddling enthusiasts, this legendary river flows into the Alsek River on its way toward the Pacific Ocean in Alaska. Together, the Tatshenshini-Alsek has been listed by National Geographic as one of the top river journeys in the world-just imagine all the #humblebrag social posts you'll accumulate on this trip.



## Accommodations —



#### **BEAVER CREEK AREA**

#### **Buckshot Betty's**

BONJOUR! Nice cozy, private rooms with full bath and shower, satellite TV, fridge, microwave, and coffee machine. Campground for tents only, showers, cook shack with barbeque and a firepit. Small grocery store and gift shop. \$100-\$180

(867) 862-7111 buckshotbetty@hotmail.com



#### **Discovery Yukon Lodgings**

Nestled in the foothills of Kluane National Park and Reserve. Cozy log cabins and queen suites with private bathroom, fridge, microwave, coffee maker and barbecue. Heated Yukon wall tents are also available. Full-service RV sites. Home-cooked meals. Liquor license. Wifi available. **\$50-\$200** 



#### Ida's Motel and Restaurant

New rooms with king and queen beds, satellite TV, wifi, phones, private baths. Amenities: bar and off-sales, souvenirs, parking for RVs, wheelchairaccessible room, fuel services, pets welcome in fourplex. Buses welcome! **\$109-\$119** 



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#### HAINES JUNCTION AREA

#### **Carnivore Cabins**

Centrally located in Haines Junction across from the Village Bakery. Two clean and cozy well-stocked kitchenette cabins with satellite TV that share bathroom/shower immediately behind the cabins. A perfect home base for all your Kluane adventures! \$75-\$85





#### **Cozy Corner Motel**

Nestled at the base of the St. Elias Mountains at the gateway to Kluane National Park and Reserve. Modern clean units with private baths and showers. Home-cooked meals in our restaurant. **\$85-\$100** 

(867) 634 2511 cozycorner@xplornet.com



#### **Dalton Trail Lodge**

BONJOUR! GUTEN TAG! First-class wilderness and fishing lodge located at beautiful Dezadeash Lake, bordering Kluane National Park and Reserve. Fishing, hiking, river rafting, canoeing, mountain biking. Fine international cuisine. \$120-\$230



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#### **Glanzmann Tours and Cabins**

GUTEN TAG! Cozy log cabins are waiting for you! Immerse yourself in nature and unwind! Ideal for a weekend escape (two nights minimum stay). Open year-round. Explore Kluane Country on your own or guided. \$100-\$190



#### Haven in the Willows

Fully furnished, self-catered log home surrounded by over three acres of private property. Offers luxurious amenities and serene surroundings combined with stunning views of the majestic St. Elias Mountain Range. **\$275-\$345** 





#### **Raven's Rest Inn**

Quiet, comfortable rooms with private entrances and bathrooms, satellite TV, wifi, mini fridge, microwave. Non-smoking property overlooking the majestic St. Elias mountains. Gear rentals and gift shop. **\$125-\$209** 





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#### **BEAVER CREEK AREA**

#### Buckshot Betty's \$\$

Welcome to our unique restaurant and lounge. We have a full menu, a big beautiful outside deck, a gift shop and bakery. Wheelchair access. Thanks for being part of our day! Summer hours 7 am to 10 pm. Km 1871 Alaska Highway (867) 862–7111 **buckshotbettys.ca** 

#### HAINES JUNCTION AREA

#### The Village Bakery and Deli \$

Welcome to the Village Bakery and Deli, home of the sourdough cheese stick and the Friday night salmon bakes. We offer an extensive menu, a wide variety of baked goods, and a selection of coffees. 116 Auriol St. (867) 634–2867 villagebakeryvukon.com

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#### **BEAVER CREEK AREA**

#### **Discovery Yukon Lodgings**

A quiet, scenic RV park. 20/30 amp full-service, pull-through sites. Big rig-friendly. Grassy tent sites. Picnic tables and firepits. Cabin rentals and heated Yukon wall tents. Motorcycle and pet friendly. Wifi, showers and laundry.

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#### NATURAL WONDERS Grizzly versus black ·

## Grizzly versus black — what kind of bear is best?

When it comes to our berry-devoted neighbours, the bears, we couldn't possibly pick a favourite. That said, the bear that is "best" is always the one you're seeing from a safe distance. Here's a flurry of fun facts on all their furry glory. Grizzlies have an upturned nose, a hump on their shoulders, and the light tips of their long guard hairs give them a "grizzled" look. Black bears have a flat face profile, no shoulder hump and — contrary to their name — range from black to brown to cinnamon or even blonde!

Black bears and grizzlies, while not the same, demand equal respect and an abundance of caution. Be sure to stay bear-aware on all of your Yukon adventures.

### Experiences & Services



#### **BEAVER CREEK AREA**

#### Beaver Creek Visitor Information Centre

BONJOUR! Operated by the Department of Tourism and Culture. Drop by and view the wildflower exhibit and receive information on the Yukon. Open seven days a week May to September. Km 1871 Alaska Highway (867) 862-7321

vic.beavercreek@gov.yk.ca



#### **BURWASH LANDING AREA**

#### Rocking Star Adventures Ltd.

Flightseeing tours over Kluane National Park, the world's largest non-polar icefields. 110653 Airport Rd. Burwash Landing Airport (867) 841-4322, toll-free: 1-855-824-2528 **rockingstar.ca** 



#### **Tincup Wilderness Lodge**

GUTEN TAG! The famous Tincup Wilderness Lodge is situated right on the shore of Tincup Lake close to Kluane National Park in Canada's Yukon Territory. Surrounded by mile upon mile of unspoiled natural landscape, Tincup Wilderness Lodge enjoys a truly unique location. Kluane Area, north of Burwash Landing (604) 484-4418 **tincup-lodge.com** 



#### HAINES JUNCTION AREA

#### **Alsek Valley Hiking**

Alsek Valley Hiking offers guided walking tours and hiking trips in Kluane National Park and surrounding area. Trips range from half-day to multi-day expeditions. We cater to all abilities! 181 Alaska Highway (867) 334-0247 **alsekvalleyhiking@gmail.com** 



#### **Dalton Trail Lodge**

BONJOUR! GUTEN TAG! First-class fishing lodge located at Dezadeash Lake, bordering Kluane National Park and Reserve. We access more than 20 different lakes and rivers, target 12 species of fish, including trophy lake trout, huge pike, Arctic grayling, rainbow trout and salmon. Km 206 Haines Highway (867) 634–2099 daltontrail.com



#### **Dickson Outfitters Ltd.**

Over 100 years operating in the Yukon! Quality guided, remote fly-in options with pristine wilderness. Exclusive horseback hunting adventures for Dall sheep, Yukon/Alaska moose, grizzly/black bear. Check out fishing and trapline adventures. (867) 633-5456 **dicksonoutfitters.com** 



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#### Haines Junction Visitor Information Centre

Operated by the Department of Tourism and Culture. Welcome to our new information centre in picturesque Haines Junction. Featuring Yukon-wide travel information, arts and artisans! Open seven days a week May to September. Da Ku Cultural Centre on the Alaska Highway (867) 634-2345 vic.hainesjunction@gov.yk.ca



#### **Icefield Discovery Tours**

Flightseeing, glacier landings and icefield camp. Fly from Kluane Lake, follow Kaskawulsh Glacier, cross the St. Elias divide, land on the icefield beside the Mount Logan massif. Prices from \$300/person for one-hour flight or \$375 with glacier landing. Silver City Airport, Kluane Lake (867) 841–4204 **icefielddiscovery.com** 



#### **Kluane Glacier Air Tours**

GUTEN TAG! Spectacular! Fly the largest nonpolar icefields in the world, home of Mount Logan, Canada's highest peak. Depart from our base at the Haines Junction Airport, gateway to Kluane National Park and Reserve. Do it! Haines Junction Airport (867) 634–2916 kgat.ca



