

WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO VIEW THE AURORA?

FALL AURORA Mid August – End of September

That's right. You may not know, but the Northwest Territories has two peak seasons to view the aurora. While most people imagine having to view the northern lights while standing on a frozen lake during crisp cold nights, thanks to Mother Nature, we have the chance to view them without bundling up in snow pants and parkas.

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 12 hours per night or more. 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.

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WINTER AURORA Mid November – Early April

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.

Along with the Aurora, the Northwest Territories residents boast about their winter festivals. From the Muskrat Jamboree in Inuvik, to the Long John Jamboree and the SnowKing Festival hosted on the shores of the 10th largest lake on Earth, the winter season in the NWT is far from dull.