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Enclosed is the pre-trip information to help in your final preparations and further fuel your dreams of the adventure ahead. Please feel free to call with any last-minute questions you may have.

GETTING TO THE RENDEZVOUS POINT

The rendezvous location is named in the attached itinerary. Here are some details to assist in your travel and preparation.

COMMERCIAL AIRLINES

You are welcome to make flight reservations through your own agent or, contact our office to be put in touch with a travel agent with specialized knowledge of the North!

Book your flights so you arrive on the first date listed for your expedition and depart on the last date listed. You may wish to allow a layover day before or following your trip. This allows for breathing space and a more favourable transition back to "civilization." Please note that our trip prices do not cover hotel costs.

PRIVATE AIRCRAFT

Whitehorse, Yellowknife, Inuvik, and Fort Simpson have federal airports with paved runways. All fuels are generally available.

PRIVATE VEHICLE

Fort Simpson – Fort Simpson is accessible by both the Mackenzie and Alaska highways. The most direct route from Edmonton (and often the most reliable) is the Mackenzie. Both offer reasonable gravel once in the NWT and require two days to drive from Edmonton comfortably. Upon arrival; our office will provide you with directions on meeting your guides and where to park your vehicle. Schedule your time to arrive early and allow time for tending to last-minute details in Fort Simpson.

Yellowknife – Accessible via the Mackenzie Highway, Yellowknife is at the “end of the road.” The highway is paved most of the distance. The population is roughly 20,000 and has most services associated with a larger center.

Whitehorse – Whitehorse may be reached via the Alaska Highway in a 24-hour drive from Edmonton. The road is paved and an innovative “loop” journey can be created by using one of the Alaska ferries for one leg of your trip.

Inuvik – This is an ambitious but spectacular drive. Continuing north from Whitehorse, and just prior to reaching Dawson City, you will come upon the Dempster Highway.

The pavement ends at this junction and vehicles should carry two spare tires beyond this point. The drive from Whitehorse to Inuvik is approximately 20 hours.

RENDEZVOUS TIME

The specific itinerary for your expedition will designate the arrival date and meeting time. Your guides will be busy finalizing details until then. Only in Fort Simpson do we meet and greet at the airport. You are certainly welcome to arrive a day or more early and find your own way to your accommodation. The number of cabs in small communities is limited, so be prepared to be patient and enjoy your new surroundings if you have to wait for a pick-up.

EARLY ARRIVAL

If you plan to arrive early and are wondering about activities in the area, feel free to enquire at our office or look to the last page of this document. Your guides are not available until meeting time. Most of their work is of a nature that is best handled by them alone. Similarly, following the expedition your guides may have a short turnaround before the next trip, so they will have to leave you following the last gathering. Your indulgence in this is appreciated by our staff.

RIVER CRAFT

Raft – The safe and stable expedition raft is ideal for those who desire their hands free to photograph or travel in a more relaxed fashion. The guide manoeuvres the raft with oars and paddling is completely optional.



Inflatable Kayaks and Canoe – On the Nahanni Raft journeys we bring one inflatable canoe to share among the group on the flat, moving water sections (no additional charge). If you wish you may rent your own single-person, inflatable kayak “ducky” for \$150.



Packraft – In recent years packrafts have been added to that list of watercraft and they have opened up a whole new world to explore! Light, packable (as you would expect) user friendly and versatile add a packraft to your one week or 12 day Nahanni Raft and Hike itinerary for \$175.



Nahanni National Park Reserve named a “Must-See Place” by National Geographic!



ENTERING THE NAHANNI RIVER'S MAIN CURRENT
BELOW VIRGINIA FALLS.
NAHANNI NATIONAL PARK RESERVE,
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Two-Person Canoe

Physical fitness and comfort on and in moving water are important. Canoeists with intermediate moving water canoeing experience will enjoy many of the canoe journeys we offer. We encourage all canoe guests to participate in a whitewater canoe course prior to joining a canoe expedition. If you have questions about which journey is the right fit for you we are happy to share more information. Note: A tandem canoe may be arranged for the Nahanni raft trips if you have Class II whitewater experience.

