



The Aurora Escape

As an Aurora viewing destination, the Yellowknife area in the Northwest Territories boasts the highest percentage of Aurora sightings.



YOUR
ADVENTURE
AWAITS

5 days/4 nights

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Highlights:

- High-percentage chance of Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights)
- Experience a cozy, wilderness lodge without giving up creature comforts
- Snowmobile, snowshoe and hike in the pristine wilderness
- Try your luck at ice-fishing
- Explore Yellowknife and learn about its frontier history

The Aurora Ovals are located in the atmosphere in the areas surrounding the Earth's magnetic poles. Yellowknife is situated in an advantageous position under the Northern Aurora Oval based on magnetic latitude. is far from the ocean with a flat geographical landscape and a high percentage of clear skies. These factors, combined with latitudinal position, equals a high probability of Aurora Borealis sightings.

We've taken the amazing northern lights package based at the remote Blachford Lake Lodge and added time in Yellowknife to complete your aurora experience!

Blachford Lake Lodge provides you with the chance to enjoy a pristine environment with comfortable facilities, wonderful food and various activities. You'll have an exclusive, front row seat for nature's own light show after dark. Relax and explore the lodge that Their Royal Highnesses Prince William and Kate Middleton visited during their trip to Canada's North. In late summer, the Aurora often fills the night sky, reflecting off the shimmering waters of Blachford Lake. On crisp winter nights, the Aurora, the moon and the stars light your way on snow covered paths. The northern lights have been in existence since the earth formed an atmosphere, and shine most intensely in this region. Discover the magic of the north!

Day 1 (Tuesday or Thursday):

Fly north to Yellowknife and transfer to your hotel for an overnight stay. This vibrant city, located on the shores of Great Slave Lake, boasts endless stunning arctic landscapes. Explore the Old Town, featuring panoramic views from Bush Pilot's Monument, as well as a variety of unique shops and cafes. There are several tours that we can book for you to enjoy this afternoon (time permitting) such as a city tour, snowmobiling or a glass workshop. Just ask and we'll be happy to provide you with details and pricing for the activities you wish to add. This evening you will go out into the countryside for an evening aurora tour.

Days 2 & 3 (Wednesday & Thursday or Friday & Saturday):

Fly to Blachford Lake Lodge, a twenty-minute charter flight from Yellowknife. Located on a remote jewel of a lake set



in Precambrian rock, this spacious, handcrafted log lodge offers a blend of rustic charm and modern comfort. Gourmet meals are prepared by talented chefs, and the cozy Aurora lounge offers a retreat in the evenings. Enjoy a variety of activities depending on your interests. Embark on guided excursions throughout the Canadian taiga, head out on a snowshoe or hiking trail, and discover the awe-inspiring Northern Lights.

Day 4 (Friday or Sunday):

Return to Yellowknife late this afternoon for another overnight stay. You will have the early evening on your own to explore Yellowknife. (ask us about booking a city tour!). We recommend taking in the amazing culture in this wonderful northern city. Browse the shops, and get a bite of fresh caught fish at Bullocks Bistro. You will be picked up from your hotel where you will have an evening aurora viewing tour. You will have the opportunity to in the warmer months take a boat across the lake and in the winter months snowmobile, to a rustic cabin where you will enjoy traditional northern snacks and hospitality.

Day 5 (Saturday or Monday):

Your tour concludes after breakfast this morning.

See Tour Notes for other tour options.

DEPARTURES & PRICING

2016 and 2017 Departures:

Tuesdays, Thursdays

December 23, 2016 to April 06, 2017

August 24 to September 28, 2017

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Moderate accommodation (hotel in Yellowknife/cabin at Blachford Lake)

CA\$1,839 - twin

CA\$2,127 - single

Superior accommodation (hotel in Yellowknife/lodge room at Blachford Lake)

CA\$2,635 - twin

CA\$2,920 - single

Tax: 5% GST

Prices are shown in CA\$, per person based on two people sharing a twin room, one person in a single room.

INCLUDED

- Two nights accommodation Yellowknife, standard room
- Yellowknife airport shuttle upon arrival and departure
- Round trip scenic flight on float plane from Yellowknife to Blachford
- Two nights all inclusive accommodation at Blachford Lake Lodge
- Gourmet meals and snacks while at lodge
- Two hour interpretive experience (snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, fat-tire biking or ice skating/hockey) - Guided
- Use of most lodge equipment at leisure
- Use of lodge facilities
- Mandatory 10% gratuities at lodge
- One guided, aurora viewing tour out of Yellowknife (approximately 3 hours)

NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare to/from Yellowknife from your home city
- Meals other than indicated
- Alcoholic beverages at Blachford Lake Lodge
- Additional rentals and guide services
- Optional tours
- Winter clothing rental (see Tour Notes for pricing)
- Travel insurance
- Items of a personal nature
- 5% GST on all packages and optional add-ons

TOUR NOTES



Alternate Package Durations/Dates:

- 6 day/5 night - Saturdays
- 7 day/6 night - Tuesdays
- 8 day/7 night - Mondays, Thursdays
- 10 day/9 night - Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays

Add-On Options:

Snowmobile Adventures:

- Taste of Touring (2 hours, CA\$140)
- Whiteman Loop (2 hours, CA\$200)
- Whiteman Trail and Historic Cadieux Cabin Cookout (3 hours, lunch included, CA\$275)
- Ice Pressure Ridges (3 hours, CA\$300)
- Watta Lake - Historic Cabins (6 hours, CA\$475)
- Ice and Exploration - The Ultimate Great Slave Circular Tour (8 hours, CA\$635)
- Overnight Expedition - Winter Camping (1 night, CA\$825)

Winter Fishing:

- Traditional Dene Net Fishing (2 hours, CA\$275)

All optional activity prices are shown in CA\$, per person and are subject to 5% GST.

Clothing Rental:

Full gear rental includes a goose down parka, insulated snow pants, lined boots, thermal gloves and hat. Price includes fitting, delivery of gear to the air charter base at the start of your trip and pick up at the end.

3 day rental - CA\$135

Additional day - CA\$40

Rental of 1 item (parka, snow pants, boots) - CA\$20/item/day

Delivery of gear to hotel or pick up of gear from hotel - CA\$25/direction (per party)

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Moon Phases

For those seeking an aurora experience during the darkest phase of the moon, there are specialized departures. During the long northern winter nights, certainly, the moon has a dominant influence on the appearance of the environment at remotely located Blachford Lake Lodge - both on the ground and in the sky. While the Full Moon provides enough light on the trails to go for a late night ski or hike, the New Moon reminds us how far away we are from any sources of light. Millions of stars appear in the sky and the northern lights seem to be most powerful and vibrant.

2016 New Moon dates: 26, 28, 31 August; 25, 28, 30 September; 25, 28 December

2017 New Moon dates: 25, 27 January; 24, 26 February; 24, 26 March; 18, 20 August; 15, 17 September

Please note, only Wednesday-Saturday dates fit into the 5 day/4 night Aurora Escape program. Sunday-Tuesday dates will require a longer stay at the lodge. Please inquire for pricing.

On-Site Activities: Aurora viewing / Bonfires / Cross country skiing / Hot tubs / Sauna / Snow-shoeing / Handicrafts / Kick sledding / Fat tire biking / Ice-skating/hockey / Ice-fishing / Net fishing / Quinzhee building / Winter camping / Snowmobile tours / Wildlife tracking

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