#### Kluane National Park and Reserve Visitor Centre in the Da Kų Centre

BONJOUR! Enjoy world-class exhibits, interactive displays, and "The Living Land" video which takes you into the heart of Kluane National Park and Reserve. Information on hiking and other activities, Xplorers kids booklets, overnight backcountry registrations, and Kluane National Park and Reserve fishing permits. (Open mid-May to mid-September) Da Kų Cultural Centre on the Alaska Highway (867) 634-7207 pc.gc.ca/kluane



#### Kluane National Park and Reserve Thechàl Dhâl Visitor Centre

BONJOUR! Situated on the Äräy Chù (Slim's River) valley, the visitor centre features exhibits, information on hiking and other activities, and overnight backcountry registrations. Dall sheep viewing opportunities are often possible in the spring and fall. (Open mid-May to Labour Day) Km 1649 Alaska Highway, one-hour drive north of Haines Junction (867) 841-4500 pc.gc.ca/kluane



#### **Kluane Point Kennel**

Kluane Point Kennel offers secure boarding for your fully vaccinated dog for one or more days in our heated indoor building with access to a one-acre dog park. Owners live on site. 2 Nayton Rd. (867) 332-2006 kluanepointkennel.com



#### **Mount Logan Expeditions Inc.**

BONJOUR! Mount Logan Lodge and Yukon Guided Adventures brings you the best of both worlds, amazing resort/lodge accommodations with great food and guided adventures. Our adventures are customized to our guests. 103084 Alaska Highway (867) 634-2817 mountloganlodge.com



#### **Shakat Tun Wilderness Camp**

Experience traditional Indigenous hospitality, hear our stories and learn about our people. Guest cabins, communal yurt. Immersive cultural programs for individuals and groups. Interpretive hikes, shore fishing and drum making. Transportation available. At Christmas Bay on Kluane Lake, 60 km north of Haines Junction (867) 332–2604 **shakattunadventures.com** 



#### **Taiga Journeys**

GUTEN TAG! Don't miss the highlights of Kluane National Park and Reserve. Join a small group guided by our local professional guide for day hikes with nature interpretation and wildlife viewing. We offer a scheduled one-week trip in various parts of the park. Or ask for a customized schedule! (867) 393-3394 taigajourneys.ca



#### **Tatshenshini Expediting**

BONJOUR! Offering whitewater rafting trips on Tatshenshini and Tutshi rivers for over 30 years. Multi-day excursions on the McNeil, Primrose, Alsek and Tatshenshini rivers are also offered. Raft, canoe and kayak trips, rentals and packages. Group rates and transportation services. (867) 633-2742 tatshenshiniyukon.com



#### **Whispering Trees Adventures**

BONJOUR! Travel off the beaten path into vibrant Indigenous culture and the Yukon wilderness. Hike or dogsled the frozen North's ancient trails, sleep in traditional shelters and make life-long memories! Km 1476 Alaska Highway (867) 668-1984 whisperingtreesadventures.com



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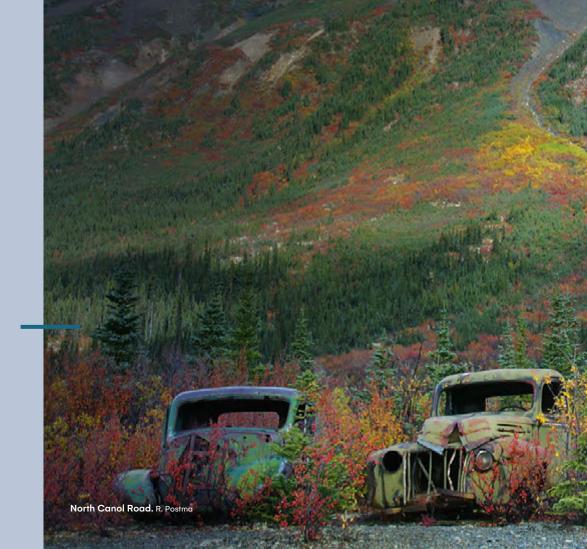
#### **Haines Visitor Center**

Haines, Alaska! Come explore all the adventures Haines has to offer including hiking, kayaking, fishing, wildlife and more. Or stroll through town to see all the local art created by Alaskan artists! (907) 766-6418 visit@haines.ak.us

## A true off-the-beaten-path adventure

# CAMPBEL

The Canol Road offers rich rewards for those with an adventurous spirit ... and a 4X4. Vintage WWII vehicles line the **North Canol** for a pictureperfect photo opp — especially when timed with a glorious Yukon-fall backdrop. For those not equipped for such rugged terrain, find similar-era jalopies at the start of the **South Canol**.





## HOOK

Whose turn is it to catch dinner? Rainbow trout, kokanee salmon and Arctic char are just some of the fish on the menu. To start, try the lively **Quiet Lake** and subalpine **Rose** and **Lapie lakes**. Or choose from over eight campgrounds located on excellent fishing lakes along the Robert Campbell Highway. Check with the **Campbell Region Interpretive Centre** in **Faro** for tips on local fishing holes and how to purchase your fishing licence.







## **TEE OFF**

Spend a long summer day on the unique and well-manicured nine-hole **Faro Golf Course**. The green is wide open to take in the rays and perfect your game. Or swing away at the **Driving Range "Shack."** Advance booking is recommended as the Shack is staffed by volunteers. If you fancy some competition while on Yukon turf, the annual **Faro Golf Tournament** is held in July.



## RAMBLE

For a true trek, venture onto the **Dena Cho Trail**, a 67-km multi-use recreation trail connecting Faro and Ross River, originally used by the Kaska First Nations. For something less rigorous, walk the popular and winding **Van Gorder Falls Trail** in Faro, highlighted by a viewing platform overlooking the waterfall. The **Faro Arboretum**, Canada's most northern botanical park, includes a 1.2-km loop trail. The Faro area is likewise an exceptional location to see the unusually coloured Fannin sheep, with a herd that gathers in the nearby mountains and cliffsides each fall.

## SPLASH

A popular playground for paddlers is the beautiful Lapie Canyon, near Ross River on the Robert Campbell Highway. Backcountry rivers, like the Pelly, also open up many kayaking and canoeing opportunities. Join a wilderness tour from Faro and Ross River to Pelly Crossing, or rent a canoe for a few days and go with the flow. But be prepared. The area is populated with numerous species of wildlife including moose, mountain goats, mountain sheep, wolves, grizzlies and black bears.

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## MARVEL

Check out one-of-a-kind pieces by local artist **Dennis Shorty** of the Kaska First Nation as he welcomes you into his studio in the beautiful area of **Ross River**. With works in antler, copper, horn, wood and acrylic painting, his artwork can be found in collections around the world. Book ahead for a one-on-one workshop and craft your own unique piece to take home.







#### A SIDE OF WILD My Oh Mye

Look to the skies as hundreds of thousands of sandhill cranes fly over Faro during the **Crane and Sheep** Festival each May. While the sandhill cranes only do a fly-by on their migration to Alaska, the Fannin sheep are full-time residents. Stop by the Mount **Mye Sheep Centre** to learn all about the local town mascots.







Surrounded by lakes and rivers, if you ever fancied yourself a fisher, this is the place to test the waters.

#### Whiskers Lake

Conveniently located just outside Ross River, you'll find rainbow trout and Arctic char aplenty here. Steep shores make this deep lake best for those with a means of getting out on the water. Locals say this lake is a good bet for ice fishing too.

#### **Pocket Lake**

Just off the highway between Carmacks and Faro, Pocket Lake stocks Arctic char and is an easy option for vehicle access and shoreline fishing. Perfect for showing first-timers the ropes.