Note: There is a \$300/canoe flight surcharge for the tandem canoe on the 8 & 12-day Nahanni trips.



ACCOMMODATION

Your itinerary will indicate when hotel accommodation is required for your trip. Please see our Suggested Hotel Accommodation section near the end for details and make your arrangements early.

WEATHER

Think: Banff, Whistler or Boulder summer conditions. Weather conditions in northern environments range widely between extremes.

The only fact you can bet on is that it can change rapidly. This means that although we may enjoy fine weather we must also be prepared for changes. On any given day you may experience sunny, hot, dry weather that is interrupted by periods of rain or, on rare occasions, even snow. In general, the weather is moderate with average temperatures of 16°C (62°F) in July, and 14°C (56°F) in August. When packing, please be prepared for heatwaves and cold spells. For tundra river journeys, please refer to the specific notes in the itinerary regarding weather.

Remember, as mere mortals your guides have no control over the weather. The best we can do as guides and outfitters is suggest proper clothing, we have done this in the equipment list. Please call us if you require any clarifications.

MOSQUITOES

Generally there are very few on the Tatshenshini and Alsek and few on most of the Nahanni and Mountain River journeys (we will mostly see them on the last night). Mosquito populations vary according to temperature, rainfall and wind. Generally, we are able to camp in places that have few or none of the pesky critters; however, on occasion, try as we might, we may be unable to avoid them. Be prepared with mosquito repellent and a head net

or, better yet, a “bug jacket.” Bug jackets or bug shirts are an absolute necessity on any of our tundra trips. If you cannot locate one please call us for assistance.

FISHING

If fishing is high on your list of priorities consider the Coppermine or Firth Rivers which are famous for Arctic char. All of the rivers we frequent (with the exception of the Tatshenshini, Alsek and Stikine) boast Dolly Varden, lake trout, Arctic grayling and, in places, northern pike. These species are wary and, although fishing can be well-rewarded, it does require patience and persistence. Small spinners seem to yield best results for grayling and Dolly Varden, while medium to large lures yield better results for char and lake trout. Some guests try their hand at fly fishing. A medium to heavy weight fly rod and line is required. There is no fishing on the Tatshenshini and Alsek due to the siltiness of their waters. Licenses are available at our rendezvous locations. Your guides can provide details.

DAILY ROUTINE

We have structured our expeditions to allow lots of time to hike and explore the area we are travelling through. Travel time on the river can be anywhere from a short, two-hour day to an occasional seven-hour

 Tatshenshini / Alsek Rivers rated #1 River Trip in the World in Journeys of a Lifetime by National Geographic

FLOATING AMONG THE BERGS ON ALSEK LAKE. THE MASSIVE BERGS MAKE US AND OUR LARGE RAFTS FEEL SMALL. PUTS LIFE INTO PERSPECTIVE.
ALSEK RIVER, GLACIER BAY NATIONAL PARK PRESERVE, ALASKA
NOEL HENDRICKSON PHOTO



day, depending on the distance to the next campsite. Your guides will make frequent shore stops throughout the day. Many trips have one or more layover days where we stay put and enjoy camping for two nights at one spot. We like to get our groups on the river fairly early each day, usually by about 10am, to allow plenty of time to watch wildlife, enjoy a short hike or for photography.

Exploring your new camp area is also something to look forward to. Spending time around a campfire, fishing, or enjoying the midnight sun (early season) amongst countless other activities might occupy your time. Except for short forays within camp's vicinity, travelling alone out of the camp's site is discouraged for safety reasons. Early risers may keep themselves busy by seeking out panoramic photographs or pursuing other personal interests.

Getting up, preparing and eating breakfast, making plans for the day, striking camp and loading the boats is a process that usually takes about three hours. If the camp is a 'two-nighter,' things are tidied up and we enjoy the highlights of that particular spot.

