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ARCTIC WINTER EXPLORER | ICE ROAD TO THE ARCTIC SEA

8 Days |7 Nights

Whitehorse, YT

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Embark on an extraordinary journey from the Pacific to the Arctic, tracing ancient wildlife corridors and historic trading routes. Marvel at the diverse landscapes, from the youthful Tombstone Mountains to the ancient Ogilvie's spines. Cross the Arctic Circle and witness the majestic Richardson Mountains. Descend into the vast Mackenzie River Delta, reaching Inuvik, the Place of Man. Explore the isolated community of Aklavik and discover the intriguing story of the Mad Trapper. Finally, immerse yourself in the rich history and culture of Tuktoyaktuk on the Arctic coast. Join us for an unforgettable overland adventure of a lifetime.



Highlights

- Overland adventure from Pacific to Arctic.
- Snow-covered highways and ice roadways.
- Tracing ancient wildlife corridors and trading routes.
- Geographic diversity: young Tombstone Mountains, ancient Ogilvie's spines.
- Crossing Arctic Circle to Richardson Mountains.
- Descending into impressive Mackenzie River Delta.
- Exploring isolated community of Aklavik and its intriguing history.
- Visit to the grave of the Mad Trapper.
- Exciting excursion to Inuvialuit village of Tuktoyaktuk.
- Immersion in local history and culture on the Arctic coast.

Minimum age to participate in this tour – 7 years.

Includes:

- ✓ Expert guidance on the entire trip
- ✓ 7 nights hotel accommodation.
- ✓ Individual guiding and transportation during the entire tour.
- ✓ City sightseeing tour in Whitehorse and Dawson City.
- ✓ Inuit First Nation City Tour in Tuktoyaktuk.
- ✓ Traditional Lunch & Display of Inuit Clothing in Tuktoyaktuk.
- ✓ Overnight stay with First Nation Family in Tuktoyaktuk
- ✓ All overland transportation.
- ✓ Arctic Circle ceremony.
- ✓ Flight Inuvik Whitehorse.
- Emergency equipment including First Aid kit, satellite telephone, Whitehorse/Inuvik Airport shuttles.
- ✓ Arctic Winter Clothing Package.
- Taxes. GST.



DAY 1 – ARRIVE AT WHITEHORSE, YT.

Meet and greet and transfer to your downtown hotel. En route, your guide will offer a city highlight tour that includes SS Klondike National Historic Site, the Old Log Church and the Log Cabin Skyscraper. You'll meet your fellow travellers and your guide will review the itinerary and your equipment at our group meeting this afternoon. The remainder of the afternoon and evening is free to explore the city and do any last minute shopping. The Airport transfer services is offered daily only from 4 AM to 8 PM. For more information, please review FAQ.

Overnight at Whitehorse, YT.

DAY 2 - PADDLE-WHEELERS TO NORTHERN LIGHTS: YUKON'S SCENIC ROUTE.

Embark on a historic journey from paddle-wheelers to the mesmerizing Northern Lights as we travel from Whitehorse to Dawson City. Covering 550km in just a few hours along the scenic Klondike Highway, our route takes us through the heart of the Yukon interior, following the majestic Yukon River valley. Indulge in a coffee break at Braeburn Lodge, renowned for its mouthwatering cinnamon buns, and pass through charming native villages like Carmack's, Pelly Crossing, and Stewart Crossing. Marvel at the famous Five Finger Rapids and enjoy breathtaking views of the expansive Yukon interior from the Tintina Trench overlook. Upon arrival in Dawson City, savor a delicious meal before keeping an eye out for the captivating Northern Lights dancing above the town.

Overnight at Dawson, YT.

DAY 3 - GOLDEN TRAILS: DISCOVERING DAWSON CITY'S RICH HISTORY.