#### **CAMPBELL AREA**

#### Frances Lake Wilderness Lodge

BONJOUR! GUTEN TAG! Unique lodge offers a true wilderness experience off the beaten track. Full-service lodge stay, self-contained log cabin rental, guided canoe and hiking trips. Small groups, remote area. Escape and enjoy! \$160-\$320





#### FARO AREA Faro Studio Hotel

All rooms are studio suites with full kitchen facilities and private bathrooms with tub and shower. Fully licensed lounge and restaurant. Off-sale liquor and beer. Satellite TV. Wifi. Laundromat. Wheelchair accessible. **\$140** 

Dawson Drive (867) 994–3003 farostudiohotel.ca



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#### **CAMPBELL AREA**

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#### Frances Lake Wilderness Lodge

BONJOUR! GUTEN TAG! True wilderness lodge, accessible only by water or air, in pristine southeast Yukon. Explore the remote wilderness on day trips by boat or join a small group for paddling and hiking adventures. Frances Lake (406) 206-4396 franceslake.ca



### ROSS RIVER AREA

#### **Dennis Shorty Arts**

GUTEN TAG! We bring together the gifts of music and art for inspiration and well-being. Serving guests from around the world, we invite you to enjoy original and authentic programs and short-stay retreats. 29 Barite St. (867) 335–3355 kaskashorty@hotmail.com





#### **Coffee Lake**

On the Robert Campbell Highway, near Ross River, this large lake is a prime spot for kokanee, producing some big fish and lots of action. There are two access roads to the lake and two boat launches, one more rustic than the other.

#### **A FEW TIPS AND TRICKS**

Arctic char and kokanee have good eyesight and can spot a heavy line. Use a light line and small lure to bait them into biting.

During the summer, char seek the cooler waters and dive down deep. Bait the line and let your lure sink down to perfect the art of bottom fishing.

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Out in the Wild

With abundant wildlife, clean waters and endless outdoors, the Yukon is a prime destination for getting out there. Check with those in the know before you go, follow the guidelines, and help protect our wild spaces.



### TOUR FIND YOUR WILD EXPERT

Don't leave your trip of a lifetime to chance. Get the most out of your Yukon visit with the expertise of an experienced guide. They'll let you in on secret spots, local folklore and all the tricks of their chosen trade. The Yukon boasts dozens of tour operators who are as passionate about Yukon wilderness as you're about to become. Discover your passions and find unique ways to appreciate the wild of the Yukon. Most operators offer packages but many are also willing to design a tour around your personal bucket list. So start dreaming, and go wild.



### FISH go on, tackle it

Net feisty fish, enjoy wilderness scenery, and connect to a place where "online" has a whole other meaning. From remote fly-in fishing trips to roadside casting to ice fishing, you're never far from a stocked lake and your next meal. Visit a visitor information centre for a list of local fishing guides who can hook you up with some pro tips on flies, lures and locating the best shorelines. Note that some waters require special permits and licence procedures, so be sure to check ahead before trying your luck in the waters near certain campsites or smaller communities.

yukon.ca/yukon-fishing-licence



## HARVEST

#### **GEAR UP FOR A HUNT**

For millennia, Indigenous Peoples here have practiced subsistence hunting, taking an animal with respect and using it without waste. Today, ethical hunting continues to be a way of life in the Yukon. It's not uncommon for home freezers to have less store-bought meat than wild game. With the Yukon's remote wilderness and 12 big game species, the backcountry trip of a lifetime isn't hard to find. But don't go it alone in your own quest. You'll need an experienced outfitter to show you the lay of the land.

yukonoutfittersassociation.com

yukonwild.com

#### **Backcountry check**

For backcountry thru-hiking and overnight stays, some Yukon parks and hiking routes require reservations. Before your big expedition, learn more at **parkscanada.gc.ca** or **yukon.ca/camping**.

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## Discover the other "rush"

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Take a one-way road through the heart of the Yukon and relive the pioneer journey to mining towns that time forgot. Join their eccentric world for a day or two and revel in a host of historic highlights, outdoor pursuits and views that will leave you spellbound.



## UNCOVER

A near modern-day ghost town, home to about 20 residents, Keno City was named for a popular gambling game to lure in prospectors. And a lucky gamble it was. Keno Hill became home to one of the richest silver deposits in the world. From secret cabins to raucous saloons, every building has a story to tell. While the last silver mine closed down here years ago, you can visit the extensive Keno City Mining Museum for treasured tales tracing the history of the region back to its heyday of the 1920s. Pick up a self-guided walking tour and explore this town's eccentric past at your own pace.





#### YUKON NUGGET Record highs, crazy lows

Mayo holds the Canadian record for the greatest range of absolute temperatures — a difference of 98°C between the high (+36°C) and the low (-62.2°C). The heart of the Yukon is a true land of extremes.

## GET ACQUAINTED

When making your Yukon memories, always add **Mayo**. A former silver mining town, this community became the centre point of the "alternative" rush, resting at the confluence of two rivers in a beautiful wilderness setting. Make your first point of call the **Binet House Museum** for an eclectic display of exhibits, artifacts and a 3-D map of the surrounding landscape. Explore the heritage of the First Nation of Na-Cho Nyäk Dun, who have lived in the area for countless generations and whose Traditional Territory you'll be standing upon.





### PLUNGE

The gateway to the **Peel River** watershed, the Silver Trail is a natural hub for fly fishing and raffing excursions. Pick up local information at the **roadside visitor kiosk** at **Stewart Crossing**. Stretch your legs in Mayo with a stroll on the **Prince of Wales Trail** along the waterfront. Then jump into (relatively) warm waters at **Five Mile Lake**, a popular recreation spot for water play. Or, if a **heated outdoor pool** is more to your liking, Mayo's got you covered there too.

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## "Just us, our car and some crazy aurora colours." @ @glorialglass

Keno Hill

## TREK

Make the Alpine Interpretive Centre your base camp and explore the many tracks and trails in and around the alpine meadows and rolling hills of Keno City. If you just have a day, bike or drive up Signpost Road to Keno Hill. Take in vast wild valleys and endless mountain ranges and prepare to see a marmot or pika pop into view more than once. Continue the climb up to Monument Hill to fully appreciate the scale of this wild country, as you hike the plateau with 360° views.









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#### NATURAL WONDERS The missing lynx

Have you ever spotted one of these furry beauties in the wild? The elusive Canada lynx can be found throughout most of the Yukon. But that doesn't mean they'll make it easy for you. Of course, that makes it all the more special when you glimpse your first.

## Visit silver trail

## Accommodations —



#### MAYO AREA Bedrock Motel and RV Park

**BONJOUR!** iHOLA! The newly renovated Bedrock Motel offers 12 spacious rooms and RV facilities on the Silver Trail. A highly recommended stop when travelling between Whitehorse and Dawson City. Meal plans available. \$140-\$200

113 Elsa Rd. (867) 457-0070 bedrockmotel.ca

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Experiences & Services visitor shopping M information **MAYO AREA** 

#### Binet House Museum

Museum and visitor information centre with a gift shop, showcasing local arts and crafts. Open daily from end of May to mid September. (867) 996-2317 villageofmayo.ca





#### Did someone help make your Yukon visit extraordinary?

Let them know! The Golden Host Service Excellence Award celebrates Yukoners working in our restaurants, hotels, theatres, taxis, shops or other establishments who give exceptional service. If someone went that extra mile for you, nominate them. It's like leaving a gift for a good host. And it only costs a minute of your time. Visit **goldenhost.ca** to fill out the short nomination form.

There. You've just made someone else's day extraordinary.

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#### MAYO AREA Bedrock Motel and RV Park

The Bedrock Motel sits on a six-acre parcel of land and includes RV facilities providing 10 upgraded full-service pads, dump station and 30 amp service. Grass tenting and camping is also available along with propane sales. Complimentary high-speed internet and coin laundry.

2 km north on Silver Trail Highway (867) 457–0070 **bedrockmotel.ca** 



#### **McIntyre Park/Campground**

Along the Mayo River. Five campsites with firepits and wood included.