You are welcome to participate with any in-camp chores but it is an option, not a requirement (remember this is your holiday and we are the ones doing the work for you).

NORTHERN TIME

We take care in making our logistical arrangements. In spite of this, an event may arise that causes a deviation in scheduled plans. When this occurs we have to remind ourselves that safe wilderness travel by plane, canoe, raft and occasionally even by vehicle is very dependent on prevailing conditions. If these conditions are such that we cannot proceed safely, the only alternative is to sit tight and wait. Fortunately, such circumstances are very rare, but if they do present themselves, we appreciate your patience and cooperation.

ISOLATION & OTHER GROUPS

Although we are travelling on a wilderness river, we may encounter other visitors. We do our best to avoid this, but at points of significant interest, it is likely we will see other groups. Once away from these places it becomes easier to maintain our solitude.

INSURANCE

We strongly recommend trip cancelation / interruption and medical evacuation insurance. We would be happy to put you in touch with a local agent that can help you find the right package. Call us at 1 800 297 6927 and we would be happy to put you in touch.

Please check to ensure your medical insurance will cover you away from home and includes evacuation coverage outside of your home region. If you plan to use a credit card policy or another policy, please check details to ensure it will cover your needs, some do not.

PERSONAL CONCERNS

If this is your first river holiday, you likely have many questions. Please call us with any questions you have. We regularly address health concerns, feminine hygiene, dietary needs, washing and other factors. Our job is to ensure you feel comfortable while making the best use of your valuable holiday time.

OUR SAFETY RECORD

We have taken great pains to ensure that our guides are professionals and amongst the best in the field, particularly where safety is concerned. The element that separates the safest guides from the rest is judgement—something that only comes from seasons of experience in a variety of environments.

We have a great deal of respect for our guides and also the responsibility they must bear. In turn, the guides on your trip ask that you follow some simple guidelines:

- In bear country there is security in numbers. Before anyone ventures out of sight of the group, be sure the guide knows and consents. In many situations, including hiking and always boating, the guide will require that the group stay together. This stems from years of experience.

- Selection of itinerary is something the group will participate in, but the final discretion always rests with the guide. Weather, river conditions, forest fires and other variables may dictate that the group sits tight or selects an alternate plan. In such a case the guide will make the choice and will require your support.

- While on the river or any lakes, each person must wear a lifejacket completely fastened - no exceptions.

TIPPING

“Is it required and how much?”

An awkward question when on the river. Hopefully this will lend some clarity: Most guests tip their guides. If you feel your guides have been especially helpful and instrumental in increasing the enjoyment of your journey, and have gone out of their way to make you feel comfortable, you may wish to leave a tip at trip’s end to show your appreciation.

Consider \$40 per day, per person as a starting point (“Example: 12 Day Alesk Expedition – \$40 x 12 days = \$480 per person to be split amongst the guide team.”) The best way to tip your guides is to tip in cash in person or via E-transfer directly to the guides. Alternately, tips can be sent through the office.

WATERPROOF PACKING

River travel demands attention to thorough waterproofing of your gear. We will provide you with a large, waterproof “river bag” (115L or 30 gal.) and a smaller waterproof bag (20L or 5 gal.) to be used as a “day bag” for quick access to items you may need during the day. Upon arrival you can transfer your personal gear into these from your travel suitcase or duffel bag.

To organize items inside the large waterproof bag we recommend using Ziplock bags, lightweight cloth bags or stuff sacks.

If you have a valuable camera, we strongly recommend you bring a waterproof camera bag or case that can be found at your local camera store (one of the recommended types is made by “Pelican” which may be rented from us).

COMMENTS ON GEAR

FOUL WEATHER CLOTHING

The importance of good rain pants and hooded jacket cannot be over-emphasized. We provide hooded rain jackets and pants to guests on all our raft journeys. If you’d like to bring your own, consider rain gear made of a coated, waterproof fabric for protection (eg. Helly Hansen, Wet Skins, sailing suit). If you have a Gortex or lighter rain gear you may wish to pack it for hikes and use our rain gear in the case of very wet weather or while on the rafts. We suggest all guests bring the pants and jacket we provide to ensure they are warm and dry. Any questions on rain gear can be answered by our office or by your guides at the pre-trip meeting.

