



CANADA

# YUKON WINTER HEARTBEAT (TOUR CODE: 11953)

**STARTS AND ENDS**

in Whitehorse

**TRAVEL PERIODS**

06 Dec 24 - 31 Mar 25

**EXPERIENCE**

Winter

**TRAVEL STYLE**

Independent Holiday Packages

Discover winter magic in Whitehorse, Yukon! Mush through snowy trails, dine on fresh catches, and explore like a local on this unforgettable adventure.

## Highlights

- Three Aurora Viewing evening tours, to give you the best chances to see the Aurora Borealis
- Learn the old tradition of dog mushing, along scenic frozen winter trails
- Snowshoe through the stunning landscapes and enjoy the tranquility of the Yukon wilderness
- Get a birds-eye-view of Whitehorse, with a 30-minute sightseeing flight above the spectacular winter scenery
- Enjoy an exhilarating ride up and down magnificent mountains on a snowmobile
- Visit to Yukon Wildlife Preserve & Eclipse Nordic Hot Springs

This program offers the best winter activities in far north Canada - dog sledding, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, ice-fishing, wildlife viewing, hot springs, flightseeing and watching the Aurora Borealis!

During a spectacular sightseeing flight above the surrounding area of Whitehorse you'll have a chance to see the grand landscape of the far north. We'll take you to explore the rich history of the Yukon during a city tour, watch local wildlife upclose at the Yukon Wildlife Preserve and relax in the soothing hot waters and sauna of the local hot springs.

Learn how to mush with your team of huskies which will whisk you away onto trails in the winter wonderland. Feel the rush of driving a snowmobile into the backcountry to magnificent view points. You'll set out on a beautiful winter lake to discover the tranquility of ice fishing. If you are lucky and catch a nice fish your guide will fillet it and cook it on the fire. Set your tracks during a snowshoeing tour among some of the most impressive landscapes.

On three evenings of your choice, you'll travel just outside the city centre, but far enough from the city lights to an idyllic Northern Lights viewing

location, the AuroraCentre. The evenings will feature relaxing Northern Lights viewing beside a cozy wood stove or roaring campfire. A winter vacation is truly complete with the chance to view the aurora borealis cascading across the night sky.



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

## INCLUSIONS

- 6 nights in Whitehorse at the Sternwheeler Hotel
- Return Whitehorse Airport transfers
- 6 continental-style breakfast
- 30-minute Cessna sightseeing flight
- City sightseeing tour in Whitehorse
- 3 x Aurora Viewing evening tours
- Half-day Husky Stampede Dog Sledding Tour
- Half-day Ice-fishing & Snowshoeing tour
- Half-day Snowmobiling tour
- Half-day Kicksledding tour
- Visit Eclipse Nordic Hot Springs
- Visit of Yukon Wildlife Preserve

## ITINERARY

Day **1**

### Whitehorse

From the airport, you will be transferred to your hotel located in the centre of Whitehorse.

Overnight stay in Whitehorse at **Sternwheeler Hotel**.



Day **2**

## Whitehorse

We start the day with a **sightseeing flight** above the spectacular winter scenery on a 30 minutes sightseeing flight. During the flight we can enjoy the Yukon winter from an angle only few people ever will. Back in Whitehorse we will discover the history of the north on a **city-sightseeing tour**. Whitehorse has a lot to offer and is home to famous sights like the historic Paddlewheeler SS Klondike or a “Skyscraper” completely made out of logs. Later we drive to the **Yukon Wildlife Preserve** where we can see up close inhabitant game like the Elk, Moose, Caribou, Mountain Goats and Lynx in their natural surrounding. Not far from here we will visit the **Eclipse Nordic Hot Springs** and indulge ourself in the natural hot waters and relax in a breathtaking winter mountain setting. Later that evening you’ll be back on the road again to seek views of the stunning Northern Lights. Relax in sheltered comfort, or under the starry sky beside a warm fire at one of our tailor-made aurora viewing locations.

