NORTHWEST TERRITORIES TOURISM

NATURE'S GREATEST LIGHT SHOW

Up here, thanks to our clear skies and optimal geography, you can see the Northern Lights at least 200 nights per year. More than anywhere else on earth. Your options for seeing them are endless - from dogsled, a hot tub, a rustic cabin, a comfortable hotel, or right along with the rest of the crowd in the middle of a downtown street.



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GETTING HERE





FAST FACTS

CAPITAL CITY:

Yellowknife

POPULATION:

44,000

AIRPORT GATEWAY:

Yellowknife

FLYING DISTANCE FROM VANCOUVER:

1564.28 km - 4 hours/22 minutes

FLYING DISTANCE FROM CALGARY:

1268.16 km - 2 hours/30 minutes

FLYING DISTANCE FROM EDMONTON:

1000 km - 2 hours/10 minutes

GOVERNMENT:

Consensus. No Party politics.

TAX:

Goods and Services Tax 5%

TIME ZONE:

Mountain

TERRITORIAL GEMSTONE:

Diamond

WILDLIFE:

Arctic Fox, Buffalo, Caribou, Deer, Gyrfalcon, Muskoxen, Ptarmigan, Raven

TERRITORIAL TREE:

Tamarack (Larix laricina)

AVERAGE WEATHER
TEMPERATURES (HIGH/LOW):

SUMMER: (22/11°C)

FALL: (7/-5°C)

WINTER: (-20/-30°C)

SPRING: (10/4°C)

RENOWNED FOR:

Aurora, Ice Road, Reindeer Crossing, Arctic Ocean, Wildlife, National Parks and Barrenlands

BEST AURORA VIEWING MONTHS:

September, December, January, February, March

BEST AURORA VIEWING TIMES:

11:00PM - 4:00AM



AURORA VIEWING

In the Northwest Territories

There are two Aurora seasons in the Northwest Territories – autumn when the land and lakes are still warm, and winter when the land and lakes are frozen. Tip your head back in awe to catch the glittering lights dancing across the sky. Whether you prefer rugged or pampered, Northwest Territories outfitters and lodges offer day trips and three and four day packages designed to show you the best of our spectacular Aurora.

Fall/Autumn Aurora season: Mid August - Early October

By early August, darkness is creeping back across the north. By September, the dark is back in full force, creating prime Aurora-viewing conditions for multiple hours per night. Spend your days paddling a wild Northern river that few have travelled, catch your own record breaking fish, or take a hike through our pristine landscapes. At night, watch the sky come alive with the best Aurora display in the world.

Winter Aurora season: Mid November – Early March

Come visit the Northwest Territories in the winter to have an authentic northern experience. The skies come alive from November – March with a vibrant display of lights dancing overhead. With over 250 potential nights a year where the Aurora is visible, the chance of you seeing this natural phenomenon is likely. Paired with dog-sledding, ice-fishing, snowmobiling or snowshoeing, it will be a trip you'll never forget.

WINTER CLOTHING OPTIONS

You can prearrange your winter clothing rental before you arrive in the NWT. Most tour suppliers use Canada Goose brand parkas and include snowpants and winter boots. We suggest you also bring your own gloves, hat and scarf and dress in layers. If you've arranged for winter clothing prior to arriving in Yellowknife it will likely be delivered to your hotel room upon check in. If you choose to bring your own clothing while staying at a lodge you will have full access to use the winter clothing provided.

VIEWING OPTIONS



AURORA VILLAGE:

Yellowknife hotel pickup and drop off, 30 minute transfers to and from Aurora Village site included. Tour includes hot beverages, Aurora viewing, winter clothing rental and onsite gift shop and equipment rental.



YELLOWKNIFE OUTDOOR ADVENTURES:

Yellowknife hotel pickup and drop off, during the Autumn season take a covered boat 20 minutes across Great Slave Lake to a private lodge, whereas during the Winter season you travel by heated tracked vehicle 20 minutes on a frozen Great Slave Lake. Tour includes hot beverages and cookies around a crackling woodstove fire.



BLACHFORD LAKE LODGE:

Full service eco lodge to view the Aurora Borealis. Travel from Yellowknife by ski plane/ float plane approx. 35 minutes to Blachford Lake Lodge. Accommodation options vary from lodge stays to cabin stays, packages are all inclusive of meals, Aurora viewing and activities.



YELLOW DOG LODGE:

Multi activity fly in wilderness lodge specializing in spring and fall Aurora viewing, summer sport fishing, canoeing, camping and outdoor adventure. Take a 15 minutes float plane from Yellowknife to Yellow Dog Lodge. This is an all inclusive lodge with meals and all activities included, accommodation options vary from lodge stays to cabin stays. Winner of the 2017 NWT Tourism Operator of the Year Award.



ACCOMMODATIONS IN YELLOWKNIFE

Choose to stay in Yellowknife, the world's Aurora watching up hub where "city lights" have a whole new meaning. Here, the brilliant Northern Lights dance over museums, giftshops, galleries, and a wide variety of restaurants all only a 7 minute drive from the airport. Airport shuttles are operated daily connecting international and domestic flights with the city. All major Aurora and adventure viewing companies provide options for pick up and drop off from downtown hotels.



CAPITAL SUITES

- · Distance from airport: 6 km
- Room types: Standard Queen, One bedroom Suite, Family Suite, Two bedroom Suite
- Number of rooms: 82 guest rooms
- Amenities: free wifi, complimentary airport shuttle, 24hr market on site, fitness centre and laundry facilities www.capitalsuites.ca/yellowknife



CHATEAU NOVA HOTEL

- Distance from airport: 4.8 km
- Room types: One King Bed, King Bed with sofa Suite, Two Queen Beds and kitchen Suites with balcony
- · Number of rooms: 213 guest rooms
- Amenities: lounge, restaurant, fitness centre, free wifi, complimentary airport shuttle upon request, in room dining and much more www.novahotels.ca/chateau-nova-yellowknife



DAYS INN & SUITES

- Distance from airport: 5.5 km
- Room types: Standard Queen or Two Double Beds, Studio Suite, One bedroom Suite
- Number of rooms: 80 guest rooms
- Amenities: free wifi, complimentary airport shuttle, fitness centre www.wyndhamhotels.com/days-inn



EXPLORER HOTEL

- Distance from airport: 5km
- Room types: Aurora Signature Suite, One King Bed, Signature Suites, King Bed with sofa, Two Queen Beds, Accessible Rooms
- Number of rooms: 259 guest rooms
- Amenities: lounge, restaurant, fitness centre, free wifi, complimentary airport shuttle, 24hr in room dining and much more www.explorerhotel.ca

