



## CANADA

# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YUKON SELF-DRIVE (TOUR CODE: 13106)

### STARTS AND ENDS

in Whitehorse

### TRAVEL PERIODS

15 May 25 - 15 Sep 25

### EXPERIENCE

Wildlife  
Self-Drive

### TRAVEL STYLE

Independent Holiday Packages

Embark on an extraordinary 10-day self-drive adventure to uncover the rugged beauty of Canada's Yukon, where untamed wilderness and breathtaking landscapes await you at every turn.

## Highlights

- Spend two days exploring the historical gems of Dawson City, including Dredge #4 and Diamond Tooth Gertie's Casino
- Drive along the historic Alaska Highway with stunning landscapes en route to Haines Junction
- Admire the breathtaking views and vast icefields of Kluane National Park
- Experience the unique Top of the World Highway, offering spectacular views and a glimpse into the past
- Explore the diverse wildlife at the Yukon Wildlife Preserve in Whitehorse

Embark on a 10-day Yukon adventure starting in Whitehorse, the Yukon's capital. Explore the vibrant city and then visit the Yukon Wildlife Preserve to see northern Canadian mammals in their natural habitat. Travel to Haines Junction, dwarfed by the grandeur of Kluane National Park and its massive icefields. Consider an air tour for an aerial perspective. Journey along the Haines Highway, passing through protected wilderness areas, and head to Tok, known as the "Dog Mushing Capital of Alaska." Traverse the partly gravel Top of the World Highway and arrive in Dawson City, where the past comes to life. Spend time exploring historic sites, from SS Keno to Diamond Tooth Gertie's Casino. Return to Whitehorse, taking in the raw beauty of the landscape, with a stop at Five Finger Rapids. Your Yukon adventure concludes in Whitehorse.

# INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights in Whitehorse at the Best Western Gold Rush Inn
- 2 nights in Haines Junction at The Raven Rest Hotel
- 1 night in Tok at the Fox 'n Fireweed Cabins
- 3 nights in Dawson City at the Aurora Inn
- 10 days Intermediate SUV car rental
- Admission to the Yukon Wildlife Preserve

# ITINERARY

Day **1**

## Whitehorse

Welcome to the “Land of the Midnight Sun”. Whitehorse is the capital of the Yukon Territory and at 22,000 people is the largest city in Canada’s North. Everything about the Yukon is big, even the log skyscraper in town. After checking in to your hotel, take some time to explore the city and get a feel of what’s in store.

Overnight in **Whitehorse** at the **Best Western Gold Rush Inn**



Day **2**

## Whitehorse

Time to explore the region and take advantage of all that Whitehorse has to offer. Visit the Yukon Wildlife Preserve (included), a unique wildlife viewing property featuring 10 species of northern Canadian mammals in their natural environment. Encompassing over 700 acres with various natural habitats, the Yukon Wildlife Preserve offers unparalleled wildlife viewing and photo opportunities.

Overnight in **Whitehorse** at the **Best Western Gold Rush Inn**



Day **3** Whitehorse Haines Junction

Depart Whitehorse today for an easy two-hour drive along the historic Alaska Highway to Haines Junction. This town is the only thing not huge in Kluane country with a population of 800 residents, which is fewer than the number of grizzly bears in Kluane National Park. The park is home to Canada's highest peak and the world's largest non-polar icefields that lie behind the façade of mountains that provide the town's spectacular backdrop. For a truly unforgettable experience, take an air tour over the park. From above some of the planet's largest glaciers, you'll get a true sense of the scale and magnificence created by nature.

Overnight in **Haines Junction** at **The Raven Rest Hotel**



Day **4** Kluane National Park

Leaving along the Haines Highway, the road climbs from the Chilkat River Valley to the windswept Chikot Pass. You skirt the boundaries of the Tatshenini-Alesk Provincial Park of British Columbia and Kluane National Park in the Yukon, part of the largest contiguous area of protected wilderness on earth, and a United Nations World Heritage Site.

