

# CANADIAN SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

## IN THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

### TUNDRA NORTH TOURS – CANADIAN ARCTIC REINDEER

A vast herd of 3,000 reindeer moves slowly, like a living river, across the stark, snowy tundra. Follow in their footsteps as they travel towards their spring calving grounds. See shimmering northern lights shoot across the horizon as you head for the night into an igloo you helped build. Mush your own dog team, smoke fish and share a feast cooked by Inuvik elders while chatting with them about traditional life. Take part in old-time games, dances and songs and feel the connection these people have with the Arctic's creatures and wide-open spaces. For over a decade, Kylik Kisoun Taylor of Tundra North Tours has been introducing visitors to the spectacular North. An Inuvialuit/Gwich'in from Inuvik whose grandparents lived a traditional lifestyle, Kylik is passionate about sharing insights about his world. "People come here seeking to connect with untouched wilderness and experience other cultures," he says. "They leave transformed."

[WWW.TUNDRANORTHTOURS.COM](http://WWW.TUNDRANORTHTOURS.COM)

### BLACHFORD LAKE LODGE THE ULTIMATE AURORA

Fly on a bush plane – equipped with floats in fall and skis in winter– and land alongside Blachford Lake Lodge, an oasis of rustic luxury in the Northwest Territories' wilderness near Yellowknife. In fall, watch the Aurora turn the night sky green, red and blue. During the day, hike, paddle and go fishing amid autumn foliage. In winter, skate on the frozen lake, stomp off on snowshoes or hop on a snowmobile and experience the wide-open Northern backcountry. Sit down to local northern cuisine like bison and pike. Then slip into the hot tub and watch curtains of Northern Lights shimmer and loop across the horizon– fireworks on a cosmic scale. Once you dive under your down duvet for the night, drift to sleep knowing you've signed up for the "Aurorawatch" service – to be awakened should the Aurora Borealis come to life while you're dreaming.

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## YELLOW DOG LODGE

### SHORE LUNCHES AND LODGE LIVING

Soar on a scenic float plane ride from Yellowknife into the wilderness of Yellow Dog Lodge, a family-run fishing retreat perched between two pristine lakes. A guide reveals the best fishing spots and you spend the day amid nature with only the sounds of thrashing pike and water lapping the boat. Experience the feisty fight of northern pike at the end of your line. Kayak and spot otters, eagles and black bears. Hike through spruce forest and wildflowers, picking berries and watching for moose. Catch a fresh trout and prepare it over an open fire for a shore lunch with all the fixings, a Canadian tradition. Get to know your hosts and listen to tales of local folklore, history and life in the North. Look up from a roaring campfire and spot eerie Northern Lights dancing across a star-splashed sky. After a soak in the wood-fired hot tub, bed down in your cozy lake-front lodge or cabin to the loons calling.

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## CANOE NORTH ADVENTURES

### PADDLE THE KEELE RIVER

Embrace your adventurous spirit and paddle the iconic and spectacular Keele River on a two-week journey through safe yet challenging rapids and swifts. With your experienced guides at Canoe North Adventures, explore the pristine Canadian wilderness near the Yukon border, and enter remote, unspoiled wild lands rich in wildlife, history and culture.

Fly by float plane into the headwaters of the Keele River and find yourself transfixed by the immense beauty of the terrain. Spend the next two weeks on a thrilling adventure along 350 kilometres of turquoise waters through gorgeous mountain scenery and alpine slopes with panoramic views. From your experienced guides, learn the skills needed to be safe and confident on the river. See caribou, moose, eagles and Dall's sheep. Discover an area steeped in Aboriginal history: learn how, for 12,000 years, the river served as a travel route for Mountain Dene hunters, who trapped beaver and hunted moose, then used the hides to build skin boats. Explore the Shezal Canyon, marked by endless sweeping curves and swirling eddies. Experience an extraordinary trip in the company of personal guides who openly share their love and knowledge of the Keele River.

[CANOENORTHADVENTURES.COM](http://CANOENORTHADVENTURES.COM)

*Trips accommodate both novices and advanced canoeists, and depart in July and August.*



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