Bring warm fleece, polypropylene or wool clothing to wear underneath your rain suit. These fabrics continue to insulate even when wet. Cotton and denim are a liability in wet environments – leave your jeans at home. Throw in some wool or fleece mitts with nylon covers, or rubber gloves with a light glove inside, also consider neoprene gloves and a wool hat, just for good measure. You may not actually use any of this on the trip but “better safe than sorry”. In fair weather, a pair of shorts or lightweight synthetic long pants will work well. Long-sleeved t-shirts will provide protection from the sun in hot weather. Check the **What to Bring** list (below) for further details and please call with any questions. Layering of clothing will give you the greatest comfort for a wide range of conditions. It is best to use several layers of shirts, jackets and an outer shell rather than one heavy layer, which will be too hot most of the time. With the layer system you can add or remove layers according to the day and you’ll have something dry in reserve.

CLOTHING TERMINOLOGY

Waterproof – the quality of a sealed fabric that does not allow moisture to pass through. Condensation from sweating is controlled by venting through zippers.

Gore-tex – a laminated fabric manufactured to be water repellent and breathable. The waterproof qualities may be compromised if the fabric becomes soiled or abraded by pack straps. (Use for wind and light shower gear.)

Polypropylene – a lightweight synthetic fabric that transfers moisture away from your skin. Brand names include Lifa, Wickers, Odlo, Patagonia and others (used for long underwear).

Fleece – a polyester fabric that is lightweight and soft. It is warmer than wool per pound, insulates even when wet, and dries quickly. It is also referred to as fleece, Polarplus and Synchronilla.

Icebreaker Wool – a brand that has all but eliminated the “itch factor.” Remember – except for a few t-shirts and briefs, do not bring cotton!



In any given summer, we usually hear the following equipment feedback:

- From guests on a good weather trip: *“Why did you tell us to bring along all the warm clothing we didn’t use?”*
- From guests who followed our list on a trip with some cold weather: *“Thanks for having us prepared by giving us such detailed instructions on what to bring!”*
- From guests who did not follow our list on a trip with some cold weather: *“I was cold!”*

Having said all this, please don’t let the equipment list put you off. Whether you end up using all or half of the gear on your list, your river journey will be the trip of a lifetime! Remember – except for a few t-shirts and briefs, do not bring cotton!

FOOTWEAR

River travel means water underfoot. A standard pair of knee-high rubber boots (sometimes referred to as “wellingtons,” “ditch boots” or “irrigation boots”) are recommended (minimum 10” high) for raft expeditions (and for canoeists on the tundra or those who are experienced with them). Rubber boots may be rented from us.

Wear these with a felt insole (we are referring to the “footstep shape” insole, not the type that completely

line the boot up to the rim because the latter will take days to dry if wet) and a combination of polypropylene and wool/fleece socks and your feet should stay comfortably warm. Carry a spare set of insoles and socks, and in the case you “overstep” your boots, they can be used to replace the wet ones. If you make your insoles out of closed cell (ensolite) foam, they will not absorb water and will dry very quickly should they get wet.

For the tandem canoe trips or rafters who are familiar with them we suggest neoprene socks paired with a secure water sandal (Keens, Chacos, Texas) or running shoe. It is important that the footwear you will wear in the water has a good sole, is well attached to your feet and will support you while walking over slippery rocks. Surf style ‘booties’ do not provide adequate protection or traction for walking on wet rocks. Sport sandals alone will not provide the warmth you need; remember: the water is cold, especially in the far north. For hiking and camp wear, bring light hiking boots. Be sure they are broken in before the trip to minimize chances of blisters. Important criteria includes: ankle support and sufficient height to keep out bits of debris.

