



**Nahanni National Park Reserve  
named a "Must-See Place" by National  
Geographic!**

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## Your Trip

*Canyon rim view of Nahanni's Third Canyon.*

# Nahanni Canyon Kingdom One Week From Virginia Falls

Raft / Canoe / Kayak Combo – Something for everyone! We make it possible for any skill level and interest to enjoy the Nahanni, from beginners who want to try raft to experienced whitewater canoeist. See our prerequisites and contact us for more details.

***Our trips offer you more time in the canyons than any other itinerary offered!***

## Itinerary

### Day 1 MAJESTIC MOUNTAIN & CANYON FLIGHT

*This is the first date listed for your trip.*

Your journey north from your home will be a refreshing departure. You will fly over the largest expanse of wilderness in the world with stunning views on cloudless days. Passing through quieter and friendlier airports, you will begin

to immerse yourself in the wilderness experience that is about to unfold.

Your trip leader will meet you to transfer you to the float plane base (if you arrive prior, please make your way to your accommodation).

There will be a chance for last minute questions concerning clothing, gear, packing and other details. You will also have time to transfer your gear into our

## Trip Details

**Virginia Falls to Nahanni Butte, journey through the traditional territory of the Naha Dene:** Approximately 240 kilometres (150 miles) with an elevation drop of 396 metres (1,300 feet)

**Cost:** \$6,325 + 5% GST + \$200 park fee

**Duration:** 7 river days

**Trip Type:** Raft / Canoe combination

**Skill Level:** Raft - Beginner  
Canoe - Class II whitewater

**Rendezvous Point:**  
Fort Simpson Airport Northwest Territories

### Options: 8 Day or 12 Day Trip?

If you have the time, consider the 12 day trip. The charter flights are our single biggest expense. So you can achieve greater value on the 12 day.

Maybe you're a sea kayaker who would like to kayak the Nahanni. Try our new inflatable kayak! \$150 to rent our solo kayak.



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Camp in First Canyon - Nahanni's deepest.

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river bags. You can leave unrequired items at our base/warehouse.

After loading our gear into the aircraft we begin one of the major highlights of the adventure - the upriver flight. Flying over the majestic Nahanni Range and Ram Plateau, a visually stunning panorama unfolds in front of our eyes. You want to be sure to have your camera on your lap. Past participants have stepped off the plane declaring that "if the trip finished now, I would have my money's worth!"

Following supper in camp at Virginia Falls, your guides will provide further briefing with the techniques for living comfortably along the river. A short hike and last look at the stunning scenery before bed will remind you that you are in one of the most scenic places on the planet!

### Day 2 VIRGINIA FALLS (NÁJLCHO)

We will make the final portage around the falls. The trail is downhill and well defined. You need carry only what is comfortable for you. Everyone pitches in to carry what they can and we take as long as we need to complete the task. It is impossible to spend too much time at Virginia Falls! We will assemble the boats and, after a late shore lunch and briefing, we will embark in the late afternoon, on an exhilarating run through Painted Canyon, also known as Fourth Canyon. Camp is finally made for the evening below Wrigley Creek.

### Day 3 CANYONS AND CHASMS

The culinary delights for which we are famous continue to appear. We drift past the confluence of the Flat River and enter Third Canyon, the walls of which loom 1,200 metres above the river. We camp halfway through this canyon near The Gate. Those who wish may hike to the top of the canyon for a panoramic vista.

### Upcoming Trip Dates

Monday June 18 – Monday June 25, 2018  
 Thursday July 5 – Thursday July 12, 2018  
 Sunday July 15 – Sunday July 22, 2018  
 Monday July 30 – Monday August 6, 2018  
 Thursday August 2 – Thursday August 9, 2018  
 Thursday August 9 – Thursday August 16, 2018  
 Sunday August 26 – Sunday September 2, 2018  
*The following additional dates will be opened once the above dates have been filled:*  
 Wednesday July 25 – Wednesday Aug 1, 2018  
 Thursday August 16 – Thursday August 23, 2018

### Raft or Canoe?

We bring an inflatable canoe on each trip to share among the group for the flat, moving water sections. If you would like a dedicated canoe for your own use or a hard shell canoe, there is a \$250 per person flight surcharge. If you have whitewater canoe training and would like to canoe the entire trip, the surcharge applies. Numbers will indicate how thoroughly we will be able to match preferences for raft or canoe. See "The Details & Equipment" package for an explanation of the craft and prerequisites to canoe the Nahanni. Please call with any questions 1-800-297-6927.

