



## Your Trip

# Lower Stikine by Canoe - "A Yosemite 100 Miles Long" - John Muir 1879

## Itinerary

*The following initials indicate the meals included each day:*

*Breakfast=B, Lunch=L, Dinner=D*

### Day 0

#### WHITEHORSE

*This is the first day 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 meet friendlier and less harried service personnel and begin

to immerse yourself in the wilderness experience that is about to unfold. The scheduled flights arrive in Whitehorse throughout the day. Aim to arrive by 6 p.m. Please make your way to your hotel and plan to rendezvous with your guides at the High Country Inn at 8 p.m. for an orientation meeting (enquire at the desk for meeting room). Hotel costs and meals while in Whitehorse are not included in the trip fee. There will be a chance for last minute questions concerning clothing, gear, packing and other details. Whitehorse is a great place to spend a few extra days and there are local day

## Trip Details

**From Telgraph Creek, British Columbia, to Wrangell, Alaska, journey through the traditional territories of the Tahltan and Tlingit First Nations:**

Approximately 267 km (165 miles) with an elevation drop of 200 m (600 ft)

**Cost:** \$8,400 + 5% GST


**Duration:** 10 River days (plus ferry through the Inside Passage from Wrangell to Skagway, Alaska)

**Trip Type:** Canoe

**Skill Level:** Novice

For more information, see the FAQ's at [nahanni.com](http://nahanni.com)

**Rendezvous Point:** Whitehorse, Yukon Territory

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hikes, bike, canoe rentals, dog mushing kennels to visit as well as a National Historic Site and several museums. Renting a car for a day trip through the White Pass to Skagway, Alaska is a popular outing.

## Day 1 (L/D)

### GOLDRUSH HISTORY

We will meet 8 a.m. in the hotel lobby after breakfast (not covered). After driving to the airport we will fly to the "picture perfect" gold rush town of Telegraph Creek on the Stikine River downstream of the in navigable Grand Canyon of the Stikine. Once in the tiny community of Telegraph Creek we will load the canoes and prepare to travel the short distance to our first camp in the vicinity of Tsihchini River. On the Stikine – translated to Great River in the language of the Tlingit First Nation– you will feel at once the speed and power of this grand river.

## Day 2 (B/L/D)

### OLD GROWTH FOREST

Floating past native fish camps, we will pass the tiny community of Glenora. Now nearly a ghost town, it once held 10,000 occupants and was the head of steamship navigation. From here the river begins its cut through the highly glaciated Coast Range. Camp will be in the vicinity of Jackson's Flats.

## Day 3 (B/L/D)

### LITTLE CANYON

The swift flowing but smooth river will whisk you further into the land of the Stikine. Increasingly larger mountains appear on the horizon and we watch for grizzlies, moose and mountain goats. Camp will be in the near Little Canyon.

## Day 4 (B/L/D)

### FLOOD RIVER

The culinary delights for which we are famous continue to be whipped up by our talented guides. Making our way into the dramatic region of the Flood River Valley, many glaciers begin to dominate the horizon. Camped along the swift flowing river, we will read stories of the rich native and gold rush history of the region.

## Day 5 (B/L/D)

### GLACIERS

The river channel broadens and braids. New panoramas await around each bend. We will find ourselves camped in the region on Mud Glacier, far more beautiful than the name implies.

## Day 6 & 7 (B/L/D)

### GREAT GLACIER LAKE

Flood and Mud Glaciers are but two of the ice caps that dominate the valleys feeding the river in this stretch. Seals may be seen in the main channel at this point as they follow the spawning salmon. The Great Glacier once breached the river and was the sight of a clash between Tahltan and Tlingit warriors. We will camp here and a hike from the river will take us to an iceberg-dotted lake at the foot of the glacier. If possible, we will use our boats to paddle among the ice flows. This portion of the Stikine passes into the Coastal Western Hemlock and Mountain Hemlock bio-geoclimatic zones. Even at this latitude there is a rich rain forest ecosystem supporting eagles and ravens, steelhead and salmon, bears, foxes, wolves, mountain goats and numerous other mammals. Its wetland habitats are particularly important

## Upcoming Trip Dates

Monday July 15 - Monday July 29, 2019

*John Muir, travelling up the Stikine from its mouth in 1879, called the lower Stikine "a Yosemite 100 miles long". Others have called the Stikine the "gateway to the vast interior of northwest Canada".*



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## Suggested Reading

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

**Stikine - Alaska Geographic**  
**Stikine River A Guide to paddling**  
**The Great River** by Jeniffer Voss

**Notes from the Century Before - A**  
**Journal from British Columbia**  
by Edward Hoegland.

**Stikine - The Great River**  
by Gary Fiegehen

**Travels in Alaska** by John Muir

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

to waterfowl and moose. Sitka spruce, cottonwoods, yellow cedar, white fir and abundant wildflowers are present. Nearly a million migrating birds of the Pacific Flyway use the delta and wetlands.

### Day 8 (B/L/D)

#### FRESH SALMON

Back on the river your guides will organize fresh salmon at an interesting local fish camp. Camp will be in the vicinity of Goat Creek Islands.

### Day 9 (B/L/D)

#### CHIEF SHAKES HOTSPRINGS

After a paddle down a hidden back channel you will be rewarded by a soak in the luxurious hot water of Chief Shakes

Hot Springs. Splendid scenery will top off a memorable day. If river conditions allow we will make our way into Shakes Lake for more close interaction with spectacular glaciers. Every night you will cozy up in your tent in the comforts that are the hallmark of our journeys.

### Day 10 (B/L/D)

#### ALASKA

Making our way through the delta we will enter the rich coastal environment of Frederick Sound. The scenery continues to please. Skirting the shoreline, we will paddle to the colourful fishing community of Wrangell, Alaska. Camp will be in this coastal community and you will have time to explore the town.

### Day 11 (B/L)

#### INSIDE PASSAGE

We will leave Wrangell in the afternoon via the Inside Passage Ferry. This provides a classic view of the famed Alaska Inside Passage. Steaming through the villages of Petersburg, Sitka and the state capital of Juneau, we will have "bunks". Showers are available and you will have access to all the ship's facilities. Be sure to have proof of your citizenship with you for US and Canadian customs.

### Day 12 (B/L)

#### SKAGWAY

We will arrive in the gold rush town of Skagway, Alaska in the early afternoon



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and have time to wander the colourful streets, enjoy the shops and meet for dinner at one of the local restaurants (meal not included). We will then begin the 2-hour journey back to Whitehorse by van. The dramatic peaks of White Pass will keep you well engaged.

### Day 13 (& 14)

#### WHITEHORSE & HOMEWARD BOUND

You can book your flight to leave Whitehorse anytime, otherwise you may want to relax for one more

evening and fly out the next day. After goodbyes and a last look around town, we will head for home, with a cargo of fond and spectacular memories.

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*\*At the time of printing, the Alaska State Ferry schedule was not finalized. Please contact us before finalizing flight arrangements to ensure the schedules match.\**

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