Overnight stay in Whitehorse at **Sternwheeler Hotel**.

Breakfast



CREDIT: SIGHTSEEING FLIGHT | ARCTIC RANGE

Day **3**

## Whitehorse

Strap on your boots and zip up your jackets! Today we combine Yukon's rich gold rush history with the thrill of mushing with a team of sled dogs in the hands of an expert dog sled guide. Take a ride behind friendly huskies, visit a race check point and learn about dog sledding history, racing and life as a musher. Step back in time at a prospector cabin and enjoy listening to stories about the history of **dog sledding** from 4000 years ago to today. Later in the evening we set out to the AuroraCentre where we'll seek the sight of northern lights.

Overnight stay in Whitehorse at **Sternwheeler Hotel**.

Breakfast



Day 4

## Whitehorse

After breakfast we drive into the mountains closeby Whitehorse. After a detailed safety introduction we step on our **snowmobiles**. With enjoyable speed we'll pass through the memorable winter scenery of the Yukon and soak up the view of snow covered mountains and lakes with thick layers of ice. With a snowmobile, the journey can be an exhilarating ride up and down magnificent mountains or a relaxing tour through the forest and down historic trails. Tonight is another chance to see the **Aurora Borealis** as we set out to the AuroraCentre.

Overnight stay in Whitehorse at **Sternwheeler Hotel**.

Breakfast



CREDIT: SNOWMOBILING | ARCTIC RANGE

Day **5**

## Whitehorse

Today we will head out for an **ice fishing** adventure on one of the beautiful lakes in the Whitehorse area. With the help of an ice-auger, we will drill a hole in the ice. The ice on a lake can be from 30 cm to onemeter-thick! Hot drinks will be available to keep us toasty. Take a look around and enjoy the beauty of a winter's day while waiting for the big catch! If we are lucky and catch a nice trout your guide will fillet it and cook it on the fire. At the end of our day we return to Whitehorse with a record catch of great memories.

Overnight stay in Whitehorse at **Sternwheeler Hotel**.

### Breakfast



CREDIT: ICE FISHING | ARCTIC RANGE

Day **6**

## Whitehorse

On this fun **kicksledding** tour we will guide you through interesting wilderness routes in the most beautiful scenery in

Yukon's Winterwonderland. You will learn the basics of kicksledding and travel slight elevations on forest trails and on frozen lakes. The Kicksled's snow and ice rails allow you to ride over snow drifts, across frozen lakes and even fresh powder snow. The Kicksled is very easy to master. The sled is propelled by kicking the ground by foot like a scooter.

Overnight stay in Whitehorse at **Sternwheeler Hotel**.

Breakfast



Day **7**

## Whitehorse

Your journey ends today with a transfer back to Whitehorse Airport.

Breakfast

# ACCOMMODATION

## The Sternwheeler Hotel & Conference Centre

### Whitehorse

The Sternwheeler Hotel & Conference Centre is the ideal business and social hub, offering 181 rooms and suites, fully renovated event space, and a dynamic onsite restaurant and café. Stay at our full-service hotel to have the best of Whitehorse right outside your door, with a variety of attractions, museums, shops, restaurants, and nightlife venues all within walking distance. When guests arrive at the hotel, they are greeted by a modern yet warm lobby brimming with Old Yukon charm. With the latest weight and aerobic training equipment, our well-equipped exercise center keeps guilt at bay. Guest computer access, airport shuttle service for commercial aircraft passengers, and limited parking are among the complimentary amenities.



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

French & English

### LOCAL CURRENCY

Canadian Dollars

- *Please note that this product is not part of our flexible booking policy as the supplier terms and conditions apply. Our team will advise of the exact booking conditions at the time of booking.*
- *For departures between December 6, 2024, and March 31, 2025, breakfast is not included.*
- *Due to the nature of this tour, last-minute changes to the itinerary are a possibility and are left up to the discretion of the guide.*

### Excluded

- Outdoor winter clothing (rental available at an extra cost)
- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package