

AURORA SAMPLER

TRAVEL ITINERARY AUGUST 15 - SEPTEMBER 30 • DECEMBER 15 - APRIL 1



DAY 1

AFTERNOON ARRIVE IN YELLOWKNIFE

Set in the wondrous natural surroundings of Great Slave Lake, Yellowknife, Diamond Capital of North America™ is a remarkably modern city. A city where you can experience rustic nature and traditional culture without forgoing urban amenities.

Whether you are driving on an ice road, dancing under the Aurora Borealis, enjoying a dogsled ride, golfing under the midnight sun, fishing for world class trophies or watching the creation of a brilliant northern diamond, we know you'll enjoy the character of our city and feel the warmth of our Northern hospitality.

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EVENING

AURORA VIEWING BY DOGSLED

Bundle up and snuggle in for the ride – and show – of a lifetime. A dog team trained by a world champion dog musher will pull your sled on a 30 minute trip across frozen lakes and trails. A rustic heated cabin with hot drinks and snacks awaits you at the end of the trip. Relax and warm up before stepping outside once more to gaze at the aurora. Lore states that whistling beckons the Aurora and sets them dancing, but with the Aurora Maximum approaching you won't need any help seeing the spectacular lights.

OVERNIGHT

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DAY 2

AFTERNOON

ICE ROAD AND ART GALLERY TOUR

One of the most awe-inspiring attractions in the Northwest Territories is the network of ice roads used in winter. Spend part of your afternoon on the six kilometre ice road linking Yellowknife to Dettah, a small aboriginal community across Yellowknife Bay. The dazzling white landscape along the road is stunning. Be sure to snap photos of yourself walking across the frozen bay. The territory is a hub for superb aboriginal arts and crafts. After your ice road experience, step inside some of Yellowknife's finest galleries which feature locally made moccasins, carvings, jewellery, birch bark baskets, dream catchers and paintings.

EVENING

AURORA BY SNOWMOBILE

For another evening of sky-gazing, hop onto a snowmobile. Your guide will lead you along a trail over the snowy frozen lake. Your rest will be well deserved when you arrive at the cabin on Great Slave Lake. Take time to lounge in the comfort of the cabin before donning your parka to watch the lightshow. You'll be far enough from the city that your unimpeded view will be all the more brilliant.

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DAY 3

LATE MORNING

SNOWSHOEING, TUBING AND DOGSLEDDING

Kick start your day with an adrenaline rush. Shuffle over packed snow on snowshoes, get cozy in a dog sled, and rush down a snow-covered incline on an inflated tube. These are wonderful ways to see the landscape and these activities will set the mood for the rest of the day.

EVENING

AURORA VIEWING FROM TRADITIONAL TEEPEE

Relax on the edge of a lake beside your lit teepee or walk up to the hill top viewing platform where heated seats will position you at the perfect angle to watch the lights dance across the sky. Enjoy fresh bannock and a northern speciality such as whitefish stew while you await the show.

The aurora is a natural light show caused by a blend of oxygen, nitrogen, solar wind, and magnetic fields producing 10 million megawatts of luminescent power. Beyond the science, there have been different opinions of it for centuries. The Cree called it "The Dance of the Spirits," while in the Middle Ages it was believed to be a sign from God. Gaze up at the radiant glow and you will feel like you can reach out to touch its beautiful charge.

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DAY 4

MORNING

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