



WHERE MAGIC AND WONDER ABOUNDS

10 THINGS YOU NEED TO DO IN THE NWT'S NORTH SLAVE REGION

The world's oldest rocks, the best Northern Lights, and majestic beasts everywhere—the North Slave holds surprises around every corner whatever season you choose to visit. The region stretches along the northern shores of Great Slave, the continent's deepest lake. Here, you'll find an unparalleled diversity of freshwater fish, Canada's newest national park, the cosmopolitan capital city of Yellowknife and many communities of welcoming Northerners eager to share their love of home with you.

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WITNESS NATURE'S GREATEST LIGHTSHOW

It's a celestial phenomenon that's nearly impossible to put into words—a hint of fluorescent light on the horizon has suddenly filled the ink-black sky with greens and pinks that dance hypnotically high above, moving at speeds that are hard to fathom. The Aurora, a near-nightly occurrence over the North Slave region, leave you speechless no matter how many times you've witnessed them.

The wondrous lightshows begin in August, when night returns to Northern skies, and run through the winter until April. With an extremely dry climate that makes for consistently clear skies and our perfect position under the Auroral Oval—the band of maximal Aurora activity that circles the globe—the North Slave is the best place in the world to see the magical, mesmerizing Northern Lights.

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2 FISH ANY WAY YOU WANT

Great Slave Lake is a freshwater paradise. Jig for feisty Northern Pike through the ice, check nets for Burbot, or cast for Lake Trout and Arctic Grayling.



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3 A CASTLE MADE OF SNOW

Each year, a team of dedicated artists and builders erect a giant snow castle on Yellowknife Bay, an architectural wonder for kids of all ages to enjoy.



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4 BEHOLD THE BISON

Up here, our traffic jams look a little different. Keep your eyes peeled for herds of hulking bison on the highway.



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5 ICE ROAD ADVENTURE

Head out on to the ice road for a 6.5-kilometre cruise across Yellowknife Bay to the community of Dettah, home to the Yellowknives Dene First Nation, where you can learn about Dene culture and shop for local art at the YKDFN Artisan shop.



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6 YELLOWKNIFE'S FLOATING NEIGHBOURHOOD

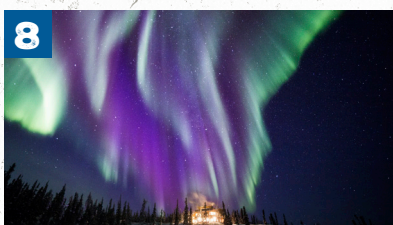
Forget Venice. Paddle a kayak or canoe around Yellowknife's Houseboat Bay for a floating tour of Canada's wildest neighbourhood.



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7 EXPLORE OLD TOWN

Sample craft brew, gorge on fresh fish, create your own etched glass souvenir and snap a panorama pic on Bush Pilot's Monument in odd and awesome Old Town.



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8 EXPERIENCE REMOTE LUXURY

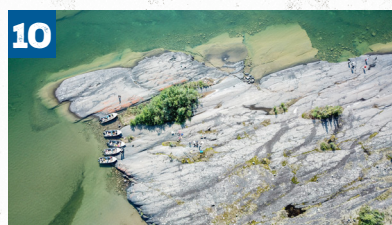
Hop on a floatplane and fly out to an NWT fishing or ecotourism lodge, famous for their rustic comforts and endless hospitality.



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9 RIDE LIKE A LOCAL

Explore a winter wonderland by snowmobile, ride a fat bike, or take control of a team of frisky sled dogs. Or maybe let your new best four-legged friend pull you along on a kicksled.



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10 CANADA'S NEWEST PARK

Take a trip to Thaidene Nëné National Park to marvel at the towering cliffs and soak up the pristine waters where the boreal forest transitions to tundra.