WHAT'S UP AT THE TOP OF THE WORLD

WELCOME TO "A WORLD WITH THE DEW STILL ON IT," BIGGER, WILDER AND FRESHER THAN ANY THAT YOU HAVE SEEN.

The Northwest Territories is the accessible, astounding Arctic. This is the Aurora-viewing capital of the world, where the skies dance 200 nights per year. It's a fishing paradise, with Canada's biggest, deepest lakes and world-record sport fish. It's home to five national parks, waterfalls that dwarf Niagara, the fabled Northwest Passage and more. The Northwest Territories is the wilderness adventure of a lifetime.

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MAKE TRACKS FOR THE ARCTIC OCEAN

Road-trippers, start your engines. In not too long, you could be driving to the Arctic Ocean. Work is more than half done on the so-called Tuk Highway – a 140-kilometre all-weather road from Inuvik, at the terminus of the Dempster Highway, to the little Inuvialuit town of Tuktoyaktuk on the shores of the polar sea. Adventurous drivers will be cruising this route by the end of 2017. What can they expect? Herds of wild caribou and domestic reindeer, sweeping tundra and "pingo" hills, and waters rippling with Arctic fish, fowl and beluga whales.

SAMPLE SUDS AT THE WILDEST BREWPUB

The only one of its kind in the Northwest Territories, Yellowknife's new Woodyard Brewhouse has quickly become a hit with thirsty visitors. Located in the city's offbeat Old Town neighbourhood, just steps from Great Slave Lake, the taps flow with beers from the wild frontier, including Bent Prop Ale, Ragged Ass Pine and Bug Repellent IPA. An outdoor patio lets you quaff in the midnight sun.

TIE THE KNOT IN A LAND UNBOUND

With dreamy Northern Lights, dazzling midnight sun and romantic natural glory, the Northwest Territories is a one-of-a-kind spot to celebrate your love. Weddings are wondrous at our luxe wilderness lodges, where the Aurora shimmers above guests who bask in rustic splendour. And honeymoons and anniversaries are heavenly – in a gleaming ice-castle, on a cruise through the fabled Northwest Passage, or tucked in a cozy cabin, serenaded by the call of the loon.

YELLOWKNIFE'S GRANDEST HOTEL, OPENING SOON

With visitors flocking to Yellowknife in unprecedented numbers, hotel beds in the city have become as rare as dark days in July. So the opening of a new 146-room inn couldn't come at a better time. Located at the entrance to downtown, the four-storey structure will boast a ground-floor restaurant and the North's largest conference hall. The builder vows it will be "a beautiful hotel – the hotel in town." It may open as soon as this summer.

INDULGE YOURSELF AT A LUXURY RESORT

Yellowknife's first five-star "Aurora experience" is slated to open in the fall of 2017. Called the Solstice Lodge, the boutique hotel will be located on the Dettah Road, beside a small lake about 20 minutes east of the capital city. It will feature 42 private suites, cabins and even treehouses equipped with skylights – "designed with intimate Aurora viewing in mind." A spa facility will feature hot tubs, an outdoor pool, and massage facilities.

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