Overnight in **Haines Junction** at **The Raven Rest Hotel**

Breakfast



Day **5** Haines Junction Tok

This morning go on a short hiking trip before driving north along the shores of beautiful Kluane Lake. Stopover at Sheep Mountain and look out for Dall sheep grazing alongside the mountain slopes. Your journey continues on the famous Alaska Highway through endless wilderness areas. Arrive in Tok, often referred to as the “Dog Mushing Capital of Alaska”. Welcome back to Alaska.

Overnight in **Tok** at the **Fox'n Fireweed Cabins**

Breakfast



Day **6** Tok Dawson City

The Top of the World Highway (please note this is a partly gravel road) brings you through spectacular backcountry and gold mining areas. When the highway reaches its highest elevation incredible views into far-reaching countryside open up. Before you reach Dawson City, you'll cross the Yukon River by the government-run ferry. With your arrival in Dawson City, you might feel you just landed in a different century. Experience the old Klondike in its well-kept colour and fame.

Overnight in **Dawson City** at the **Aurora Inn**

Breakfast



## Day 7-8 Dawson City

A full day to visit the various historical sights of Dawson City: SS Keno – the last steamer to run the Yukon River from Whitehorse, the Jack London Interpretive Centre with the poet's original cabin, the city museum with audiovisual presentations, Dredge #4 – built in 1912 on famous Bonanza Creek, the Grand Palace Theatre – home of the "Gaslight Follies Show" and Diamond Tooth Gertie's Casino with legal gambling tables and "Can-Can" floor shows. Do not miss the short drive on the Ridge Road to the top of the Midnight Dome with excellent views over Dawson, the Ogilvie Mountains, and the Yukon and Klondike Rivers.

Overnights in **Dawson City** at the **Aurora Inn**



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Day **9**

## Dawson City Whitehorse

Going south, enjoy the raw beauty of the surrounding landscape. Stopover at the Five Finger Rapids and hike down to the shore of the Yukon River. In late afternoon, you will reach Yukon's capital city, Whitehorse - a city with a unique combination of pioneer values and urban sophistication.

Overnight in **Whitehorse** at the **Best Western Gold Rush Inn**



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Day **10**

## Whitehorse

After check-out of your hotel your Yukon Self Drive adventure comes to an end.

# ACCOMMODATION

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## Best Western Gold Rush Inn

### Whitehorse

This historic Whitehorse hotel offers excellent guest service and enjoys a central location close to attractions and shopping. The Best Western Gold Rush Inn is 100% non-smoking and features the Aveda approved Elements Hair Studio and Day Spa. Our guestrooms come complete with complimentary high-speed wireless internet, mini refrigerators, and microwaves. Try a local brew and live music in the famous Gold Pan Saloon rated one of the Best Bars Across Canada by the Globe and Mail.



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## The Raven Hotel

### Haines Junction

When you stay at The Raven Hotel in Haines Junction, you'll be near the airport, within a 5-minute walk of Kluane National Park and Reserve and St. Elias Convention Centre. Amenities include: free Wi-Fi, Cable or satellite TV, restaurant, terrace/patio and parking.



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## Aurora Inn

### Dawson City

Our establishment has proudly been part of the Dawson City community since 1998. We are located at the corner of 5th Avenue and Harper Street, which is within easy walking distance to many shops and attractions in Dawson City. The Aurora Inn has twenty comfortable non-smoking rooms in accompany with a leisure area and free wifi for our guests all set in a lovely and comfortable atmosphere. The Aurora Inn is a gem in

the Yukon in the heart of gold country. The Aurora Inn family is always happy to provide guests with their extensive knowledge of Dawson City and its rich history. Their exceptional attention to fine details, cleanliness and warming hospitality are only some of the reasons why so many people call the Aurora Inn and the 5th Ave Bed & Breakfast their home away from home.



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

French & English

### LOCAL CURRENCY

Canadian Dollars

### Excluded

- 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
- Fuel, road and tunnel tolls