

15 STRANGE AND DANGEROUS PLACES IN CANADA'S NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

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MAKE TRACKS FOR THE ARCTIC OCEAN

Road-trippers, start your engines. As of November 2017, you will be able to drive to the Arctic Ocean all year. The Inuvik to Tuktoyaktuk Highway is a 140-km road from Inuvik, at the terminus of the Dempster Highway, to the little Inuvialuit town of Tuktoyaktuk on the shores of the Beaufort Sea. What can you expect? Herds of wild caribou and domestic reindeer, sweeping tundra and "pingo" hills, and waters rippling with Arctic fish, fowl and beluga whales. ith.dot.gov.nt.ca



GREAT NORTHERN ARTS FESTIVAL 30TH ANNIVERSARY

This annual festival features up to 80 visual artists and 40 performers from across the North who gather each summer in Inuvik to celebrate the diversity that is Canada's Arctic. There are Inuit, Inuvialuit, Gwich'in, Dene, Metis and other First Nations artists, as well as non-Aboriginal participants. The festival is celebrating their 30th anniversary this year. www.gnaf.org



THE BUCKET LIST TOUR

Nine Days Eights Nights - All Inclusive Luxury Coach Tour including Yellowknife, Wood Buffalo National Park and the Nahanni National Park Reserve. This luxury coach package tour affords visitors a unique opportunity to explore some iconic Northern landscape and experiences. The coach holds a maximum of 14 passengers. www.bucketlisttour.com



STRONG INTERPRETATIONS

There are many stories written here on this northern landscape, in the movement in the animals, in the growth of a jack pine, and in the people who live here. Strong Interpretation is here to interpret those stories with customized and flexible tours for people looking for that authentic Yellowknife experience through hands-on, fun and enlightening experiences. This year Rosanna Strong was awarded the 2017 Luxury Travel Guide Award. experienceyellowknife.com



CHATEAU NOVA HOTEL

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 the new 146-room Chateau Nova Yellowknife couldn't come at a better time. Located at the entrance to downtown, the four-storey structure boasts a ground-floor restaurant and the North's largest conference hall. It's a beautiful hotel, and is in downtown Yellowknife. www.novahotels.ca/chateau-nova-yellowknife



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. www.nwtbrewingco.com



NEW DIRECT FLIGHTS, VANCOUVER TO YELLOWKNIFE

Air Canada announced the introduction of the only daily direct service between Vancouver and Yellowknife starting Dec. 15, 2017 until Apr. 1, 2018. Special introductory fares start as low as \$219 one-way, all in, now available for purchase at aircanada.com or through travel agents. This new, non-stop service will be offered onboard the 75-seat Bombardier CRJ-705 aircraft featuring a choice of Business Class or Economy service. All flights provide for Aeroplan accumulation and redemption and Star Alliance reciprocal benefits as well as other benefits for eligible customers. www.aircanada.ca



72 NEW ROOMS PLANNED FOR EXPLORER

The largest hotel in the Northwest Territories, The Explorer Hotel with 187 rooms currently, is expanding to add 72 more rooms in a seven-story addition. Once complete the Explorer Hotel will have a total of 259 rooms as well as an expanded banquet and conference facility. Construction is well underway currently with a scheduled completion date of September 2018, right in time for Fall Aurora viewing season. www.explorerhotel.ca