Step back in time to the era of the world's greatest Gold Rush in Dawson City, a captivating destination that still exudes the romance of the Old West. As you wander through the unpaved streets and wooden boardwalks, you'll be transported to the days when miners, hunters, and trappers roamed this frontier town. Explore the national historic site, where restored buildings such as the Palace Grand Theatre, Commissioner's Residence, and cabins of Jack London and Robert Service stand as testaments to the past. Journey up Bonanza Creek Road to the actual claim where gold was discovered in 1896, near the impressive Dredge #4 National Historic Site. Capture memorable photos and immerse yourself in the fascinating stories of the Gold Rush. In the evening, embrace the small but authentic bar scene, mingling with longtime residents who have firsthand tales to share about the rugged far north. Experience the spirit of adventure in Dawson City's historic ambiance.

Overnight at Dawson, YT.

DAY 4 - ARCTIC HIGHWAY ADVENTURE: DRIVING THE DEMPSTER.

Embark on an unforgettable journey along the legendary Dempster Highway, a remarkable Canadian roadway that crosses the Arctic Circle. Setting off early, we'll traverse this scenic route, marveling at the rugged beauty of Tombstone Territorial Park's jagged peaks and the breathtaking vistas offered by the majestic Ogilvie Mountains. Keep your eyes peeled for wildlife sightings, as foxes, wolves, and caribou often grace the roadside. Pause for a delightful picnic lunch amidst the stunning Dempster Highway scenery. As we reach Eagle Plains in the late



afternoon or early evening, this remote outpost - comprising a modest hotel, fuel station, and highway maintenance station - will feel like an oasis in the vast wilderness, offering a warm and welcoming retreat. Rest and rejuvenate in preparation for the continued exploration of this Arctic highway, the sole sign of civilization for approximately 300km in either direction.

Overnight at Eagle Plains, NT.

DAY 5 - ARCTIC JOURNEY: CROSSING THE ARCTIC CIRCLE.

Embark on an extraordinary adventure as we depart from Eagle Plains and make our way to the Arctic Circle. Upon reaching this significant milestone, we'll raise a glass of champagne to celebrate. Our journey continues, crossing mountain ranges and traversing the Richardson, Mackenzie, and Peel Rivers. We'll visit the First Nations community of Fort MacPherson, where the renowned Lost Patrol, discovered by RNWMP Corporal Dempster, is laid to rest. Experience the rich history of this former Hudson Bay trading post, where native elders still grace the village in traditional Hudson Bay print dresses. Inuvik, a vibrant and youthful community with a fascinating past, awaits us. Originally built to replace the sinking village of Aklavik, Inuvik is now a thriving town that serves as a gathering place for the Inuvialuit people. Take a short tour of the village before settling into our hotel, and in the evening, feel free to explore the town on foot, immersing yourself in its unique atmosphere.

Overnight at Inuvik, NT.

DAY 6 - ARCTIC COASTAL DISCOVERY: EXPLORING TUKTOYAKTUK.

Brace yourself for an unforgettable day as we journey along the Arctic Ocean coastline towards the picturesque village of Tuktoyaktuk, lovingly called "Tuk" by locals. Prepare to be amazed as you witness the towering ice-formed mountains known as 'pingos', reaching heights of over 100m. Upon arrival, we'll be warmly welcomed by local guides who will lead us on a captivating tour of their unique village. Explore historical landmarks like the Lady of Lourdes schooner, traditional sod houses, and charming churches. You'll also could visit the Northern Early Warning site, formerly known as the DEW Line, and even dip your toe into the Arctic Ocean! Experience the warm hospitality of a local resident as we're invited into their home for a traditional lunch and a captivating display of Inuit clothing, offering a glimpse into the daily life of this vibrant northern community.

Overnight at Tuktoyaktuk, NT.

DAY 7 - ARCTIC FRONTIER EXPEDITION: AKLAVIK'S UNTOLD STORIES.