### Added Value!

We are the only company to include these great enhancements to the quality of your trip: To maximize your enjoyment and time in the canyons and minimize exposure to bugs, we create more time to enjoy the highlights of the canyons by employing a local power boat to meet us in the Splits and speed us past the slow (and buggy) final portion to the village of Nahanni Butte, saving an entire day. In addition, we fly you from the village back to Fort Simpson, for an aerial view of the Liard valley, further enhancing your time and focus on the best highlights. Two examples of the distance we go to give you the best Nahanni experience possible!

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### Day 4 DEADMEN VALLEY (DAHAHTTH'Y)

Paddling through the Big Bend and Second Canyon and past Headless Creek we will find ourselves camped in the vicinity of Deadmen Valley. The view includes the Tlogotsho Plateau and Prairie Creek Canyon. It was here, on the shores of Headless Creek, that the bodies of the Mcleod brothers were found in 1905 and the legend of the Headless Valley was born. Downriver at Sheaf Creek, R. M. Patterson and his partner, Gordon Mathews, wintered over in 1928. Patterson later wrote *Dangerous River*, one of the most eloquent accounts of the early days on the river. Around the campfire, we will read from his book. Afterwards, in your tent you will cozy up in the comforts that are the hallmark of our journeys.

### Day 5 CANYON KINGDOM

We start the day by challenging the big waves of George's Riffle and enter First Canyon, the deepest of all the canyons. Camp will be made at Lafferty's Riffle. You may choose to join a hike into Lafferty's Canyon.

### Day 6 KRAUS' HOTSPRINGS (TULETSEĖ)

After the waves of Lafferty's Riffle, we take a quick dip in Kraus' Hotsprings before bidding farewell to the canyons and entering the braided channels of The Splits. Here a broad valley is revealed and the surrounding mountains, ridge piled upon ridge, form a dramatic contrast to the enclosure of the canyons. Lush boreal forest bordered by steep ridges form a "storybook" setting.

### Day 7 THE GREAT DENE WALL, VILLAGE OF NAHANNI BUTTE (TTHENÁÁGÓ) & LIARD RIVER FLIGHT

Stopping in the village we will have an opportunity to see this traditional community. Here we board a charter plane for our flight down the Liard Valley back to Fort Simpson. You will need to book accommodation for this final night in Fort Simpson. The group can meet for dinner at a restaurant in town for a final farewell meal and good-bye to your guides.

### Day 8 HOMEWARD BOUND

*This is the last date listed for your trip.*

After a relaxing morning and time to look around the village of Fort Simpson, you will board your homeward plane with a load of fond memories and a relaxed and renewed spirit.

## Suggested Reading

Your guides will carry a small reference library that will include field reference books. Following are some books for winter reading:

**Nahanni – River of Gold... River of Dreams** by Neil Hartling

**Nahanni – The River Guide** by Peter Jowett & Neil Hartling

**Nahanni** by Dick Turner

**Wings Over the North** by Dick Turner

**Dangerous River** by R.M. Patterson

**A Naturalist's Guide to the Arctic** by E.C. Pielou

**After the Ice Age – The Return of Life to Glaciated North America** by E.C. Pielou



Virginia Falls-nearly twice the size of Virginia Falls.

Photo: Virginia MacDonald



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Kraus' Hotsprings "spa treatment" – Nahanni National Park and UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Photo: Noel Henrickson

*Please note: The above is a tentative agenda and has been designed with much thought to capitalize on the most scenic and exciting parts of the river while making time on other sections. Your guides will adjust the schedule to make the best use of river and weather conditions. We adhere to the departure regulation system of the Park which works to ensure that all river travelers have the same wilderness experience.*

*Under certain conditions (weather, forest fire, plane availability and upriver conditions), it may be necessary to make our upriver flight*

*soon after arrival. On the other hand, we have occasionally found ourselves waiting for safe flying conditions. In any event, we will have supper and find ourselves camped in Ft. Simpson or on the shores of the Nahanni. If we are required to overnight in Fort Simpson you are welcome to camp or take a hotel room. Please note that hotel costs and meals while in Fort Simpson are not included in the trip fee. Breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks are included from the pre-trip meeting until the final river meal. Any other meals off the river are your responsibility.*

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