



The Aurora Escape

As an Aurora viewing destination, the Yellowknife area in the Northwest Territories boasts the highest percentage of Aurora sightings. And getting to a rustic lodge like Blachford Lake Lodge, well away from city lights, increases your chances even further.



5 days/4 nights

ITINERARY

Day 1, Tuesday or Thursday:

We feature our basic 5 day/4 night program staying two nights in Yellowknife and two nights at Blachford Lake Lodge. If you have more time we highly recommend one of our longer packages (see Trip Notes).

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.

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.

Days 2 & 3, Wednesday-Friday or Friday-Sunday:

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.

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 4, Friday or Sunday: Lodge to Yellowknife

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: Depart from Yellowknife

Depart anytime today from Yellowknife. Or, you may choose to extend your stay by a day or two and book on some of the great, optional activities available.

Optional tours and add-ons at Blachford Lake Lodge

Welcome Wine & Cheese Platter
Porcupine Quill Earring Making
Paint Night
Birthday Cake
Wedding Ceremony Officiant

Snowmobile Adventures:

Taste of Touring (5km)
Whiteman Loop (10km)
Whiteman Trail , tea & cookies (20km)
Traditional Dene Net Fishing
Ice Pressure Ridges on Great Slave Lake (32km)
Watta Lake - Grace Lake Tent Frames (37km)
Ice and Exploration - The Ultimate Great Slave Circular Tour, with meals (full day)
Overnight Snowmobile Tour - Winter Camping (1 night)

Summer Guided Fishing:
4 Hours or 8 Hours

All optional activity prices will be quoted in CA\$, per person and are subject to a 10% gratuity and 5% GST. It is recommended to book the optional activities at the same time as your accommodation to ensure you can take part.

Winter Gear Rental:

Full gear package and delivery of gear to your hotel in Yellowknife.

Optional Tours from Yellowknife

Winter tour options, Yellowknife:

- City Tour
- Northern lights viewing - get out of town by quad or snowmobile to a remote cabin in a nearby boreal forest. Spend the evening around a cosy fire, with a hot chocolate and homemade snacks while watching for Nature's greatest light show. Of course, as with all things in Nature, an appearance of the Aurora is never guaranteed. (fall, winter & spring)
- Dog-sledding, snowmobiling, ice-fishing, and cross country skiing.

Summer tour options include, but are not limited to:

- City Tour
- Hiking
- Wildlife viewing, including wood bison
- Historical city tour
- Glassworks Workshop - create your own souvenir of your stay in Yellowknife



- Great Slave Lake tours and fishing
- Kayaking and canoe trips on Great Slave Lake
- Birding and photography trips
- Nahanni National Park and Virginia Falls tour

Some spring and fall tours overlap the summer season while others fall into the winter season. We can provide you with a list of options available for the time you are going to be visiting Yellowknife.

Please note, many tours require a minimum of 2 or 4 participants. For single travellers especially, some tours may not be available unless a private tour is booked and the additional cost paid. This would guarantee your touring options. For parties of 2-3 people we may have to substitute some tours for others that will operate with less than 4 participants.

Details

2022 Departures:

Select Tuesdays & Thursdays, mid-August to mid April

Holiday Departures (3 or 6 night stays): 3rd week of December 21 to early January at higher rates and extra festive season inclusions (please inquire).

2022 Pricing:

Cabin or Lodge accommodation

From CA\$2,210 – twin or single “willing to share”

Gratuities to lodge staff: CA\$150 per person

Children: 2 and under, free; 3-14 years of age special price offer (ask us for a quote)

Tax: 4% on Yellowknife accommodation / 5% GST on total program

Prices are “starting from” rates, shown in CA\$, per person based on two people sharing a twin lodge room/cabin or a single “willing to share”. Rates for single use of a lodge room are available on request.

Yellowknife accommodation: selection of moderate hotels, depending on availability.

Blachford Lake Lodge: choice of cabin or lodge accommodation

Trip Code:

804139-W20

INCLUDED

- Two nights of moderate accommodation in Yellowknife at a moderate hotel, standard room
- Yellowknife airport shuttle upon arrival and departure
- One guided, aurora viewing tour out of Yellowknife (approximately 3 hours)
- Round trip scenic bush-plane flight from Yellowknife to Blachford
- Two nights all-inclusive accommodation at Blachford Lake Lodge in cabin or lodge, as chosen
- Gourmet meals and snacks while at lodge
- Two hour interpretive experience daily (snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, fat-tire biking or ice skating/hockey) – Guided
- Handicraft workshop
- Use of most lodge equipment for snowshowing, cross country skiing, hiking, igloo building, quinzhee building, wildlife tracking, ice fishing, fat tire biking, skating and hockey
- Use of lodge facilities – Aurora lounge, fireplaces, library, hot tub, sauna, tipi, Aurora viewing decks
- All-night aurora watch service
- Aurora photography tips and hints
- High-speed, wireless internet (up to 200MB/day per guest – additional use at extra cost)
- Mandatory 10% gratuities at lodge



- **Holiday Departures, 3 or 6 night stays also include a visit from Santa; northern gift for each person: a glass of mulled wine each evening or bubbly toast on New Year's Eve (adults only); caroling and decorating the Christmas tree; Christmas Day feast or late night buffet on New Year's Eve and fireworks for New Year's Eve

NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare from your home city to/from Yellowknife
- Meals other than indicated
- Alcoholic beverages at Blachford Lake Lodge
- Additional rentals and guide services
- Optional tours
- Winter clothing rental from CA\$126 per person
- Travel insurance
- Items of a personal nature
- 5% GST on all packages and optional add-ons

TOUR NOTES

Longer Packages are available on request with **stays at Blachford Lake Lodge of 3-7 nights**. We also offer lodge stays during the summer months, with the long days of sunlight, water sports, fishing, hiking, campfires and other fun summer activities. Please ask us to quote you on the different options available in both winter and summer.

For those looking for the darkest skies for Northern Lights viewing, check for the dates of the New Moon in [2022](#) and [2023](#).

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