Embark on a captivating journey as we traverse the frozen expanse of the Mackenzie River delta, venturing towards the secluded community of Aklavik. Once a thriving administrative center, its resilient locals refused to be relocated to Inuvik, earning the motto "Never say die." Accessed only by a winter ice-road crafted from the frozen Mackenzie River and Arctic Ocean, this remote village holds tales waiting to be discovered. We'll pay homage at the final resting place of the enigmatic Mad Trapper, infamous for leading Mounties on one of Canada's most legendary manhunts. With the afternoon and evening at your leisure, delve deeper into the wonders of Inuvik through optional sightseeing and immersive tours. Uncover the untold stories of the Arctic frontier.



Overnight at Inuvik, NT.

DAY 8 – ARCTIC FAREWELL: HOMEWARD BOUND FROM INUVIK.

Bid farewell to the Arctic as we transfer to Inuvik Airport, complete the check-in process, and board a southbound aircraft. Our unforgettable tour services conclude upon arrival at Whitehorse Airport. Take the opportunity to explore the charms of Whitehorse for an optional evening or catch connecting flights to your next destination. Reflect on the incredible experiences and cherished memories as you embark on your journey back home. For more information, please review FAQ.

End of your Arctic Winter Explorer, Ice Road to The Arctic Sea.

Exclusions

- × Airfare. Offered as a supplement on request.
- × Meals.
- Personal extras.
- Travel Insurance is strongly recommended to all travelers. Travel Agents, please note If your client chooses to decline your offer to sell them Travel Insurance, you must secure a signed Liability Waiver, as required by the TICO, the Provincial Travel Regulatory Authorities of Ontario, Canada. DMCi Inc. sells Travel Insurance to residents of Ontario who are Canadian citizens or landed immigrants (Permanent Residence Card Holders) only. Non-Canadians and non-residents of Ontario or international clients must purchase Travel Insurance in their respective province, state, or country of residence.
- × Porterage at hotels.
- * Bottled Water in hotel rooms.
- × Visa and Documentation Fees.
- × Telephone calls, Laundry, and other expenses.
- × Any personal expenses.
- * Gratuities for hotel staff (optional).
- × Gratuities for Tour Guides and Drivers.

Tariffs

Season	23-Feb-24	30-Mar-24			
Cost per person based on occupancy.					

		7 to 17
TWIN	SINGLE	YOUTH
CA \$4509	CA \$5229	CA \$3469
US \$3539	US \$4109	US \$2729



AU \$5189 AU \$6019 AU \$3999

Blackout dates may apply.

Hotels Featured

Destination		Hotels Featured	Star Rating	
	Whitehorse, YT	NA	NA	

Hotels included in the package depending on the option you have selected with be as listed above or similar. We feature standard rooms with King or two double at this property.

Joining Instructions

If you are planning to join the Aurora Viewing Tour, we recommend arriving at the Whitehorse Airport before 8pm, then you have enough time to prepare for the tour.

Departure Dates.	Particulars.
23.02.2024 To 02.03.2024	(Whitehorse - Inuvik)
02.032024 To 09.03.2024	(Inuvik - Whitehorse)
16.03.2024 To 23.03.2024	(Whitehorse - Inuvik)
23.03.2024 To 30.03.2024	(Inuvik - Whitehorse)

Winter Gear: Arctic Winter Gear is included in your package. Your Arctic Winter Gear incudes:

- Double Insulated Parka
- Dri Zone Insulated Snow Pants
- -40º Celsius Winter Boots
- Mitts and glove liners
- Toque



Safety Training: All participants are required to attend the pre-tour safety briefing.

Waiver: You are required to fill out and sign waivers. If you're under 18 years old, you must have a guardian sign the waiver for you.

Child Policy: 7 years or older. Children under 7 years are not accepted on this tour.

Insurance: If you plan to drive the Jeep on your own, a deposit of US 2,500 is required as a Security Deposit per Jeep. The deposit may be placed using Visa or Master Card. The deposit authorization will be auto cancelled on return of the Jeep in good order.



There is no need for you to pay the insurance deposit if you are riding our Jeep and our driver is driving.