SLEEPING

We recommend a sleeping bag with synthetic fill rated to 0°C/32°F. An

older bag loses its loft with time and may be five degrees less effective. An inflated sleeping pad underneath works best. A luxury sleeping bag and pad can be rented for \$130/person + GST or \$50 + GST for the pad only. There is also a double-wide sleeping bag system with luxury sleeping pads for couples, it can be rented for \$260. This can relieve your luggage burden on the airlines. If you wish to rent, you can request these via an online form you will receive in January or at the time of booking if you book after January. Some individuals consider a ‘chamber pot’ for convenience at night. A wide-mouthed container works well, but be sure it has a screw-top lid. Double-wide couple’s bag available.

MANAGING YOUR BAGGAGE

Use the maximum allowable carry-on baggage space to ensure you have essentials such as medication, toothbrush, underwear and any other hard-to-replace items in case your bags are lost. Wear your hiking boots! Try to keep your bags under 40 pounds. If you have back problems, you can request an additional pack for the river to lessen the weight of individual packs. City clothes and valuables may be left at our rendezvous location, but for peace of mind we recommend you leave all but essential valuables at home.



WATCH OUR HOW TO PACK VIDEO

This short video will help you plan & pack for your upcoming adventure. Please go to our website and follow the links for Planning and then to what to Bring or go to: <https://vimeo.com/95829242>

FOOD AND MEALS

Despite remote wilderness locations, you can expect to eat very well. Our menu includes high-quality meat and cheese, bountiful salads, and fresh fruit and vegetables at almost every meal. We can happily accommodate dietary preferences such as gluten free, vegan, vegetarian and many allergies. If you have concerns about our menu please contact our office for more information. Packing for our expeditions begins months in advance so we do require advanced notice. Comfortable stools are provided for seating around the fire at breakfast and dinner.

ALCOHOL

We are not permitted to provide alcohol within our trip packages. But we will send you a list of spirits which may be conveniently ordered through us from local liquor stores. These items will be ready for you upon arrival. You are also welcome to bring a beverage of your choice from home (please transfer them to plastic bottles).

LAUNDRY

You will have opportunities to wash clothing in camp if required. A personal, collapsible wash bucket is handy for this.

PHOTOGRAPHIC TIPS

Most participants want to return

home with the best possible photographic record of their trip. Be sure to bring an extra memory card and battery. You will not regret the small additional cost. Here are some helpful ideas:

Carrying your camera – The #1 rule: water destroys cameras instantly! The waterproof day bag that we provide should protect your camera on raft expeditions. A strong Ziplock bag provides extra insurance inside. Better yet or for two-person canoe expeditions, we recommend you invest in a waterproof case like those from Pelican (we rent these for your convenience). These cases provide the best protection possible for your valuable equipment. **Composition hints:**

- Before and after shots of yourself are fun
- On the aircraft, keep your camera within reach
- Don't forget shots of packing and the departure at the start of the trip
- You can add interest by varying the light conditions. Set your exposure for the lighter portion of the shot
- Sequences with long, medium and close-up are fun and will tell a story
- Portray the immensity of canyons and mountains by using people

and boats for scale

- Be sure to have some pictures of yourself by trading your camera with other people
- To avoid squints, photograph faces in the shade
- Look for significant detail shots such as cooking, flowers, your boat...etc.
- Rule of thumb – light is best in morning and evening; rapids look best in sunlight
- Reflections in pools can make beautiful compositions
- Be sure to have a parting shot of the group; perhaps with one of the aircraft

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'BIG BEND' IN CANYON REACH
FIRTH RIVER, IVVAVIK NATIONAL PARK, NWT
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WHAT TO BRING

MAKING IT EASY

You probably already have almost everything you need – we can provide the rest. Getting ready is part of the fun and the following lists are designed to simplify your packing.

However, please feel free to contact us with any questions.

