

# Fall Aurora Viewing

The Yukon's Northern Lights can be seen from mid August until mid April. In August and September, the Yukon's brilliant fall foliage offers a stunning contrast to the Aurora at night.

## Duration

3 to 4 days

## Season

Late August - September\*

## The Experience

Aurora viewing package tours depart from Whitehorse-based hotels or cozy cabins and lodges further afield. During the day, your clients can enjoy local arts, entertainment and outdoor activities or relax in their own cabin in the Yukon wilderness

*\*Note: Some attractions and activities finish seasonal operation in September. Dates vary by company. Please check individual operators and attractions for exact dates of availability.*

## Whitehorse

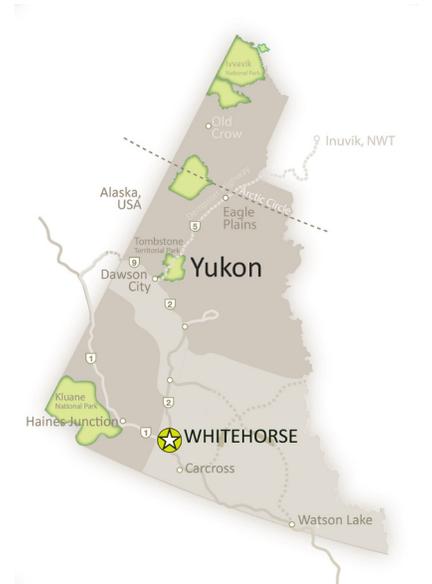
Steeped in culture and history, Whitehorse is a contemporary place with a vibrant arts community, world-class attractions, and top-notch tourist services. It offers all the amenities of a big city, with an endearing small-town personality.

## Sightseeing

[S.S. Klondike National Historic Site](#)  
[MacBride Museum of Yukon History](#)  
[Yukon Transportation Museum](#)  
[Yukon Beringia Interpretive Centre](#)  
[Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre](#)  
[Old Log Church Museum](#)  
[Waterfront Trolley](#)  
[Whitehorse Fish Ladder](#)  
[Copperbelt Railway and Mining Museum](#)  
[Miles Canyon](#)  
[Yukon Artists at Work Gallery](#)  
[Yukon Wildlife Preserve](#)

## Activities

Hiking  
Dog sled kennel visits and hiking with huskies  
Mountain Biking  
Canoe/kayak the Yukon River  
Horseback Riding  
Fishing  
[Takhini Hot Springs](#)



## Suggested Day Tours

### Takhini Hot Springs Road

About half an hour from downtown Whitehorse, visitors can spend the day visiting the [Yukon Wildlife Preserve](#), soaking in the [Takhini Hot Springs](#) and enjoying some locally roasted beans in one of the coffee shops.

### Skagway, Alaska and the White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad

The two hour drive to Skagway, Alaska includes plenty of scenic viewpoints - Emerald Lake, Tutshi Lake and the Carcross Desert - as well as the historic village of Carcross. Skagway is a well-preserved gold rush town and major cruise ship port with plenty of attractions for visitors. The narrow gauge [White Pass & Yukon Route Railroad](#) is an Historic Civil Engineering Landmark. The track climbs 3000' in just 20 miles, through tunnels and across trestle bridges with stunning scenic views.

### Haines Junction and Klauane National Park and Reserve

Just a two hour drive from Whitehorse lies the wilderness playground of [Kluane National Park and Reserve](#), part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site. This is an easy day trip or guests can plan to stay overnight in Haines Junction.

### Southern Lakes Region

Named for the interconnected lakes and rivers that form the headwaters of the mighty Yukon River, this region is also home to diverse landscapes, from desert dunes to snow-capped mountains. Villages to explore include Carcross, Mt Lorne, Tagish, Teslin, Marsh Lake & Atlin.

## Itinerary Planning

### We recommend...

#### *For clients with a car rental:*

- Day 1 - Explore Whitehorse with an evening aurora tour
- Day 2 - Explore the Southern Lakes Region and evening aurora tour
- Day 3 - Day trip to Haines Junction and evening aurora tour
- Day 4 - Day trip to Skagway, Alaska

#### *For clients without a car rental:*

- Day 1 - Sightseeing around Whitehorse - most attractions are within walking distance; evening aurora tour
- Day 2 - Packaged day tour - local operators offer a wide range of day and half-day tour options from Whitehorse; evening aurora tour
- Day 3 - White Pass and Yukon Route Railroad day tour - coach and rail packages are available between Whitehorse-Carcross - Skagway and return; evening aurora tour
- Day 4 - Relax and enjoy the ambience of Whitehorse - sip coffee with the locals in one of our eclectic coffee shops and then browse the shops and galleries around Main Street



### Aurora Viewing

Aurora viewing tours operate from downtown Whitehorse each evening. Clients will be picked up at their hotel and transferred to an aurora viewing site away from the city lights. We suggest a minimum of three nights which will maximise your clients' chance of seeing the aurora.

### Accommodation

There are a range of accommodation options in and around Whitehorse. In Whitehorse itself there are several hotels, motels B&B's and inns.

If your clients are looking for something uniquely Yukon, then we suggest either a wilderness lodge or cabin. Cabins range in facilities from very rustic to those with all the creature comforts. With this option clients can watch the northern lights at their leisure.



### Getting Here

There are multiple daily scheduled flights to the Yukon from Vancouver with Air North, Yukon's Airline, Air Canada and Westjet (seasonal). There are also services from Calgary, Edmonton, Kelowna, Yellowknife and Ottawa. Condor operates weekly service from Frankfurt to Whitehorse from May to September.

Access is via the Erik Nielsen Whitehorse International airport which is located just 10 minutes from downtown Whitehorse. Most downtown hotels offer airport shuttle services; car rentals and taxis are also available at the airport.