Along Mayo River (867) 996–2317 **villageofmayo.ca** 



Campgrounds operated by the Government of Yukon can be found on page 35. Pick up A Guide to Camping in Yukon online or at any visitor information centre. yukon.ca/camping

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Wildflowers of the Subarctic

It may surprise you this far north, but subarctic and alpine vegetation hosts more than 1,200 species of flowering plants. Keep to the trails and keep your eyes open. The beauty of the Yukon begins from the ground up.

Fireweed 2. Prickly Rose 3. Labrador Tea 4. Ajan Mountain Avens 5. Arctic willow
Showy Jacob's Ladder 7. Narrow-leaved Arnica 8. Arctic lupine 9. Kinnikinnick

# Iconic gold rush history

Moosehide Village. J.F. Bergeron/Enviro Foto

Float back in time aboard the **Klondike Spirit paddlewheeler** in Dawson City for a two-hour narrated cruise along the Yukon River's historic shores. Pass by the scenic Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in village of **Moosehide** and learn the lengths to which Chief Isaac went to preserve the traditions of his people at the height of the **Klondike Gold Rush**.



## **FLASHBACK**

At the height of the Klondike Gold Rush, **Dawson City** was home to some 50,000 residents — most seeking riches, some fame, and a few just happy to be caught up in the madness. Step back into those colourful, captivating days. Walk the rustic boardwalks past heritage buildings lining dusty, unpaved streets. Watch as characters of the Klondike come to life on the stage of the regal **Palace Grand Theatre** and on **Parks Canada** walking tours about town. And if all that gold rush ambience isn't enough, get your fill of the region's remarkable history at the **Dawson City Museum**.





#### YUKON NUGGET Ghost of the Klondike

"A show to die for" isn't an overused cliché when it comes to the haunted Palace Grand Theatre. Built in 1899 during the height of the gold rush, the theatre was considered the most elegant opera house in Dawson City. But some swear that its builder, Arizona Charlie Meadows, can't bring himself to exit the premises ...

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## REFLECT

Dawson City can't help but stir the soul, if past legends are any example. Step into the cabin of the fabled author of *White Fang* at the **Jack London Museum**. Stop by the **cabin of Robert Service**, the "bard of the Yukon" to watch a dramatic reading of *The Cremation of Sam McGee*. Then pick up a walking guide at the **Dawson City Visitor Information Centre** and take a stroll through time in the town's **old cemeteries**. Read the inscriptions to catch a glimpse of the diverse cast of characters who once called this singular place home.



## AWAKEN

Enjoy a journey of cultural awakenings. Starting in Carmacks, stop in at the Tagé Cho Hudän Interpretive Centre to hear stories of the Little Salmon/Carmacks First Nation. Further up the road, visit Big Jonathan House Heritage Centre in the riverside hamlet of Pelly Crossing. See creations by local artists from the Selkirk First Nation and take home an uncommon souvenir. Once in Dawson City, discover the history and culture of the first people of the Klondike, the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in, at the waterfront Dänojà Zho Cultural Centre. Purchase a Heritage Pass for three cultural opportunities including Dänojà Zho, the Dawson City Museum, and one Parks Canada program.



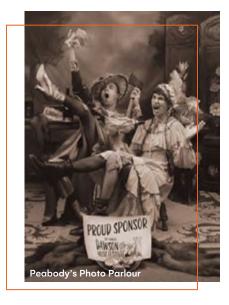
## CRUISE

From day trips to multi-day adventures, rent a canoe in Carmacks or Dawson City and let the current guide you. Be sure to camp at the beautifully preserved **Fort Selkirk Historic Site** at the confluence of the Yukon and Teslin rivers. Co-owned and co-managed by the Selkirk First Nation and Yukon governments, many of the historic buildings have been restored, providing a unique window into the past. In Dawson City, take a tour of the **S.S. Keno National Historic Site** with a Parks Canada interpreter. While this boat no longer floats, it still has many stories to tell.



## POSE

Looking for a perfect take-home memory? Rock a new look in an old-timey outfit, lay on a sepiatoned filter, and get your photo taken Klondike-style at **Peabody's Photo Parlour**. Then pull out your own camera and snap your way past Dawson's eye-catching **false-front buildings**. Everyone's got a different favourite. Bet you can't pick just one.





## LET LOOSE

Ever since the glamorous gold rush days, Dawson City has been a good-time town. Today, the party goes on. The summer months bring fun in the midnight sun with **summer solstice** events, the can't-miss **Dawson City Music Festival**, the week-long **Discovery Days** celebrations and the **Yukon Riverside Arts Festival**. In the colder months, witness the dogsled teams of the **Yukon Quest** race into town. Or celebrate the end of winter with Dawson's own take on Mardi Gras, the **Thaw di Gras Spring Carnival**. And who could forget the spectacle of the northern lights, the show that lasts all winter long.



Catch the spirit of the last great gold rush with one glorious, gold fever-paced day in this one-ofa-kind, historic hot spot.



Get a taste of gold fever. Drive to **Bonanza Creek** and learn how a single nugget spawned the great stampede to the Klondike. Then pan for gold at **Free Claim #6**. Develop your own technique and take home whatever you find! Your tour of the gold fields is not complete until you take in a guided tour of Dawson's engineering wonder, **Dredge No. 4 National Historic Site**, a gravel-eating, eight-storey, monster dredge — the biggest of its kind in North America.









#### Hit the town

Kick off your evening with the high-kicking can-can dancers at Canada's first (and friendliest) gambling hall, **Diamond Tooth Gerties**. Then drive or hike to the **Midnight Dome** and survey your Klondike kingdom from one epic viewpoint. If you can wait it out, stay to watch the midnight sun set from your lofty perch.



#### Stroll the streets

Dawson City is best experienced on foot, so grab a coffee from a local bakery and take in the lively atmosphere. Wander the boardwalks and dusty streets. Pop into an eclectic mix of local shops to hand pick a take-home treasure or two. And don't miss the gift shop at the **Dänojà Zho Cultural Centre**, specializing in hand-made beaded footwear, contemporary jewellry and crafted gifts.



## Satisfy your appetite

The Dawson region is chock-full of the finest ingredients, from morel mushrooms to wild game. The restaurants are just as plentiful and diverse. Choose from Greek, wood-fired pizza, classic steak and potato cuisine, fish and chips, and more. Dawson has tastes and textures for every palate. Top it off with an ice cream from one of the popular parlours downtown.

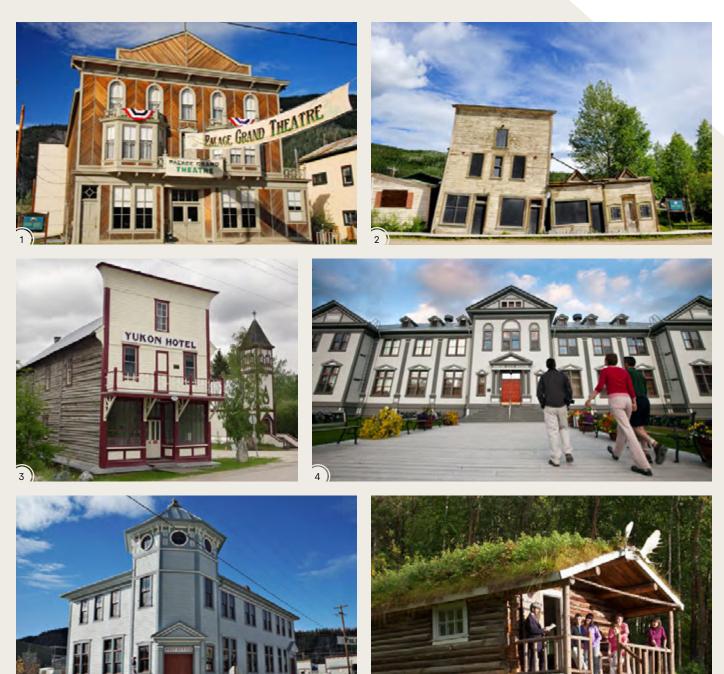


### Join the club

Cap off the night with a cocktail at an old-style saloon, and perhaps a sour toe ... if you dare. There's just one rule to gain admittance to the **Sourtoe Cocktail Club**: "You can drink it fast. You can drink it slow. But your lips must touch that gnarly toe." Head to the **Downtown Hotel** for this cocktail with a toe-infused twist.



