

Winter Aurora Viewing

The Yukon's Northern Lights can be seen from mid August until mid April. Aurora viewing in the winter combines just the right amount of excitement, inspiration and comfort. Daytime activities include dog sledding, snowmobiling, ice-fishing, sightseeing and sampling local cuisine in Whitehorse, while nights can be spent watching for the northern lights.

Duration

3 to 4 days

Season

October - April

The Experience

Aurora viewing package tours depart from Whitehorse hotels as well as lodges and cabins further afield. During the day, your clients can enjoy local arts, entertainment and cultural events or get outdoors for a true Yukon winter experience.

Whitehorse

Steeped in culture and history, Whitehorse, "the Wilderness City", 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 and easy access to outdoor activities, 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](#)
[Yukon Artists at Work Gallery](#)
[Yukon Wildlife Preserve](#)

Other Activities

Arts and Culture in Whitehorse
Winter Festivals
[Takhini Hot Springs](#)



During the Day

Takhini Hot Springs Road

About half an hour from downtown Whitehorse, visitors can spend the day visiting the [Yukon Wildlife Preserve](#) and soaking in the [Takhini Hot Springs](#).

Main Street Ambience

Whitehorse is full of great shops and galleries that are open all winter. Lively cafés provide a chance to meet the locals and entertainment can be found at many venues throughout the year. Visitors can soak up the ambience during a stroll along Main Street and perhaps find an authentic piece of local art or special memento of their Yukon aurora adventure.

Dog Sledding

A "must do" activity for visitors a day or half day of dog sledding offers the thrill of coasting across the snow with a team of friendly Yukon huskies.

Snowmobiling

For those folks who want to experience the exhilaration of riding their own snowmobile, there are plenty of trails in the mountains around Whitehorse and a guided snowmobiling tour is the perfect way to explore them in winter. Half and full day tours are available.

Snowshoeing

Snowshoes offer a tranquil way to explore the spruce forests near Whitehorse. Half day guided tours offer modern lightweight snowshoes, plenty of opportunities for photography and the possibility of spotting wildlife.

Ice Fishing

Whitehorse is surrounded by scenic lakes stocked with a variety of fish species. A guide will take guests to a lake where they'll learn the very Canadian skill of ice fishing.

Winter Clothing Rental

Winter tour operators offer guest clothing rental packages which include insulated outerwear, boots, mitts and hat specially designed for the Yukon winter. We recommend that you pre-book this for your clients.



Itinerary Planning

We recommend...

Day 1 - Sightseeing around Whitehorse - most attractions are within walking distance; evening aurora tour
Days 2 to 4 - Choose from a menu of day tour options and an aurora viewing tour each evening

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 and Air Canada. There are also services from Calgary, Edmonton, Kelowna, Yellowknife and Ottawa.

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.



Some Suggestions

A Yukon aurora viewing trip is the perfect add-on to your client's ski vacation in British Columbia or the Rockies.

Yukon aurora viewing can also be combined with aurora viewing in the Northwest Territories - Air North, Yukon's Airline operates service between Whitehorse and Yellowknife.