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You will **BROADEN** your horizons

We encourage you to experience this land in new and inventive ways.

Ride shotgun in a bush plane, cozying up next to the pilot and their controls, as you take off on floats for an aerial view of a world that has mostly escaped the influence of humankind. Or hang on tight as a gang of ecstatic four-legged tour guides shows you their little slice of paradise, weaving along forest trails and over frozen lakes in a dogsled.

No matter how you decide to explore it—by paddle or kicksled, flight-deck or fat-bike—the Northwest Territories will make you see the world a little differently.

Keep an eye out for caribou when driving the Dempster Highway, as herds migrate through the region in spring and fall. Maintain a respectful distance (100m) in the wild, but don't miss a chance to get an up-close look right now.



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The Northern Lights are a staple of the skies above the Northwest Territories. Here's just a taste of the magic that awaits you in late fall and all winter long.

WHY OUR LIGHTS ARE BRIGHTER

It's a scientific fact: The Northwest Territories is the world's Aurora hotspot. Here, the Northern Lights dance an average of 240 nights per year, engulfing the sky, shimmering with colours that seem close enough to touch. Why are our Northern Lights so frequent and vivid? Because Canada's Subarctic is blessed with crystal-clear nights, ultra-low humidity, and a perfect location directly beneath the Earth's band of maximal Aurora activity—the "Auroral oval."

The two best times to see the Northern Lights are in fall and during winter. Once the midnight sun vanishes by late August, you can camp comfortably beneath the celestial glow. Then starting in December and running until late March, the nights are brittle, clear and very, very long—providing the ideal conditions for the cosmic dance.



There's a story behind every pair of beaded moccasins—and every work of art tells its own tale. Here's a glimpse of the types of stories told in the Northwest Territories.

AN ARTS HAVEN

We are home to a surprising number of talented and inventive artisans, interpreting and reimagining age-old stories and designs in new, innovative ways. Browse through prints made in Ulukhaktok or Sambaa K'e, or try on cutting-edge clothing and jewellery designed in studios all across the Northwest Territories. Each region has its speciality—from birchbark basketmaking, porcupine quillwork and moosehair tufting in the south to doll- and parka-making further north. And our artists are proud to give visitors a glimpse at the work that goes into their works of art. For more information about where to purchase art in any NWT community, visit www.buynwtarts.com.