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Historic Buildings of Dawson City

Walk the unpaved streets of history with your camera fully charged. Each building has a story to tell and a charm all its own, each one somehow more photogenic than the last.

1. Palace Grand Theatre King Street 2. The "Kissing Buildings" Third Avenue

- 3. Yukon Hotel National Historic Site Corner of Front and Church streets 4. Dawson City Museum Fifth Avenue
- 5. Former Post Office King Street and Third Avenue 6. Robert Service Cabin Eighth Avenue and Hansen Street

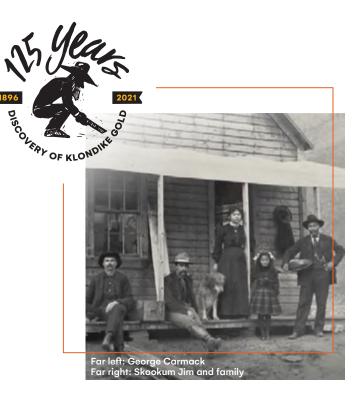
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## **Bonanta** MARKING THE 125<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF A GOLDEN DISCOVERY

It began with a tipoff. It was August, 1896, when Nova Scotia prospector Robert Henderson pointed a crew of soon-to-belegends in the direction of Rabbit Creek, a few kilometres east of present-day Dawson City. Those who first followed up on Henderson's lead included Shaaw Tláa (*Kate Carmack*), Keish (*Skookum Jim Mason*) and Káa Goox (*Dawson Charlie*) of the Carcross/Tagish First Nation, along with Kate's husband, George Carmack.

Turning over one particularly glittering rock on what's known today as Bonanza Creek, there it was. Gold. And not just a nugget. But great wedges of it, laying thick between the cracks of the creek rocks like golden sandwiches. They'd done it. They'd found the rich deposit of gold others had been seeking for over 20 years.

They likely knew in that moment their fortunes were made. What they couldn't have known was that their discovery would launch one of the greatest gold rushes in history.



## READY TO GIVE IT A GO? Gold Panning 101



For a step-by-step guide, visit travelyukon.com/gold-panning-made-easy

- **1** Fill your pan with gravel.
- 2 Remove the large rocks by hand and break up any clumps of clay.
- Submerge the pan in water and swirl the pan with a vigorous side-to-side or circular motion. The gold will settle at the bottom of the pan.
- 4 Tip the pan away from your body at a slight angle to wash away the top layer of gravel. With a little luck, and a keen eye, you'll discover gold.
- **5** Now rinse and repeat. Literally.

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#### CARMACKS AREA

#### **Hotel Carmacks**

BONJOUR! A Yukon landmark with rooms, wifi, licensed restaurant and patio, lounge, off-sales liquor, cannabis retail, laundromat, serviced RV sites, sani-dump, general store and gas bar. If you need it, we have it! \$105-\$179

(867) 863–5221 hotelcarmacks.com



#### Sunrise Service Centre Ltd.

Your first stop in Carmacks with friendly service, quality fuels — gas and diesel, new motel rooms, wifi, satellite TV, convenience store, free sani-dump (with \$75 fuel purchase). **\$125-\$155** 

150 Klondike Highway (867) 863-5291 Iolitayanson@gmail.com



#### **DAWSON CITY AREA**

#### **Aurora Inn**

Within walking distance of Dawson's many attractions. All rooms are non-smoking with private bath, TV, free wifi. Jacuzzi suites available. Fully licensed restaurant with covered patio. **\$159-\$229** 

Fifth Ave. and Harper St. (867) 993–6860 aurorainn.ca



#### Bombay Peggy's Victorian Inn and Pub

Centrally located heritage house offers voluptuously decorated rooms with private baths and modern amenities. Come spoil yourself at the Yukon's only restored brothel. Pub with summer patio open daily. Open March to November. **\$99-\$229** 

Second Ave. and Princess St. (867) 993–6969 bombaypeggys.com



#### **Bonanza Gold Motel and RV Park**

BONJOUR! Located at the south entrance of Dawson City. One mile from city centre. Standard, Queen, King and Kitchenette rooms. Wheelchair accessible, cable TV, wifi, pet friendly, laundromat, car wash. Clean, quiet, secure. \$109-\$169

One mile south of city centre (867) 993-6789 Toll-free: 1-888-993-6789 **bonanzagold.ca** 



#### **Dawson City River Hostel**

BONJOUR! GUTEN TAG! Private cabins, dorms, tenting, group tenting. Heated common cabin. Firepit. Unique hot water bath/sauna. Bike, canoe rentals, van tours. Easy access for river travellers. Great views. Mid-May to end of September. \$22-\$48

(867) 993-6823 yukonhostels.com

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#### **Dawson Lodge**

A modern take on the hotel experience. Dawson's first hotel with a keyless entry system, energy recovery ventilation system, low-energy lighting, organic cleaning and cosmetic products. We're also employee owned and vegan! \$99-\$199

1057 3rd Ave. (867) 993-3332 yukonspaces.com/dawsonlodge



#### **Downtown Hotel**

BONJOUR! Klondike Gold Rush atmosphere meets modern comfort. Great downtown location. Home to the Jack London Grill and the Sourdough Saloon... where you can try the world famous "Sourtoe Cocktail!" \$135-\$195

1026 Second Ave.
(867) 993-5346
Toll-free: 1-800-661-0514
downtownhotel.ca



#### **Eldorado Hotel**

BONJOUR! Conveniently located in the center of historic Dawson City, just a short walk from the town's attractions and shops. 1898 exterior with modern A/C interior. Bonanza Dining Room, Sluice Box Lounge. \$155-\$300





#### Juliette's Manor

Family owned and operated Bed and Brunch! Access to kitchen and barbecue. Wifi and cable TV. On-site coin laundry. Large deck. Hot tub and sauna. Hot breakfast. Shuttle service from airport. On-site parking. **\$159-\$189** 

813 Seventh Ave. (867) 993-2566 juliettesmanor.com

#### **Klondike Kate's Cabins**

**BONJOUR!** iHOLA! Cabins with rustic elegance and all the modern comforts of home. Private bath, in-room coffee, TV and wifi. Pet friendly. AAA/CAA recommended. Restaurant on site, centrally located. \$195-\$220

331 King St. (867) 993-6527 klondikekates.ca



## A gathering of culture

The **Moosehide Gathering** is held every second year at the heritage site of Moosehide village, three kms downriver from Dawson City. Experience warm hospitality along the banks of the Yukon River during this three-day celebration of Hän and other Indigenous culture and traditions.

#### **STRIKE IT RICH...**

... in First Nations culture, Klondike Gold Rush history and modern-day adventure!