Deposit & Payment Policy

100% payment required at the time of booking.

Change & Cancellation Policy

- 61-days or more prior to start date of tour Refundable less 15% of the tour price.
- 60 to 31 days prior to start date of tour Refundable less 25% of the tour price.
- 30 to 8 prior to start date of tour Refundable less 75% of the tour price.
- Less than 7 days prior to start date of tour 100% of the tour price.
- No Show 100% non-refundable.
- Unused Services non-refundable.

FAQ

- Is there a minimum age to participate in this tour? Yes. You should be 7 years or older to participate in this tour.
- Is this a group tour? Yes. This is a group tour. There will be other patrons on this tour.
- What is the maximum number of participants on this tour? The maximum number of participants is cpped at 20 persons.
- Will there be a tour leader on this tour? Yes, the tours are led by a professional driver cum guide.
- Do we have to sign a Waiver? Yes. Every participant on this tour is required to sign off on the Liability Waiver our operator will provide you prior to start of the tour. A parent or guardian must sign for any Minors (under 18) participating in this tour.
- How cold does it get in Whitehorse in Winter? Whitehorse, located in the Yukon Territory of Canada, experiences very cold temperatures during the winter months. The region has a subarctic climate characterized by long, cold winters. Average temperatures in Whitehorse during the winter season range from -10°C (14°F) to -30°C (-22°F). It is not uncommon for temperatures to drop even lower during cold snaps, reaching -40°C (-40°F) or occasionally even colder.

It's important to note that these temperature ranges are averages, and actual temperatures can vary from year to year. Additionally, wind chill can make it feel even colder, especially when strong winds are present. It is advisable to dress warmly in layers, with appropriate winter clothing such as insulated jackets, hats, gloves, scarves, and boots, to protect yourself from the extreme cold temperatures.

- Should I wear rental winter gear for every tour? It is not mandatory, but we recommend it. December to April, the temperature drops to around -20 to -25°C, so our winter gear helps you to enjoy any tour comfortably and safe. We strongly recommend wearing our rental winter gear during snow shoeing, ice fishing, and Aurora Viewing tours.
- What time should I arrive to Whitehorse? If you are planning to join the Aurora Viewing Tour, we recommend arriving at the Whitehorse Airport before 8pm, then you have enough time to prepare for the tour.



- How do we get to Whitehorse, YK There are many ways to get to the Yukon, but flying is the easiest. You can catch regular flights with Air North, Yukon's Airline, from Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Ottawa, Kelowna, Victoria, and Yellowknife. Or, if you're coming from further abroad, there are a variety of convenient flights arriving in the Yukon via other major airlines such as Air Canada, WestJet, and Condor. After you've fastened your seatbelt, it's time to share a few stories with your neighbour and one of Air North's famous warm cookies.
- Arrival Transfers are Airport Transfers available for us 24 hours/7 No. The Airport transfer services is offered daily only from 4 AM to 8 PM. Outside these hours you are required to make your own arrangements for transfers from and to Erik Nielsen Whitehorse International Airport (YXY). There is a Taxi Kiosk outside the Departure Doors. You can also phone one of the many local taxi agencies to arrange transportation. Yukon Cabs services Whitehorse Airport and you can call them at (867) 333-4444.
- Departure Transfers are transfers offered 24/7 No. The departure transfers are offered only 4 AM to 8 PM. Outside these hours you are required to make your own arrangements for transfers from and to Erik Nielsen Whitehorse International Airport (YXY). If you are departure is outside these hours, we recommend you call Yukon Cabs at (867) 333-4444 book your cab ride to the airport at least 48 hours ahead.
- Who provides departure transfers Airport departure transfers might be operated by a third-party taxi service with an English-speaking driver? Taxi services are pre-booked, and guest will receive a voucher as full payment for the taxi service.
- Is this a shared experience? This is a shared experience. There will be other patrons on this tour sharing the tour coach and Aurora Centre with you.
- Is this tour an Escorted Tour with a Tour Director? No. This is not an Escorted Tour with a Tour Director. Some services offered on an escorted tour such as check-in assistance by a dedicated Tour Director, etc. are therefore not offered in our Northern Lights Tours. Commentary on sightseeing tours will be either a pre-recorded commentary or narrated by your driver-guide in English.
- Will I be sitting with the same group of people on this tour like on an Escorted Tour? No. The participants one ach of the tour may vary.
- What size of coaches are used for transfers and tours? We use 33- and 24-seater coaches for our tours and transfers. For smaller number of clients, the operator reserves the right to use smaller vehicles such as mini vans, SUVs, 10-seaters, etc.
- What is the minimum age to participate in this tour? ???? years.
- Would there be last minute changes to the itinerary? 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.
- What kind of information should I provide to book this tour? We need the below information for us to book you on this tour
 - 1) Full names (first, middle, last)
 - 2) Date of Birth
 - 3) Any disabilities?
 - 4) Tour name
 - 5) Date, activity, and type



