

# YUKON SAMPLE YUKON ITINERARIES

Time to start planning an adventure in the Yukon?

Below are some of the best-loved Yukon itineraries. Package tours and independent self-drives are available.

NORTHERN LIGHTS (AURORA) VIEWING:

(Fall & Winter, Day Trips, 3-4 days, Start & Finish: Whitehorse, Yukon)

Yukon's Northern Lights can be seen from late August until early April. Watching these majestic green waves dance across the sky is truly an unforgettable experience. Aurora viewing package tours are available, whether from Whitehorse-based hotels or from cozy cabins and lodges further afield.

During the day, your clients can enjoy local arts, entertainment and cultural events or relax in their own cabin in the Yukon wilderness... Such peace and quiet is rare, even in Canada!

In August and September, the Yukon's brilliant fall foliage offers a stunning contrast to the Aurora at night. In winter months, activities like dog sledding, snowshoeing, skiing and ice fishing provide a true Canadian experience to go along with watching for Aurora after dark.



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### YUKON ADVENTURE!

(Summer/Fall, 3 - 4 days, Start & Finish: Whitehorse, Yukon)

Summer adventure in the Yukon! Starting from Whitehorse, your clients can canoe the famous Yukon River, go hiking in our pristine wilderness, bike rugged mountain trails or smooth city paths, watch for local wildlife, visit museums, & First Nations cultural centres and enjoy local festivals and events. Add options to visit nearby communities such as Carcross, Haines Junction and Kluane National Park. They'll enjoy the Midnight Sun's long daylight hours and all the Yukon has to offer!









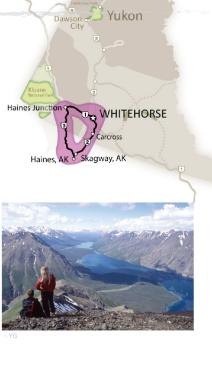
## **GOLDEN CIRCLE ROUTE**

(Summer/Fall, 4 - 5 days, Start & Finish: Whitehorse, Yukon)

This spectacular mountain route shows off glorious alpine passes, incredible lakes, picturesque Yukon towns and the South-East Alaska coastline. Your clients will follow the historic White Pass & Yukon Route train route between Whitehorse and Skagway, Alaska, then ride the ocean ferry between Skagway and Haines, Alaska. They'll enjoy amazing views of mountains and glaciers as they take in Kluane National Park, part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site. From here, it's just two hours drive back to Whitehorse.







### WHITEHORSE - DAWSON CITY - TOMBSTONE PARK

#### (Summer/Fall, 5 - 7 days, Start & Finish: Whitehorse, Yukon)

This adventure explores the land of the legendary Klondike Gold Rush of 1898. Dawson City is an authentic gold rush town, home to just 1300 residents but bursting with National Historic Sites and attractions. Your clients can immerse themselves in the history of the region, shop for unique locally-made items, see the summertime performances of can-can dancers at Diamond Tooth Gertie's, and try their luck at Canada's oldest legal casino. They can take a tour to see where gold was found, and how it's still actively mined today! For the truly adventurous, one can even try the "SourToe cocktail" - something to brag about upon returning home! Hotels, B&Bs and camping are plentiful in this area. Dawson City is approximately 6 hours drive north of Whitehorse, or a one-hour flight on Air North, Yukon's Airline.

Once your clients reach Dawson, they'll want to venture a little further north to visit Tombstone Territorial Park for some of the Yukon's most majestic scenery. They can visit the park's Interpretive Centre and witness the haunting landscape with jagged peaks and colour-stained hills. It's a great place to hike from the roadside and watch for wildlife. If they wish to overnight, RV or tenting is available here, or they can return to Dawson City in approximately 2 hours drive.











#### DEMPSTER HIGHWAY & ARCTIC CIRCLE

(Summer/Winter, fly/drive, 8 - 15 days, Start: Whitehorse, Finish: Inuvik, NWT (or reverse)

Have your clients traverse the incredible Dempster Highway, Canada's only all-weather road that crosses the Arctic Circle! This is a unique addition to a visit to Dawson City and Tombstone Territorial Park. The Dempster Highway's isolation and variable conditions can prove challenging, but the abundant wildlife and expansive views are unmatched, making this among the world's most unique driving routes.

Several Yukon operators offer this tour package, which is highly recommended as guides take care of all the details! The remoteness of the area might be a surprise, but is well worth the journey. Your clients can stop for a once-in-a-lifetime photo at the Arctic Circle! As they continue northward, they'll enter the Northwest Territories and cross the Peel and Mackenzie Rivers by ferry on the way to Inuvik. (Note that ferries are seasonal, and can be used only in summer or once the rivers freeze solid for the winter!)

As a self-drive, this adventure requires advance planning. Your clients can rent a vehicle in Whitehorse, and travel north to Dawson City.

After visiting Klondike country and Tombstone Park, they will be heading out on an unpaved, two-lane highway with limited services. They'll need a well-running vehicle, spare tire and full gas tank, and it's recommended to drive at a "slow and steady" pace. Plan for roadside camping or pre-book accomodations at Eagle Plains, the half-way point up the Dempster.

The Dempster Highway ends in Inuvik, Northwest Territories. Your clients can rest, eat, and explore this unique community. Packages will include airfare back to Whitehorse on Air North, Yukon's Airline. Self-drives will need to stock up on supplies for the southbound journey.



Inuvik, NWT