Download the 2021 Dawson City Travel Guide at **dawsoncity.ca** 

#### **Midnight Sun Hotel**

BONJOUR! Elegance, luxury, history. With new ownership and an over \$2 million renovation, we welcome you to the Klondike's newest boutique hotel in the heart of Dawson City! Home to the Penguin Club. \$195-\$375

Queen St. and Third Ave. (867) 993-5346 Toll-free: 1-800-661-0514 **midnightsunhotel.ca** 



#### **Triple J Hotel and Cabins**

BONJOUR! Centrally located. 58 fully equipped rooms, including cabins with kitchenettes, wifi, 29 new modern rooms as of June 2013. Air conditioning in every room as well as the dining room and lounge. Wheelchair accessible. Free airport shuttle. \$159-\$209

Fifth Ave. and Queen St. (867) 993-5323 Toll-free: 1-800-764-3555 **triplejhotel.com** 

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#### Westmark Inn Dawson City

Set in the heart of historical downtown Dawson City, the inn boasts 177 rooms with full baths, free parking, full-service restaurant and a lounge with an outdoor deck overlooking our charming courtyard. \$149-\$199

Fifth Ave. and Harper St. (867) 993-5542 Toll-free: 1-800-544-0970 westmarkhotels.com



#### Whitehouse Cabins

**BONJOUR!** Overlooking the Yukon River within walking distance to town! Guest rooms situated in gold rush-era buildings with cable TV, internet, laundry, decks and barbecues. Stay in our exquisite 1897 log cabin suite or a well-appointed wall tent cabin. **\$99-\$199** 

North end of Front St. (near Judge St.) (867) 993-5576 whitehousecabins.com



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	eats	range	dining

#### DAWSON CITY AREA

#### Bonanza Dining Room \$\$

The Bonanza Dining Room located in the Eldorado Hotel embodies the very essence of northern hospitality, with exemplary service combined with an historic air. Enjoy a hearty breakfast available until 1:30 pm daily. Lunch and dinner featuring the best charbroiled steaks in town! 902 Third Ave. (867) 993-5451, toll-free: 1-800-764-3536 **eldoradohotel.ca** 

#### Klondike Kate's Restaurant \$\$

BONJOUR! Step into our authentic gold rush building and you'll spot many locals enjoying their favourite meals. Seasonal ingredients, local producers and scratch cooking. Licensed and friendly atmosphere. Inside and outside dining. Wheelchair accessible. Espresso coffees. CAA/AAA recommended. Third Ave. and King St. (867) 993-2347

klondikekates.ca



#### CARMACKS AREA

#### **Hotel Carmacks**

BONJOUR! Serviced park with 30 and 50 amp sites, water, power, sewer, wifi, laundromat, showers, licensed restaurant, lounge, off-sales liquor, cannabis retail, general store and gas bar. If you need it, we have it!

(867) 863–5221 hotelcarmacks.com



#### DAWSON CITY AREA Bonanza Gold Motel and RV Park

#### BONJOUR! Full-service park. 100 sites. 15/30 amp. 30/50 amp full service. Water, sewer, sani-dump, RV/car wash. Laundromat, cable TV, showers, wifi. Clean, quiet, secure.

One mile south of city centre (867) 993-6789 Toll-free: 1-888-993-6789 **bonanzagold.ca** 



More Campgrounds

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#### CARMACKS AREA

#### **Tatchun Centre**

BONJOUR! General store and gas bar. Fresh meat, produce, bakery, groceries, gifts, souvenirs, hardware, camping and fishing supplies, licences, gas, diesel, and much more. If you need it, we have it! (867) 863-6171 hotelcarmacks.com

#### DAWSON CITY AREA

#### **Dawson City Golf Course**

Come golf under the midnight sun! Our nine-hole golf course features a clubhouse, driving range, rental clubs and carts. On this course, wildlife has the right of way! Open May to September. 5 km off Top of the World Highway (867) 993–2500 dawsoncitygolfcourse.com

#### Dawson City Visitor Information Centre

Operated by the Department of Tourism and Culture and Parks Canada. Come in and enjoy the many exhibits and displays on Klondike history and take part in Parks Canada walking tours around Dawson City. Front St. and King St. (867) 993–5566 vic.dawsoncity@gov.yk.ca



#### **Diamond Tooth Gerties Gambling Hall**

BONJOUR! Join us at Canada's first casino. We feature nightly can-can shows, table games, slots, late-night food and a fully licensed bar. Open daily May to September and select weekends October to April. Corner of Fourth Ave. and Queen St. (867) 993-5575, toll-free: 1-877-465-3006 diamondtoothgerties.ca



#### **Discovery Claim National Historic Site**

BONJOUR! Walk the 1.5-km/1-mile interpretive trail alongside Bonanza Creek where the Klondike Gold Rush started. Activities: site guide, Explora app, Xplorers kids booklet and geocaching. Km 15 Bonanza Creek Rd. (867) 993-2315 pc.gc.ca/klondike



#### **Dredge No. 4 National Historic Site**

**BONJOUR!** Dredge No. 4 is a massive machine that was used to mine gold in the Klondike. Activities: site guide, Explora app, Xplorers kids booklet and geocaching. Guided tours available. Km 13 Bonanza Creek Rd. (867) 993–2315 **pc.gc.ca/klondike** 



#### **Fortymile Gold Workshop**

You are invited to visit our working goldsmith studio to see us fabricating gold jewellery from natural 20k gold from our local placer mine. We are also a gallery featuring original artwork from some of the Yukon's best artists. Corner of Third Ave. and York St. (867) 993–5690

fortymilegoldworkshop.ca



#### Free Claim #6

Come master your panning skills for free at our claim and keep all the gold you find. Hand tools only. Open when the creek water flows (May to October). Km 18 Bonanza Creek Rd. (867) 993-5575, toll-free: 1-877-465-3006 dawsoncity.ca



#### Goldbottom Tours

BONJOUR! iHOLA! Don't miss out on our authentic Klondike experiences. Try your hand at gold panning at a real and active placer gold mine and keep the gold you pan! Ask about our cabins and personalized tours. 966 Front St. (867) 993-5023 addbattom.com



#### **Jack London Museum**

Who was Jack London and why was he here? Come discover Jack's Klondike story and see the cabin where he resided. Corner of Eighth Ave. and Firth St. (867) 993–5575, toll-free: 1-877-465-3006 jacklondonmuseum.ca



#### **Klondike Experience**

BONJOUR! Visit the goldfields, the Dempster Highway, Tombstone Territorial Park, or see Dawson City from the Midnight Dome! Need a ride? Don't miss the HUSKY BUS — we've got you covered from Whitehorse to Dawson. 954 Second Ave. (867) 993-3821 klondikeexperience.com



#### **Klondike National Historic Sites**

**BONJOUR!** Visit historic Dawson City with costumed interpreters through a variety of tours and programs, or on your own time with self-guided options. Tickets and information at the visitor centre. 1102 Front St. (867) 993–2315 **pc.gc.ca/klondike** 



#### **Klondike Nugget and Ivory Shop**

GUTEN TAG! A unique display of gold nuggets from over 100 mines. Exquisite works of wearable art incorporating gold nuggets, Canadian diamonds and techniques passed on through generations of Yukon family goldsmiths. 990 Front St. (867) 993-5432, toll-free: 1-866-260-9333 knis.ca



#### **Klondike Spirit Paddlewheeler**

Join us for a cruise on the Yukon River. You will see a variety of attractions on this 90-minute narrated tour. Get your tickets at the Little Birch Cabin on Front Street located at the city dock entrance. Group bookings welcome. Fifth Ave. and Queen St. (867) 993-5323 klondikespirit.com



#### **Klondike Visitors Association**

Klondike Visitors Association is a not-for-profit organization representing Dawson City in all aspects of tourism. We know the Klondike best. Come discover it with us! Front St. and King St. (867) 993-5575, toll-free: 1-877-465-3006 **dawsoncity.ca** 



#### Sew What Upholstery and Supplies

Sew What Upholstery for all your sewing needs. Face masks too. 425 Turner St. (867) 993–5358 rosemariegassner@hotmail.com



#### S.S. Keno National Historic Site

**BONJOUR!** Enjoy the beauty of this historical boat from the riverside trail and take in a guided tour of the site. Front St. (867) 993–2315 **pc.gc.ca/klondike** 



#### **Taiga Journeys**

GUTEN TAG! Hike and travel the Tombstone Territorial Park — the Patagonia of the North. Join a small group guided by our local professional guide for a focus on photography, bird and wildlife viewing. On our June trip experience unique alpine and Arctic birds during migration and in September marvel at fall colours and the aurora. This is a one-week trip with hiking in various sections of the Dempster Highway! (867) 393–3394 taigajourneys.ca



## Authentic Klondike, past and present

The lines between past and present blur in Dawson City. Just go with it. Spoil yourself in a voluptuously decorated room in a restored brothel, **Bombay Peggy's**. Then head to **The Pit** in the **Westminster Hotel**. With its sloped floors, racy art and mercifully dim lighting, the only rule to a good time is to expect a ruckus time.