- 6) Airline arrival information
- 7) Weight (if travel arrangements include small aircraft)
- Do we have to sign a Waiver to join this tour? Yes. You will be required to sign a waiver to join this tour. The operator will provide you the Waiver before start of the tour. Minors under 19 parents/guardians are required to sign off on the Waiver.
- Skill Level (only for Optional Activity & Soft Adventure Tours) What kind of Skill Levels are required to
 participate in this tour? This is a Beginner Level Skill Tour. You are provided necessary briefing on each day
 of the tour so you can participate safely if you follow the guide and the guidelines and briefings provided by
 the operator/guide.
- Wi-Fi Signal How's the signal? 4G smartphone cell coverage in available all communities, but not in between. Check with your cell service provider to find out if your phone will work here. Satellite phone networks are accessible across the Yukon and satellite phones can be rented in Whitehorse.
- Is the Yukon always chilly? Temperature in the Yukon fluctuates, but warm and sunny weather in Summer (mid-May to September) with temperatures often in the 20s (°C) is not uncommon. Daylight hours are longer, too. In some areas the midnight sun shines all night long. Winters can be chilly (as you may have heard), but dress appropriately and you'll hardly even notice.
- Are there bears in the Yukon? Yes. The Yukon is home to healthy populations of grizzly and black bears. We suggest that you read our wilderness travel tips.
- Where is the best place to see aurora? And what time is best? To see aurora, you need clear and dark sky. During very large auroral events, the aurora may be seen throughout the US and Europe, but these events are rare. During an extreme event in 1958, aurora was reported to be seen from Mexico City. During average activity levels, auroral displays will be overhead at high northern or southern latitudes. Places like Whitehorse, Yukon; Yellowknife, NWT; Gillam, Manitoba; the southern tip of Greenland; Reykjavik, Iceland; Tromsø, Norway; and the northern coast of Siberia all offer a good chance to view the aurora overhead. In North Dakota, Michigan, Quebec, and central Scandinavia, you might be able to see aurora on the northern horizon when activity picks up a little. In the southern hemisphere the aurora must be fairly active before it can be seen from places other than Antarctica. Hobart, Tasmania, and the southern tip of New Zealand have about the same chance of seeing aurora as Vancouver, BC, South Dakota, Michigan, Scotland, or St. Petersburg. Fairly strong auroral activity is required for aurora viewing in those locations.
- What is the best time to see Aurora Borealis? The best time to watch for aurora is around midnight, but aurora occurs throughout the night. There are very few places on Earth where one can see aurora during the day.

Since clear sky and darkness are essential to see aurora, the best time is dictated by the weather, and by the sunrise and sunset times. The moon is also very bright and should be considered when deciding on a period to travel for the purpose of auroral observation. You might see aurora from dusk to dawn throughout the night. The chances are higher for the three or four hours around midnight.

