



CANADA

YUKON PEAKS & CANYONS (TOUR CODE: 13107)

STARTS AND ENDS

in Whitehorse

TRAVEL PERIODS

03 Jun 24 - 12 Aug 24

EXPERIENCE

Escorted
Walk & Hike

TRAVEL STYLE

Escorted Group Tour

Explore the untamed Yukon! Embark on an exciting adventure that includes trekking along the most breathtaking paths in the Southern Lakes and Kluane National Park, as well as navigating the awe-inspiring Tatshenshini River via rafting.

Highlights

- Experience an exciting rafting adventure through the Tatshenshini River
- Visit the Carcross desert, the smallest desert in the world
- Expert local guidance throughout the entire trip
- Explore hiking trails in the UNESCO World Heritage site of Kluane National Park and Reserve

On the initial hiking excursion, you will be treated to scenic trails that offer sweeping vistas of the majestic Southern Lakes. In the subsequent days, you will be immersed in the exploration of hiking routes within Kluane National Park and Reserve, a hidden gem of natural wonders in Canada.

Kluane is part of the Kluane/Wrangell-St. Elias/Glacier Bay/Tatshenshini-Atsek UNESCO World Heritage Site, spanning both Canada and the United States. This area boasts the largest non-polar icefield and houses some of the world's longest and most spectacular glaciers. Kluane offers 25+ hiking trails, ranging from moraine to rugged mountains, glaciers, and alpine plateaus, each with varying levels of difficulty.

More than 2,000 glaciers, some over a kilometer thick, grace this region. Approximately 4 percent of them surge, meaning water forms between rock and ice, allowing the glacier to move more than a mile in a month. Canada's highest peak, Mount Logan (19,551 feet), is situated in the heart of the park. Accessible mainly by foot, Kluane National Park provides an authentic wilderness experience. To truly immerse in Kluane National Park, hiking is essential. The Tatshenshini River winds through beautiful landscapes on the outskirts of the park, offering a thrilling day of rafting.

INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights accommodation in Whitehorse
- 4 nights accommodation in Haines Junction
- Return Whitehorse Airport transfers
- Expert guide on the entire trip
- Overland transportation
- Hiking at Southern Lakes
- Multiple days hiking at Kluane National Park
- Full day rafting on Tatshenshini River

ITINERARY

Day **1**

Whitehorse

From the airport, you are driven to your hotel located in the center of Whitehorse. Whitehorse is small and easy to explore on foot. You will meet your fellow travellers and your guide will review the itinerary at a group meeting this afternoon. The evening is free to explore the city and do any last minute shopping.

Overnight in a **Whitehorse** hotel.



Day **2**

Carcross & Southern Lakes

Starting in Whitehorse, you'll first stop at the beautiful 'Miles Canyon' with its famous suspension bridge. Continuing on the South Klondike Highway, the mountains rise as you approach Carcross and the Southern Lakes region, renowned as a photographer's paradise. Visit the world's smallest desert - the Carcross desert - and explore Carcross, a charming lakeshore village steeped in First Nations and gold-rush history. On a beginner-level hiking tour along scenic trails, you'll overlook the grand Southern Lakes, now the final stop for the White Pass Railway. Don't miss the chance to admire Emerald Lake, known as "Rainbow Lake" by the locals due to its sensational coloration.

Overnight in a **Whitehorse** hotel.



CARCROSS YUKON

Day 3 Haines Junction & Kluane National Park

Today, head out to Kluane National Park and begin your visit at the DaKu Visitor Information Centre, featuring interpretive displays and an audio-visual presentation. A hidden gem in Kluane National Park, the Spruce Beetle Trail offers an interpretive hike with a rewarding view of Kluane's Glaciers. Depending on passengers' interest, Arctic Range can also arrange a spectacular bush plane flight over the immense glaciers of the park (optional). This adventure over a virtually pristine wilderness is especially spectacular on clear days.

Overnight in **Haines Junction**.



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Day 4 Kluane National Park

Towering over Kathleen Lake, King's Throne is one of the park's iconic mountains, reaching an impressive 1,990 meters above sea level. Initially, the trail follows an old mining road along the south side of Kathleen Lake. At the mountain's base, the trail ascends through a forested area. Reaching the 'saddle' offers the first rewarding views overlooking Kathleen Lake and the open foothills at the edge of Kluane National Park. The trail continues along the ridge of the saddle, reaching the

peak with a breathtaking view of the park.

Overnight in **Haines Junction**.



Day **5**

Kluane National Park

The area surrounding Kluane Lake is known for its stunning vistas and provides an inspiring backdrop for a full-day hike along Sheep Creek. The trail follows the Slim River Valley before ascending Sheep Mountain, offering views into the Slim River Valley and culminating at the foot of Kaskawulsh Glacier. Alongside Sheep Mountain, we might spot herds of Dall Sheep roaming the area.

Overnight in **Haines Junction**.



Day **6**

Upper Tatshenshini River

Continue on Haines Road towards Tatshenshini Alsek Provincial Park. Once you reach the Tatshenshini River, embark on an adventurous day of rafting through the breathtaking canyons at the foot of Kluane National Park. The Tatshenshini is

suitable for the whole family, offering an exciting class III/IV river experience amid beautiful landscapes.

Overnight in **Haines Junction**.



Day **7**

Whitehorse

Your Yukon experience comes to an end this morning, with an included transfer to Whitehorse airport.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

French & English

LOCAL CURRENCY

Canadian Dollars

2024 Departures

- June - 3, 24
- July - 15
- August - 12

Tour information

- 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.
- Departure dates are not guaranteed and rely on minimum passenger numbers to operate. Please contact our dedicated sales team to enquire on passenger numbers for your requested departure date.
- Tour operate on a multi-lingual basis (English & German).
- Tour group size can be between 4 to 16 passengers.

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