# Where the sun never sets

## NORTHERN & ARCTIC

Go north of north, then veer off-grid. Whether tenting in **Tombstone Territorial Park** or heading off on an Arctic expedition, with the proper logistical planning, you can venture where few have gone before. Experience the True North, witness unique ecosystems, and see the Yukon in its wildest habitat.

Tombstone Territorial Park. R. Postma







## FLY

Be one of the fortunate few to visit Old Crow, Yukon's only community above the Arctic Circle and the only one with no road access. You'll need to plan ahead for your stay. Fewer than 300 people live in Old Crow and services and accommodations are limited. Once here, take your time. Pick up an Old Crow Walking Tour guidebook and explore. Visit the John Tizya Centre to learn about the traditions and ancient wisdom of those who've inhabited the area for millennia.

## FEAST

The welcome is warm in Old Crow. Immerse yourself in this close-knit village of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation. If your timing is right, you may be invited to a gathering. By all means, join in! Community celebrations can include traditional music, dancing and feasts of wild game and fish. In spring, **Caribou Days** celebrate the return of the Porcupine caribou herd to their calving grounds. Have a go at jigging or a caribou skinning contest. This chance won't come again.

## **BE AWED**

Often called Canada's Patagonia, **Tombstone Territorial Park** is a hiker's paradise and a photographer's dream. Jagged mountain peaks, permafrost landforms, abundant wildlife and vibrant wildflowers all make for some mighty mesmerizing viewing. The park is a legacy of the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in land claim agreement and lies entirely within their Traditional Territory. Make the **Tombstone Interpretive Centre** your first point of call for trail maps and conditions. Swaths of colour paint the hills in early fall, making it the best time to capture the park at its peak.



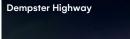
## RAFT

For adventure at its wildest, raft the remote **Firth River** through the heart of **Ivvavik National Park**. This fly-in, fly-out multi-day expedition takes paddlers of all levels past the British Mountains, all the way to the Beaufort Sea. Float through remote river valleys, flanked by rolling arctic tundra. Visit Inuvialuit cultural sites. Hike the lands of the Porcupine caribou herd. Race through furious Class III rapids. In other words, get set for the adventure of a lifetime.



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## JOURNEY

Calling true adventurers! Follow the winding **Dempster Highway**, the only road in Canada to cross the **Arctic Circle**. Along the way, pay your respects at the **Lost Patrol Gravesite** in Fort McPherson, NWT, where the men of the ill-fated Northwest Mounted Police patrol of the early 1900s were laid to rest. The search was led by Corporal W.J.D. Dempster, for whom the highway is named. Then venture on, all the way to the **Arctic Ocean** on the newly built **Inuvik-Tuktoyaktuk Highway**.

#### NATURAL WONDERS

#### Ice age mysteries revealed

Just south of Old Crow lie the Bluefish Caves which have yielded evidence of Arctic camels, mammoths, steppe bison and the earliest evidence of North American civilization. For budding archeologists, travel northeast another 75 km to the **Old** Crow Flats, where hundreds more fossils date back to a land before time.

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The Arctic by Air **WILDERNESS PARKS** 

If uncommon adventure is what you crave, the Yukon's four fly-in wilderness parks might prove the cure. Fair warning, though. These experiences aren't for the faint of heart or the planning-averse. Be prepared to do your homework, invest time and money, and be transported to some of the most remote landscapes on the planet. Hey, they're not uncommon for nothing.

#### Herschel Island — Qikiqtaruk Territorial Park

#### Where the wild things are

For wildlife enthusiasts, your chance of a mammal sighting increases on this island — a place where grizzlies and polar bears co-exist, muskoxen and caribou roam, and Arctic and red foxes colour the landscape. Look to the sea ice for seals, bowhead whales and belugas, and see the largest colony of Black Guillemots in the Western Arctic. Be sure to add your name to the guestbook, turning pages since 1987.

#### **Ivvavik National Park**

#### Top of the Yukon

Fully above the Arctic Circle, these unglaciated lands serve up unparalleled remote wilderness opportunities. Raft the mighty Firth River, or experience Ivvavik's fly-in base camp. Hike along the paths of muskoxen, grizzlies and the legendary Porcupine caribou. Observe the lands that the Inuvialuit people hold dear. This trip to the far north will have you on top of the world.



#### Ni'iinlii Njik (Fishing Branch) Territorial Park

Where nature breaks the rules

Prepare to encounter a distinct and fascinating ecosystem. Limestone caves, year-round open water, and early-winter salmon runs support grizzly bear concentrations and large trees rarely seen this far north. Protection of the bears and their habitat is the primary goal of the Ecological Reserve, so access to this isolated site is tightly managed, and only with a permitted commercial guide.

#### **Vuntut National Park**

#### Way, way off the beaten path

For self-sufficient wilderness explorers prepared for next-level getting away from it all, this park is the dream. The untamed landscape is fittingly dominated by wildlife, aside from which, you may not see another living soul for the duration of your travel. Hire a guide or make your own path, but understand this — with no facilities or developed trails, it's just you versus the elements.



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#### **OLD CROW AREA** John Tizya Centre

Information and exhibits on the land and culture of the Vuntut Gwitchin, the Porcupine caribou herd, Vuntut National Park and Ni'iinlii Njik Territorial Park. Open year-round, Monday to Friday 9 am to 12 pm and 1 pm to 4:30 pm; closed weekends and holidays. (867) 966-3261 ext. 269 vgfn.ca



#### **Josie's Old Crow Adventures**

Our Indigenous tourism company offers yearround cultural experiences, including dogsledding, northern lights and tours of the town, mountain and area. Tours range from hour-long to multi-day. (867) 966-3088 josiesoldcrowadventures.com



#### **Ivvavik National Park**

BONJOUR! Imagine a journey to the extreme northwest corner of Canada! Imagine yourself exploring wilderness trails along Tors during your stay at Imniarvik, Ivvavik's fly-in base camp. Book your trip today! Contact Parks staff for more information. (867) 777-8800 pc.gc.ca/ivvavik



#### Vuntut National Park

**BONJOUR!** Vuntut National Park offers opportunities for experienced backcountry enthusiasts. Visit the John Tizya Centre to find out more about the park. (867) 667-3910 pc.gc.ca/vuntut



## IN THE WORDS OF A GWICH'IN ELDER Out on the River

Elder Elizabeth Kyikavichik of the Vuntut Gwitchin First Nation shares her passion for ice fishing on the Crow River in one of the most remote communities in the Yukon.

Ice fishing in the fall is my passion. During my summer travels to other communities, I think of sewing materials I will need or what I need for fishing. I collect all I need to either sew or fish. Having a hobby like ice fishing is unique to me. I make sure I have enough twine, sinker, a strong suitable stick, a flashy three-pronged hook, a suitable chair, a bonker and a flashlight. The main equipment is an ice auger with good sharp blades. I gather all that is necessary at home before I go and enjoy an evening of ice fishing with my son and my friends. They are as passionate about ice fishing as I am, lucky me!

As soon as the ice is thick enough, we pack up our fishing gear and go fishing for three to four hours. As we sit on our cushioned milk crates, we gaze up into the universe and look at the Big Dipper and the Little Dipper and the moon when it is out. Occasionally, we see falling stars and satellites twinkling. Every now and then a skidoo passes down on the Porcupine River either hauling wood, or back from fishing up at big Joe Creek, or then again, returning from checking their trap lines. People go out on the land for the day to get a break from their daily work routine.