WE RENT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

Rubber boots—\$40.00

Pelican professional waterproof

camera case — \$40.00

Luxury sleeping bag & pad

combination for—\$130/person + GST.

Pad only \$50+ GST. Or for couples

get the double-wide sleeping system with luxury pads for \$230/couple.

A. CAMPING GEAR

- **Sleeping bag** – good to 00C/320F
- **Sleeping pad** (standard 1-inch) – therm-a-rest or light air mattress are best

B. PERSONAL CLOTHING

- **T-shirts** – three
- **Underwear/Briefs**
- **Long-sleeved shirts** – wool or synthetic
- **Sweater** – polypro, fleece or wool
- **Warm jacket** – think puffy jacket, ski jacket etc. (two extra-thick fleece sweaters and windbreaker could substitute)

- **Windshell** – should be big enough to go over sweaters
- **Rain jacket (hooded) & pants** – VERY IMPORTANT – must be waterproof and good quality – a poncho is NOT acceptable (see Comments on Gear – Foul Weather Clothing), rubberized rain jacket and pants are provided on all Raft based journeys
- **Shorts** – we suggest nylon ‘quick dry’ variety
- **Long pants** – ‘quick dry’ nylon, synthetic blend or wool
- **One pair of warm fleece or wool pants**
- **Long underwear (not optional):** Two pairs of tops and bottoms, polypro is best (avoid cotton). There are various weights: light, medium or expedition. Pick what is most comfortable for you, keeping in mind that you can layer your clothing
- **Socks** – several pair of wool are best
- **Hat** – that can be tied on and with a brim that can protect you from the sun & rain (this is the land of the midnight sun!)
- **Toque** (wool hat)
- **Neck tube/Buff**
- **Swimsuit**

C. OTHER

- **Running shoes, sport sandals, or equivalent** – for camp wear

- **Hiking boots** – lightweight
- **Rubber boots with insoles in the bottom** – for wearing in raft (see Comments on Gear – Footwear) *if you are renting our boots bring two pairs of felt insoles
- **Water shoes** – for two-person canoe expeditions (see Comments on Gear – Footwear)
- **Glasses, contacts (spares), sunglasses** – string or strap to tie on
- **Personal toiletry items** – soap, towel, shaving gear, toothbrush, skin cream (to avoid severe drying of hands) etc. Consider a camp towel or baby-wipes for hygiene (we do provide an excellent hand-washing system in camp)
- **Gloves or mitts** – for cold days (a must on the Tat/Alsek or any of our tundra trips!). Also consider neoprene gloves.
- **Bandana or hanky**
- **Sunscreen lotion** – with effective sun block – remember: land of the midnight sun!
- **Day pack** – capable of holding rain gear, lunch, camera, etc. on hikes
- **Personal medications** – bring it “carry-on.” Consider bringing two sets, giving one to the Trip Leader for safe keeping
- **Insect repellent & bug jacket** – we strongly suggest you bring a

bug jacket (lightweight and pack easily)

- **Heavy duty garbage bags/Trash bag** – as insurance to keep your things dry in your waterproof bags
- **Water bottle** – for day hikes (must be one litre or greater)
- **Knife, matches &/or lighter (in a waterproof container), compass if you wish, light cord for clothes line**
- **Rubber dish gloves** – for cold water protection if necessary with thin fleece gloves underneath
- **Minor first aid items** – band-aids, pain relievers (we carry large expedition first aid kits)
- **Passport (Tatshenshini & Alsek trips only) & travel visa** – your responsibility to determine if a visa is required (visa not required for Canadian and U.S. citizens)
- **Ziplock bags** –to pack clothing into
- **Headlight/Flashlight**

D. OPTIONAL

- **Camera, spare battery (can be bought online), extra memory card, USB phone charger (if using phone as a camera), waterproof box** (for protection, highly recommended)
- **Fishing rod & equipment** (collapsible please)
- **Reading &/or writing materials** (we bring a “library” with some field guides and trip-specific literature)
- **Binoculars** – a must for wildlife watching
- **A favourite alcoholic beverage** – in a shatterproof container e.g. Nalgene bottle
- **Helmet** (mandatory for whitewater canoe trips; you can use ours)
- **Trekking poles/Collapsible walking stick(s)** – an excellent asset for your knees & balance while hiking. Use them like ski poles
- **Small collapsible wash bucket**

