

AUGUST 15 – SEPTEMBER 30

AURORA SAMPLER



DAY 1

ARRIVE IN YELLOWKNIFE

Set in the wondrous natural surroundings of Great Slave Lake, Yellowknife is a remarkably modern city. It's a city where you can experience authentic nature and traditional culture without foregoing urban amenities. Whether you are exploring the backroads, dancing under the Aurora Borealis, enjoying a dogsled ride, ice fishing for world class trophies or watching the skillful cutting of a brilliant northern diamond, we know you'll enjoy the character of our city and feel the warmth of our northern hospitality.

AFTERNOON

CITY TOUR

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See the city and learn about the history of Yellowknife from its gold mining beginnings to its deeply entrenched traditional culture that makes this area unique. Spectacular views, visits to historic "Old Town", stops at the museum, gift shops and more await you on the city tour. This tour is approximately two hours in length.

EVENING

WATERFRONT AURORA VIEWING

Head out on Great Slave Lake for a boat ride to a wilderness cabin complete with viewing deck. Stroll across the smooth Precambrian rocks that make up this island oasis and listen for the call of a loon while you are waiting for the Aurora to make an appearance. Enjoy a drink and light snacks in a comfortable cabin complete with a wood stove.

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DAY 2

AFTERNOON

ART GALLERY TOUR

The Northwest Territories is a hub for authentic aboriginal arts and crafts. Step inside some of Yellowknife's finest galleries which feature locally made moccasins, carvings, jewelery, birch bark baskets, dream catchers and paintings.

EVENING

AURORA FROM THE SKYDECK

For a second aurora viewing experience, head to Aurora Station about 20 minutes from Yellowknife. The entire roof is a viewing deck where you can set up your tripod to photograph the Aurora, or just relax and enjoy the spectacle as it swirls across the sky. While you are waiting for the "show" relax in the station's lounge and enjoy a warm or cold drink and snack.

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DAY 3

AFTERNOON

FISHING OR HIKING EXPERIENCES

Kick start your day with a guided hike to Cameron Falls, just a 40 minute drive outside of Yellowknife. Photograph the tamarack trees turning bright yellow and enjoy the beautiful landscapes on the trail. If you prefer, spend an afternoon on Great Slave Lake fishing for one of the many species of fish you can catch in the NWT. A local operator will provide all the gear you'll need for an afternoon of excitement on the deepest lake in North America.

EVENING

AURORA VIEWING FROM TRADITIONAL TIPI

Relax on the edge of a lake beside your tipi or walk up to the hilltop viewing platform. Pick the perfect angle to watch the lights dance across the sky. Enjoy fresh bannock and a northern specialty such as whitefish stew before or after 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 legends handed down over the 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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