

INUIT LANDS & THE ROAD TO THE ARCTIC

with Anderson Vacations

8 days

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Day 1 Arrive in Whitehorse, Yukon Territory

Welcome to Whitehorse, named the Wilderness City, nestled on the banks of the famous Yukon River surrounded by mountains and pristine lakes. Tonight enjoy a get acquainted dinner with your tour group.

Overnight in Whitehorse.

Included Meal(s): Dinner, if required.

Day 2 Whitehorse

Whitehorse has great shops, galleries and museums that are open all year. Take a stroll down Main Street or spend time with the locals in the lively cafés. Keep an eye out for local food and drink products – you may be surprised at the culinary scene up here!

The capital of the Yukon, Whitehorse, offers a charming inside to the history of the North. We visit the Visitor Centre to learn about the different regions of the Yukon, the SS Klondike -- a paddle wheeler ship and the Old Log Church, both restored relics from the Gold Rush days. We also see the world's longest wooden fish ladder and a Log Skyscraper. To finish with an inspiration of the North we will have a guided tour through the MacBride Museum.

Overnight in Whitehorse.

Included Meal(s): Breakfast and Dinner

Day 3 Whitehorse

We start our day at the interesting Indigenous Cultural centre situated on the banks of the Yukon River where the Kwanlin Dün First Nation people celebrate their heritage and way of life.

On our June departure, we will visit the magnificent Kluane National Park, which was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1979. We will stop at Sheep Mountain hoping to spot local Dall sheep in their natural environment. We will also learn about the glacial fields in the Kluane National Park at the Park Visitor Centre.

Overnight in Whitehorse.

Included Meal(s): Breakfast and Dinner

Day 4 Whitehorse - Dawson City

Dawson City is an eclectic and vibrant northern community on the banks of the Yukon River, possibly soon to be a UNESCO World Heritage Site (in review currently). It is a mix of First Nations heritage and Gold Rush history blended with an active gold mining industry as well as a thriving arts scene. Dawson's history includes Beringia, the Ice Age period which formed this unique landscape, the Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in indigenous people who have called this place home for centuries, as well as the Klondike Gold Rush, that put this town on the map worldwide. Dawson today is a colourful community that still has the look and feel of a wild-west town, with personalities to boot. Miners, artists, wanderers, and the First Nations all call this place home.

Overnight in Dawson City.

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Included Meal(s): Breakfast and Dinner

Day 5 Dawson City - Eagle Plains

This morning we depart for our drive to Eagle Plains on the iconic Dempster Highway over the tundra, through the Richardson Mountains and Tombstone Park. The 7 hour long drive takes us to breathtaking views of the Richardson Mountains, through rolling hills of tundra and small lakes. Due to the open nature of the Arctic tundra, this drive is the best chance to see local wildlife such as eagles, wolves, moose, caribou and grizzly bears.

Overnight in Eagle Plains.

Included Meal(s): Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 6 Eagle Plains - Inuvik, NWT

We continue our drive to the town of Inuvik (approx. 6.5 hours) within the Arctic Circle. We pass the quaint community of T'siigehtchic and make two ferry crossings on our way to the famous Arctic Circle Monument. We stop at the famous Monument before continuing onwards to Inuvik for stay at the comfortable Mackenzie Hotel.

We have planned a cultural evening with local Inuit elders this day to listen to traditional tales and learn about the Arctic way of life here in the Far North.

Overnight Inuvik.

Included Meal(s): Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 7 Inuvik & Mackenzie Valley Highway to the Arctic Ocean

Today we drive on the recently built Mackenzie Valley Highway to the Arctic Ocean. We will be amongst the first visitors to travel on this road from Inuvik to the community of Tuktoyaktuk on the Arctic Ocean. This experience is exclusive and a 'one off' as we drive on Canada's only road to the Arctic Ocean. The locals refer to Tuktoyaktuk as 'Tuk', and here, hosted by the local Inuit, we will experience and learn the ways of life of the people who also call it 'home'.

Our local Inuit guide will share stories and history of the area, and point out local landmarks and other points of interest including the Lady of Lourdes Schooner, Traditional sod house, local churches, Distant Early Warning Site and the Trans Canada Trailhead site. We will visit a pingo, also a national landmark where your guide will explain how these amazing natural formations are formed. Then it is out onto the Arctic Ocean to dip our toes and to experience the vastness of the Beaufort Sea where we hear stories of how the local people survive in this northern environment.

This afternoon, we board comfortable boats for a cruise through the Mackenzie River Delta back to Inuvik stopping at an active Inuit whaling station to learn about how the Inuit do their traditional annual whale hunt to provide a sustainable food source.

Overnight Inuvik.

Included Meal(s): Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 8 Inuvik - Whitehorse - Departure

We have the morning free to explore this northern community before boarding our mid-day flight back to Whitehorse and then connecting onwards to home.

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Please do not book flights departing Whitehorse prior to 4:00pm on Day 8.

Included Meal(s): Breakfast