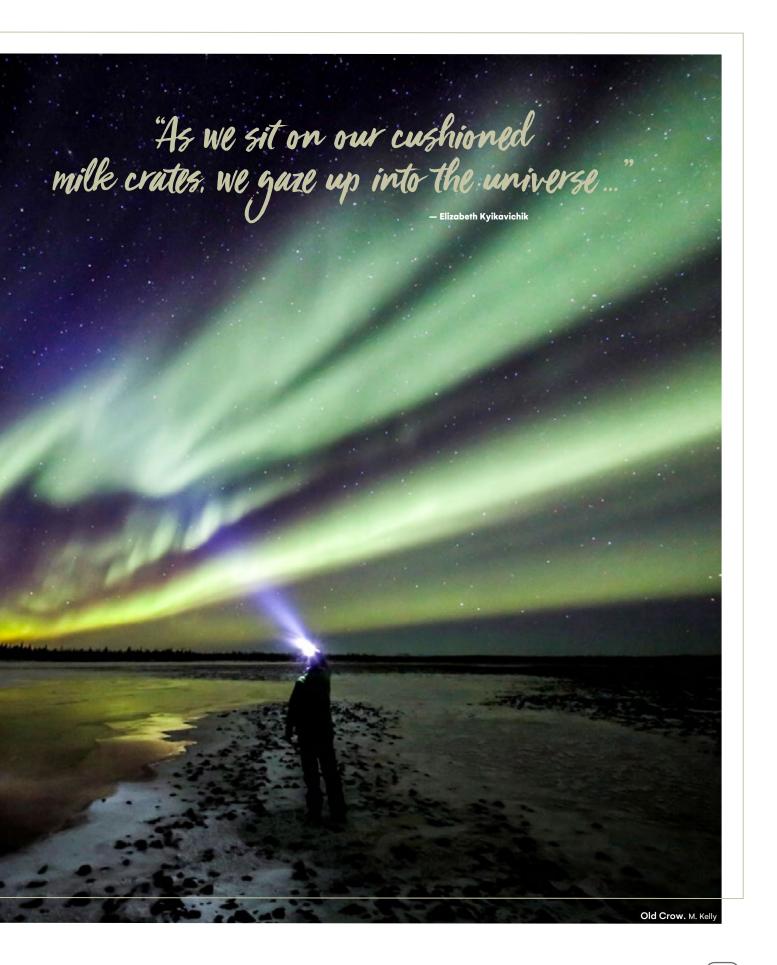
It's nice when community members stop by and check on how we are doing with our fishing. Sometimes they want to chat but it does happen that people want to fish with us so we lend them our auger and chisel to make an ice hole. My friend and I have songs and sayings to bring the fish to our fishing hole and we sing or say our sayings for the fun of it. There was a time when my friend, my son and I went fishing at Crow Point and we had no luck. No fish, no bites, but we kept on sitting and waiting. There were no skidoos, no dogs barking. All we could see were the flickering lights in the village. Suddenly a skidoo was coming to check on us because we had been sitting there for four hours. Being out there breathing fresh air beats being inside breathing dead air watching TV!

We always try many different areas because the channel changes each year. Some days we get lucky and get a good catch but some days we sit for hours and get only a bite. We sit and tell fish stories. I tell my friends about when I was a child ice fishing at my parents' camp downriver about 50 miles from Fort McPherson, NWT. Likewise, my friend tells me stories about fishing as a child where she grew up in Fort Yukon, Alaska. My son sits and listens to our stories. Other times we talk about fish recipes. We try everything! My friend says that she likes the way I cook my king cod—the traditional way.



Elizabeth Kyikavichik





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## First Nations Cultural Centres



For a glimpse into the diverse heritage of the 14 First Nations of the Yukon, visit the cultural centres throughout the territory. Captivating exhibits, live demonstrations and guided tours are just some of the offerings you'll find. Along with the warmest of welcomes.

To better connect with local First Nations, pick up a Welcome Guide at a visitor or cultural centre — or order one online at **travelyukon.com/guidebooks** 

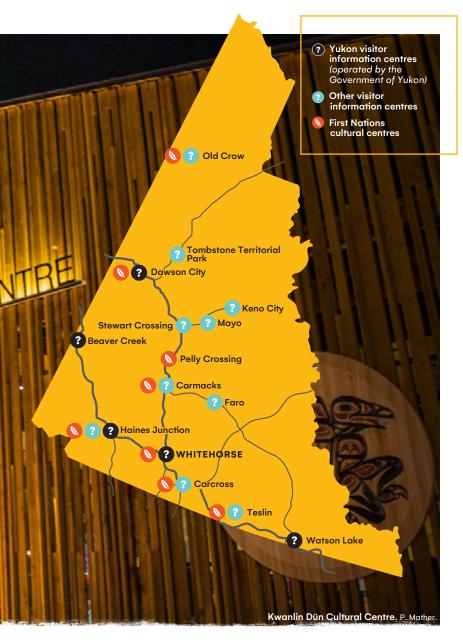
## Visitor Information Centres



You (literally) don't know what you're missing until you stop at a visitor information centre in the Yukon. Friendly staff can give you the lay of the land, point you in the right direction, and give you the inside scoop on all the local happenings. More accurate than Google, and way better conversation.

Pick up highway maps, walking tour brochures, camping and fishing guides — everything you need to ease and enrich your Yukon travels.

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- ? Yukon Visitor Information Centre (867) 667-3084
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- Provide Information Kiosk (867) 863–6330
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- Visitor Information Centre (867) 993-5566
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#### Faro

Campbell Region Interpretive Centre (867) 994-2288

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- Visitor Information Centre (867) 634-2345
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(2) Keno City Mining Museum (867) 995–3103

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#### Pelly Crossing

Sig Jonathan House Heritage Centre (867) 537-3150

#### Stewart Crossing

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- (2) George Johnston Museum (867) 390-2550
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#### **Tombstone Territorial Park**

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#### Watson Lake

**?** Visitor Information Centre (867) 535-7469



Blame it on the Yukon's air of mystery, but this territory is a bona fide myth magnet. Can you expose the fictions masquerading as facts?

#### 1. POLAR BEARS ROAM FREELY ALONG YUKON STREETS.

FICTION! That would be alarming. Polar bears are only found on Herschel Island in Yukon's northern tip. However, the territory is home to all sorts of other furry locals: black bears, grizzlies, moose, elk, lynxes, bison, red foxes, coyotes, wolves, and migrating caribou, to name a few.



#### Z. Winter is the Yukon's only season.

FICTION! We get all four seasons, and we don't play favourites. Spring is synonymous with epic wildlife viewing. Summer is fueled by our midnight sun. Fall features Mother Nature at her most flamboyant. And, ahhh, winter. 'Tis the season for bright, crisp sunny days, and aurora-lit nights.



**SAY WHAT NOW?!** While a common misconception, the capital cities of the Yukon and NWT are not interchangeable. In fact, there's about 2,000 kms (and more than a little good-natured rivalry) between **Whitehorse** and **Yellowknife**.

## $\mathfrak{Z}$ . Northern lights make a sound.

FACT! The noise is very subtle, so it's not audible to everyone. But if you think you hear a distant hissing sound that changes with the movements of the lights, you're not crazy. The northern lights do make waves you can see and hear, which is crazy cool.



#### 4. THERE'S STILL GOLD LEFT OVER FROM THE KLONDIKE GOLD RUSH.

FACT! There's still a lot of gold in the Yukon. In fact, gold mining is one of the top industries in the territory. But things have changed since the dusty swashbucklingprospectors-in-floppy-hats days. Sure, there are still prospectors looking to dig up nuggets. They just do less swashbuckling and wear more normal-looking hats.

## The three best things in the sky above the Yukon



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