

# WHAT'S UP AT THE TOP OF THE WORLD



## WELCOME TUNDRA NORTH TOURS TO THE CANADIAN SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE COLLECTION

NWT Tourism is pleased to announce that Tundra North Tours has been selected by Destination Canada as one of its newest Canadian Signature Experiences. Tundra North Tours' Canadian Arctic Reindeer Signature Package is a true northern experience that is unique in Canada and only available in the NWT. This package includes snowmobiling alongside Inuvialuit reindeer herders who guide the reindeer across the Arctic tundra to their spring calving grounds. Tourists will also engage in cultural experiences, hear local story telling, feast on traditional foods and perhaps see the northern lights.



## DIRECT FLIGHTS - VANCOUVER TO YELLOWKNIFE

Great news - Air Canada has confirmed that the direct flights from Vancouver to Yellowknife will return on September 5, 2018 until April 1, 2019, meaning more options to get to the most spectacular Aurora! Yellowknife is serviced by a multitude of air carriers connecting through Calgary and Edmonton, including Air Canada, WestJet, Canadian North and First Air, and connecting through Ottawa and Whitehorse on Air North, making the NWT accessible from every corner of the nation.

[www.aircanada.ca](http://www.aircanada.ca)



## MAKE TRACKS FOR THE ARCTIC OCEAN

Road-trippers, start your engines! This year, for the first time ever, you can drive all the way to the Arctic Ocean year-round. 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](http://ith.dot.gov.nt.ca)



## YELLOWKNIFE AIRPORT CHANGES

In February 2018, Yellowknife Airport (YZF) released a 5 year business plan outlining improvements to runways, expansion of the terminal building and security screening area, addition of check-in kiosks, as well as retail stores and food & beverage service in the waiting lounge. This will mean great things for largest airport in the Territory. About 575,000 passengers pass through YZF each year and these improvements are a step towards the long term goal for the airport, which is to be able to accept international flights directly in addition to flights within Canada. [www.dot.nt.ca](http://www.dot.nt.ca)



## 72 NEW ROOMS PLANNED FOR EXPLORER

The largest hotel in the Northwest Territories, The Explorer Hotel currently has 187 rooms and 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 December 2018.

[www.explorerrhotel.ca](http://www.explorerrhotel.ca)



## CHATEAU NOVA HOTEL EXPANSION

With 141 rooms the Chateau Nova is Yellowknife's newest hotel is conveniently located at the entrance to downtown. The four-story structure boasts a ground-floor restaurant and the North's largest conference hall and all the luxury amenities offered by a hotel in a big Canadian city. There is currently construction underway to expand the hotel to add approximately 70 long-term suites with kitchens and balconies. The scheduled completion date is summer 2018 bringing the total number of rooms available to 211.

[www.novahotels.ca/chateau-nova-yellowknife](http://www.novahotels.ca/chateau-nova-yellowknife)



## NWT OPERATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Yellow Dog Lodge (CSE) was awarded the prestigious 2017 Operator of the Year Award at the NWT Tourism Annual General Meeting last November. "It's like a badge of validation for what we're trying to do here," says Gord, "and we're very proud to have received such an honor." Good business sense isn't the only thing Spectacular NWT examines when issuing the award. The operation must have shown strong growth and a record of success, both financially and in customer satisfaction, and exhibit a commitment to education and training. "That's something we especially take pride in," says Gord. When it comes time to choose this year's adventure destination, give the Northwest Territories a hard look. And while you're at it, you might want to start with Yellow Dog Lodge.

[yellowdoglodge.ca](http://yellowdoglodge.ca)