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YOU'LL FEEL
ON TOP OF
THE WORLD

SPECTACULAR
NORTHWEST
TERRITORIES

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SPECTACULAR SKIES



“The Northern Lights are out!” Wherever you are in the Northwest Territories, you’ll hear those words shouted to the heavens. Our cloudless skies and optimal geography make us the world’s best place to witness the *Aurora Borealis*. Nature’s cosmic lightshow dances more than **200 nights annually**, dazzling tens of thousands of visitors who flock here from across the planet.



HEAD TO THE HOTTEST PARTIES

Whether it’s the Muskrat Jamboree (see reindeer!) or the Snow King Festival (in an ice palace!), our celebrations will warm your heart.



LODGE YOURSELF RIGHT HERE

Escape the city lights by heading to a wilderness Aurora-viewing lodge. Pro-tip: Be sure to call dibs on the hot tub.



GO TO THE DOGS

Drive a husky team down a winter trail – and don’t be surprised if they howl at the Aurora as it shimmers overhead.



SLIDE INTO ADVENTURE

Wanna be an Ice Road Trucker? We’re where it all began. Our frozen highways are an adventurous road tripper’s dream.



TRY FISHING, FRESH & FROZEN

Here, the fishing heats up when the temperature drops. On our frozen lakes, world-class Trout, Pike, and Pickerel lurk just below your feet.



SPECTACULAR WATERS

Our waters are legendary: *Great Bear Lake. The Mackenzie River. Virginia Falls. The Northwest Passage.* Here, in the pure blue depths, are the world's fattest sport fish. Here are floating bed-and-breakfasts, bobbing you restfully to sleep. Here are crystal-clear pools too numerous to count, canoes cutting through surf, kayaks tracing shore-cliffs flecked with gold, and empty beaches where you can bask for endless days beneath the dreamy midnight sun.



TELL A BETTER FISH STORY

A few years ago, a world-record 79-pound Trout was landed in Great Bear Lake. It was weighed and released. It's still out there, waiting for your lure.



PADDLE THE PUREST WATERS

Launch on the Mackenzie, Nahanni, Keele or Coppermine, floating for months to the polar sea on the greatest river odysseys in the world.



FIND A LAKE ALL YOUR OWN

Our gazillions of lakes bathe an area larger than England – and most of them are nameless. Find one to call your own.



SEE A WATERFALL THAT DWARFS NIAGARA

At Virginia Falls, the Nahanni River throws itself off a football-field-sized cliff, exploding in fury. See it at least once in your lifetime.



SAIL AN INLAND SEA

The East Arm of Great Slave Lake is all sheer cliffs, blissful inlets and golden islands – a sailor's Shangri-La.



SPECTACULAR LANDSCAPES

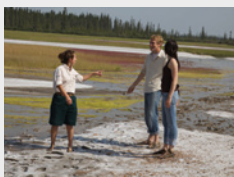


In the Northwest Territories, we have parks that are bigger than Switzerland. Mountains that have never felt a footprint. Roads where the only traffic jams are caused by wild buffalo. And a mountain range named the *Cirque of the Unclimbables*. Welcome to *"a world with the dew still on it,"* bigger, wilder and fresher than any that you have seen.



DRIVE TO THE TOP OF THE WORLD

The Dempster Highway, Canada's northernmost road-trip, is the biggest adventure you can have while sitting down.



EXPLORE THE WILDEST PARKS

Nahanni. Wood Buffalo. Aulavik. And more. With untamed rivers, fabled peaks and wildlife from the dawn of time, our national parks are wonders of the world.



THE STRANGEST SIGHTS TO SEE

Trek to the top of a pingo, see a glittering salt plain, explore a drunken forest, or summit a tufa mound, built from minerals burbling from the Earth.



TREK TO THE BASEMENT OF TIME

Why do we rock? Because we're built on four-billion-year-old stone, diamond-strewn kimberlite, and quartz that's laden with gold.



WALK OFF THE EARTH – ALMOST

We're a hiker's paradise, with great treks that include North America's most rigorous backpacking route, the 355-kilometre legendary Canol Trail.