– handy for a “sponge bath” or doing laundry

- **Small musical instrument**
- **Hot Paws** – for hands or feet
- **Wide mouth container** – for when nature calls while in the tent

E. SPECIFIC TRIPS

- **Wetsuit or dry suit** – wetsuits or drysuits are required for canoe guests on the Nahanni, Broken Skull, Coppermine, Wind, Snake and Horton. Wetsuits are provided free of charge to canoe guests and to raft guests requesting an inflatable kayak or pack raft. Drysuits are included free of charge on Alsek and some Tatshenshini expeditions. We have drysuits available for rent for canoe guests on the Broken Skull, Moose Ponds and Mountain river expeditions.

F. CANOE TRIPS ONLY

- **Locking carabiners** – two or three
- **Paddle** – only if you prefer to use your own
- **PFD** – only if you prefer to use your own
- * If you are bringing either of the last three items please inform us prior to June

WE PROVIDE

Tent—Mountain Hardwear Trango 3, self-supporting dome tent. Comfortable for two people with some remaining floor space for gear. Our guides will show you how to set up your tent.

Tent bag—communal bags for transporting tents on the raft. Each bag holds three tents.

River bag—115 litre, 30 gal—this is for your clothing and camp gear. When closed properly it provides waterproof protection. We’ve never encountered anyone who couldn’t fit everything they needed in this bag!

Day bag—20 litre, 5 gal– a smaller bag for items you’ll want to have easy access to during the day. Waterproof when closed properly. (Note: This is not the same as the “Day pack” listed in section ‘C.OTHER’ of your What to Bring list which you must bring for hiking.)

Boot bag—communal bag for carrying hiking boots during the day (only available on raft trips).

Cooking, eating utensils, tableware—mug provided

We use chartered aircraft with limited load carrying capacity. Try to restrict your gear to an effective but lightweight set of outdoor clothing and equipment. If you are in doubt about a certain item of clothing, bring it along and consult with the guides pre-trip. It can always be left behind if deemed unnecessary. We will arrange a place at the departure point for you to leave your travel clothing. Avoid bringing unnecessary valuables such as jewelry.



SUGGESTED HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

YELLOWKNIFE, NWT

Explorer Hotel

4825 49th Avenue
1-800-661-0892 | 867-873-3531
explorerhotel.ca

Chateau Nova Hotel

4401 50th Avenue
1-800-329-7466 | 867-873-9700
daysinnyellowknife.com

Discovery Inn

4701 47th St.
1-866-873-4151 | 867-873-4151
discoveryinn.ca

FORT SIMPSON, NWT

Ladyslipper Lodge

10518 - 99th St. Main
867-695-2357
ladyslipperlodge.ca

Janor Guest House & The Willows Inn

10301 99 Street
867-695-2077
willowsinn.ca

Bannockland Inn

1 Bannockland Road
1-867-695-3337
bannocklandinn.ca

INUUVIK, NWT

Arctic Chalet B&B

25 Carn Street
867-777-3535
arcticchalet.com
Free shuttle service to town.

Mackenzie Hotel

185 Mackenzie Rd
867-777-2861
mackenziehotel.com

WHITEHORSE, YUKON

Best Western Gold Rush Inn

411 Main Street
1-800-661-0539 or 867-668-4500
goldrushinn.com

Edgewater Hotel

101 Main Street
1-877-484-3334 | 867-667-2572
edgewaterhotelwhitehorse.com

Yukon Inn

4420 4th Avenue
1-800-661-0454 | 867-667-2527
yukoninn.yk.ca

Days Inn Whitehorse

2288 Second Avenue
1-800-272-6232 | 867-668-4747
ramada.com

Raven Inn & Suites

150 Keish St
867-466-7777

EDMONTON, AB

(These hotels are close to the airport and offer shuttles).

