



# VISIT DYNAMIC, URBAN EDMONTON AND THE WILD NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

**Edmonton** is a vibrant urban centre in the heart of the wilderness. It is the northernmost metropolis in Canada, and your gateway to the great North. Nestled in the valley of the North Saskatchewan River, just hours from the Rocky Mountains, Edmonton is a professional sports hub, a shopping mecca (home to the renowned West Edmonton Mall), the basecamp for Jasper and Elk Island National Parks, and “Canada’s Festival City,” with a year-round calendar of compelling events.

The **Northwest Territories** is the accessible, astounding Arctic, just a quick flight or day’s drive from Edmonton. This is the Aurora-viewing capital of the world, where the skies dance 200 nights per year. It’s also a fishing paradise, with Canada’s biggest, deepest lakes and world-record sport fish. With five national parks, waterfalls that dwarf Niagara, the fabled Northwest Passage, the forbidding Barrenlands, and more, the Northwest Territories is the wilderness adventure of a lifetime.

***Together** — Edmonton and the Northwest Territories, merge to offer visitors the ultimate northern adventure. Experience nordicity!*

**NORDICITY (noun)** is a concept developed in Canada that refers to the inexpressible magic of high-latitude regions.

## FLY FLY WINTER



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#### DAY 1 - ARRIVE EDMONTON

Check into a hotel. Take in a great meal and enjoy a local festival.

#### DAY 2 - EXPLORE EDMONTON

Morning treats at Duchess Bakery, wildlife watching at Elk Island National Park, lunch downtown, a tour through the River Valley, outdoor skating at the downtown Victoria Skateway, and the thrill of a professional hockey game.

#### DAY 3 - ARRIVE YELLOWKNIFE

Enjoy a city tour, have lunch in historic Old Town, then go Aurora-watching by dogteam.

#### DAY 4 - EXPLORE INGRAHAM TRAIL

Snowshoeing, tubing, dogsledding, and Aurora-watching.

#### DAY 5 - TOUR YELLOWKNIFE

Ice roads and art galleries then travel by snowmobile to a wilderness Aurora-viewing lodge.

#### DAY 6 - RETURN TO EDMONTON

Shop at West Edmonton Mall, then explore Old Strathcona’s bohemian cafes, galleries and pubs.

#### DAY 7 - DEPART EDMONTON

Depart Edmonton for home or for the Canadian Rockies.



## FLY FLY SUMMER

### DAY 1 - ARRIVE EDMONTON

Check into a hotel. Take in a great meal and enjoy a local festival.

### DAY 2 - EXPLORE EDMONTON

Morning treats at Duchess Bakery, wildlife watching at Elk Island National Park, lunch at the Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village, a history tour at Fort Edmonton Park, a canoe tour through the River Valley, and a nightcap on the terrace of the Fairmont Hotel MacDonald.

### DAY 3 - ARRIVE YELLOWKNIFE

Take a city tour, have lunch in Old Town, spend the evening hiking or fishing, and view the Aurora *(depending on time of year)*.

### DAY 4 - EXPLORE INGRHAM TRAIL

Hike at Cameron Falls and picnic at Prelude Lake.

### DAY 5 - TOUR YELLOWKNIFE

Visit art galleries, take a class at Old Town Glassworks, and enjoy dinner on the patio of a local restaurant while watching floatplanes land on the lake.

### DAY 6 - RETURN TO EDMONTON

Shop at West Edmonton Mall, then explore Old Strathcona's bohemian cafes, galleries and pubs.

### DAY 7 - DEPART EDMONTON

Head for home or for the Canadian Rockies.



## DRIVE IT IN SUMMER

### DAY 1 - ARRIVE EDMONTON

Check into a hotel. Take in a great meal and enjoy a local festival.

### DAY 2 - EXPLORE EDMONTON

Morning treats at Duchess Bakery, then off to Elk Island National Park for wildlife-watching, a long-table dinner with chef Brad Smoliak, and storytelling, star gazing and Aurora hunting with Parks Canada interpreters.

### DAY 3 - STEP BACK IN TIME AT FORT EDMONTON PARK

Take a canoe tour through the River Valley, and enjoy a nightcap on the terrace of the Fairmont Hotel MacDonald.

### DAY 4 - HIT THE ROAD!

Head northwest to Grande Prairie, where you'll visit the new Philip Currie Dinosaur Museum and the GP Brewing Company.

### DAY 5 - EXPLORE GRANDE PRAIRIE

See the Grande Prairie museum, visit Sexsmith for small-town shopping, then head to High Level for the night.

### DAY 6 - WELCOME TO THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES!

Stop at Alexandra and Louise Falls for wildlife-watching, hiking and camping.

### DAY 7 - DRIVE TO YELLOWKNIFE

See bison en route, stay at a local campsite or hotel, explore historic Old Town, drive the Ingraham Trail, hike to Cameron Falls, then enjoy an evening of fishing or *(in August/September)* Aurora watching.

### DAY 8 - TRAVEL TO A WILDERNESS LODGE

Take in the Aboriginal culture, hike, fish and relax in an outdoor hot tub

### DAY 9 & 10 - RELAX AT THE LODGE

Fish, go boating, return to Yellowknife on the final evening.

### DAY 11 - DRIVE SOUTHBOUND

Camp at the Sixtieth Parallel Territorial Park.

### DAY 12 - DRIVE TOWARD EDMONTON

### DAY 13 - RETURN TO EDMONTON

Shop at West Edmonton Mall, then explore Old Strathcona's bohemian cafes, galleries and pubs.

### DAY 14 - DEPART EDMONTON

Head for home or for the Canadian Rockies.