 Is aurora borealis viewing best with a moon or no moon? - We like moonlight because it lights up the foreground and makes the sky a deep blue instead of pitch-black like with no moon. We watch the lunar phase very carefully to allow for best light compositions for photography.



- What is the best month for Aurora Borealis Viewing? In northern regions like the Yukon, the best time to view the aurora is from late August to mid-April. During the summer months the night skies are not dark enough to see the aurora borealis even at times when the solar wind activity is strong. In midwinter the temperatures may fall to the minus 40-degree range, and it is important to wear appropriate winter clothing (please see "winter clothing packages") to enjoy the displays.
- How to photograph the Northern Lights? For starters set the camera on a tripod, adjust the ISO setting up to 800 or 1600, set the f-stop wide open (lowest number like f2.8) and start bracketing the exposure times. Try 5 seconds, 10 seconds, and 20 seconds. If the picture is still black and underexposed, then try 30 seconds and keep raising the ISO until something shows up on your LCD monitor.
- Can I take Aurora photos with a cellphone? Basically, it is very difficult to take night photos with a cellphone. To capture the Northern lights, you will need to position your camera on a tripod to make sure you don't have any motion while you take a photo. We recommend you bring a camera which has a manual mode, which most medium-priced cameras have nowadays.
- How long do the northern lights last? Anywhere from 10 minutes to all night long, depending on the magnitude of the incoming solar wind. "Coronal holes" consistently produce nice auroras, but big solar flares and CMEs-coronal mass ejections are responsible for global-wide aurora displays...the BIG shows!
- Are there any rental camera services? We do not offer any rental cameras, but we offer a photo service and rental tripod. If you do not want to bring big camera, our Aurora guides will take your photo with northern lights, and you can choose to purchase it if you like it.
- Does it have to be COLD to see the northern lights? No! It is a myth that the northern lights happen only when it's cold. They happen year-round and since there is more darkness to see them in the winter people associate the cold winter with the auroras. August and September are a great time to see the Aurora while wearing a T-shirt and shorts!
- What is a famous food in Whitehorse? Many restaurants serve local food like Arctic Char which comes from the arctic area. Also, meats like bison and reindeer are served as part of traditional meals. In the very far north you can also expect to taste traditional indigenous meals.
- Can I expect to see animals during the tours? While there is a possibility of spotting wildlife on our tours and we frequently come across animals, we cannot guarantee sightings on any of our tours.
- Wild Animals Is it safe to get close to wild animals? Is it okay to touch them if they appear friendly? Absolutely not. It is not safe to approach wild animals, even if they seem calm and friendly. It is also important not to step out of your vehicle to take pictures of them.
- What are the check-in and check-out times at the hotel?

Check-in: 4 PM

Check-out: 11 AM

To check in early or check out late from the hotel, you need to get permission in advance. There may be extra fees involved, and you might have to pay for an additional night.

 Do we need to buy Travel Insurance? It is strongly recommended that all clients purchase Travel Insurance. If you decide not to buy Travel Insurance from us, you will be required to sign a Liability Waiver, as mandated by the Provincial Travel Authorities. DMCi Inc. offers Travel Insurance for Ontario residents, but if you are not an



Ontario resident or an international client, you must obtain Travel Insurance in your own province, state, or country of residence.

What is the policy in case your client's flight gets cancelled or delayed, or if they are unable to travel and join the tour for other reasons? – DMCi Inc., our service providers, employees, contractors & sub-contractors etc. are responsible only for services booked through us. Therefore, your client's inability to travel or join the tour on time due any reasons including but not limited to delayed/cancelled flights, denied boarding, delayed/cancelled visas, refused admission into the country at the point of entry, health conditions, death in the family, etc. are not reasons for a refund or a substitution tour. If your client/s are unable to join the tour or fail to join the tour on time, no refund/substitution tour will be provided. DMCi Inc. is not responsible for any disruptions caused because of weather, traffic, road conditions, etc. All such circumstances should be covered by their Travel Insurance.

For More Information on this Tour Package, Operating Dates & Tariffs,

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