Holiday Inn Express

1102 4th St., Nisku, AB
1-877-660-8550
hiexpress.com/edmontonarpt

Days Inn

5705 - 50 St. Leduc, AB
1-800-661-6467 | 780-986-6550
daysinnedmontonairport.com

BOOK EARLY...

...to ensure your choice of accommodations. Mention upon booking that you are a guest of Nahanni River Adventure and Canadian River Expeditions - some hotels may offer a guest discount (at their discretion).

There are a number of other hotels and bed & breakfasts in most mentioned locations. We recommend these used here because our guests have offered favorable reviews. If you experience any problems with our recommended accommodation please let us know.

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DINING, SPA & ACTIVITY OPTIONS WHILE IN TOWN

FORT SIMPSON

Population: 1,200
fort-simpson.com

EATERIES

Pandaville Restaurant
867-695-3080

Nahanni Inn Dining Room
867-695-2201

PLACES TO SEE

Visitor Information Centre (VIC)
867-695-3182
fortsimpson.com/visitors/visitor-information-center/

TAKE A WALKING TOUR

Historical Walking Tours
Visit the VIC for details Albert Faille's Cabin, McPherson Historic House & Others

EVENTS

Open Sky Festival
spectacularnwt.com/events/open-sky-festival

YELLOWKNIFE

Population: 19,000
yellowknife.ca

DINING

Bullock's Bistro
867-873-3474

The Wildcat Café
867-873-4004

GETTING OUT

My Backyard Tours
867-444-8788
mybackyardtours.com

Narwal Northern Adventures
867-873-6443
narwal.ca

Yellowknife Park & Trails
yellowknife.ca/en/getting-active/trails.aspx

LAST-MINUTE OUTDOOR GEAR & SUPPLIES

Overlander Sports
867-873-2474
overlandersports.com

Weaver and Devore
867-873-2219
weaverdevore.ca

MUSEUMS & ART GALLERIES

Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre
867-767-9347
pwnhc.ca

Gallery of the Midnight Sun
867-873-8064
gotmidnightsun.com

Bush Pilot's Monument
ehcanadatravel.com/1-northwest-territories/yellowknife/parks-places/5624-pilot-monument-1.html

DAY SPAS

Joie de Vivre
867-873-4868
facebook.com/Joie-de-Vivre-11863540801

WHITEHORSE

Population: 25,000
travelyukon.com/en/discover/regions/whitehorse/whitehorse

DINING

Antoinette's Restaurant
867-668-3505

Miner's Daughter
867-633-3305

Sanchez Cantina
867-668-5858

Giorgio's Cucina
867-668-4050 giorgioscuccina.com

The Best Western and Edgewater hotels both have restaurants.

FINE CAFÉS

Baked
867-633-6291
bakedcafe.ca

CAR RENTALS

Driving Force
867-668-2137

PLACES TO SEE

Kluane National Park Visitor Centre
867-634-7250 pc.gc.ca/en/pn-np/yt/kluane/index

Sight-seeing in Skagway, AK
skagway.com/

Black Bear Wilderness Adventures
wildernessyukon.com/

RENT A CANOE OR BIKE
Up North Adventures
867-668-7035
upnorthadventures.com

Kanoe People
867-668-4899
kanoepeople.com/rentals.html

KLUANE GLACIER FLIGHTS

Sifton Air
1-888-634-2916

Icefield Discovery
1-867-841-4204
icefielddiscovery.com

MUSEUMS

McBride Museum
867-667-2709
macbridemuseum.com

Beringia Museum
867-667-8855 beringia.com

Yukon Transportation Museum
867-668-4793 goytm.ca

The Old Log Church
867-668-2555
oldlogchurchmuseum.ca

ART GALLERIES

North End Gallery
yukonart.ca

Yukon Artists at Work
yaaw.com