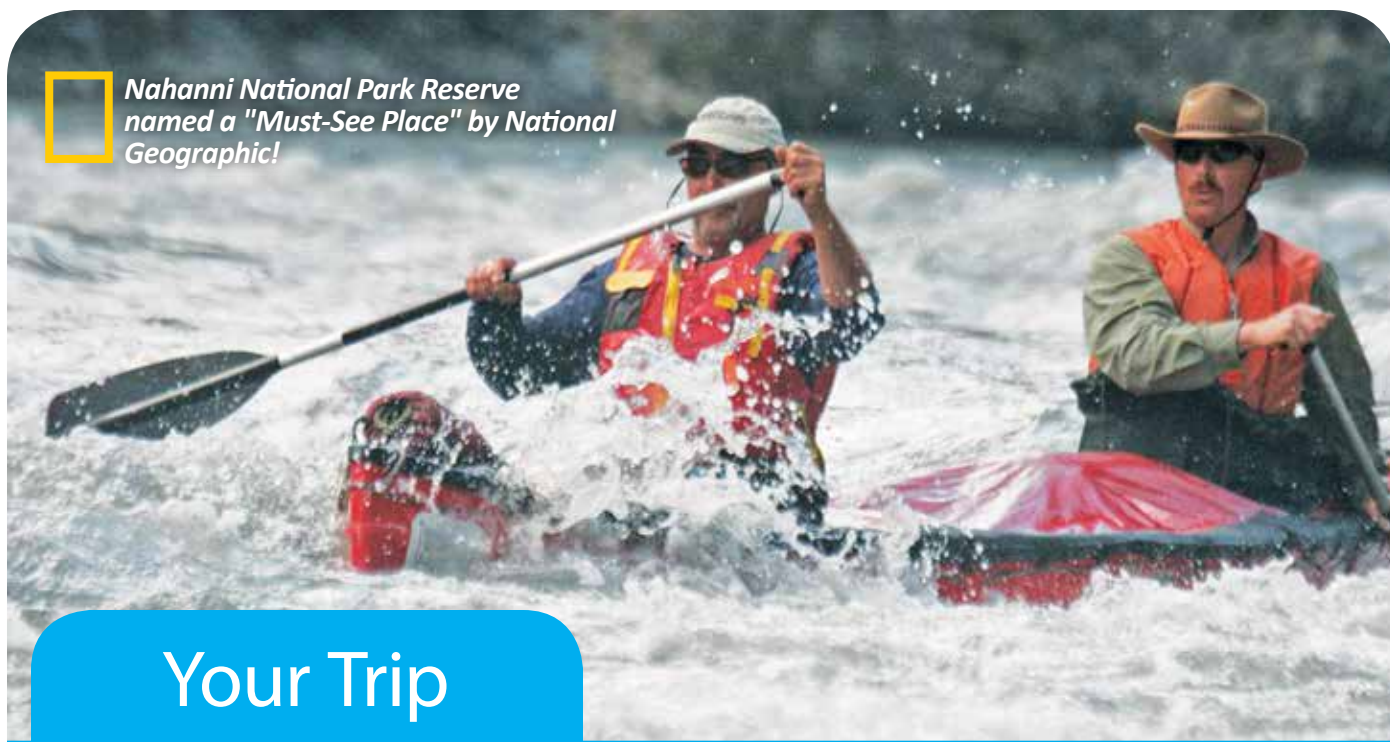




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Your Trip

Whitewater abounds for the Nahanni canoeist

Photo: Melanie Siebert

Two Week Nahanni River Classic Whitewater Canoe Adventure

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). Once everyone has arrived there will be a chance for last minute questions concerning clothing, gear, packing and other details. Those requiring our river bags will have time to transfer gear from their own bags. You can leave unrequired items at our base.

After loading our supplies and 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

Trip Details

Rabbitkettle Lake to Lindberg's Landing, in the traditional land of the Naha Dene: Approximately 370 kilometres (230 miles) with an elevation drop of 550 metres (1,800 feet)

Cost: \$7,400 + 5% GST + \$200 park fee

Duration: 13 river days

Trip Type: Canoe

Skill Level:

Intermediate paddler who is comfortable on Class III whitewater. A willingness to learn and a fitness level suited to paddling 3 to 7 hours per day.

For more information, see the FAQ's at nahanni.com

Rendezvous Point:

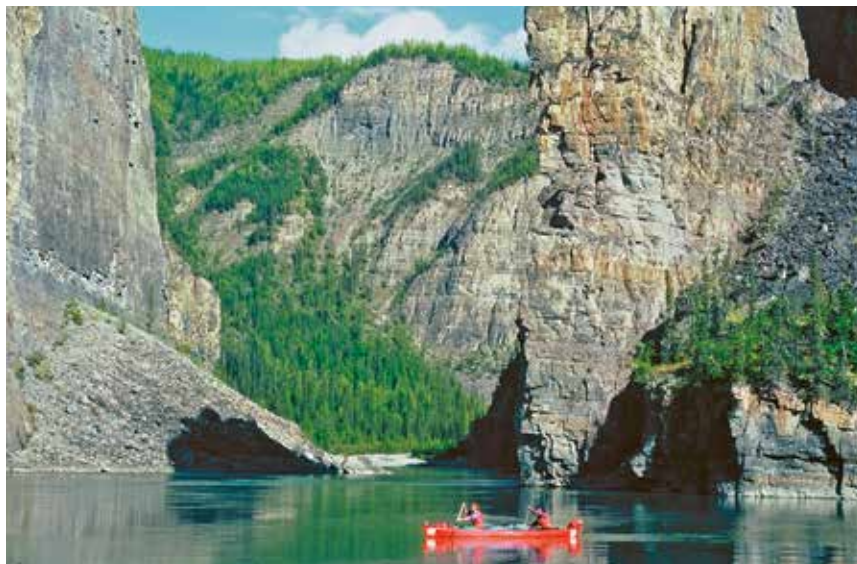
Fort Simpson Airport,
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The narrow chasm of The Gate & Pulpit Rock

Photo: Wolfgang Weber

the plane declaring that "if the trip finished now, I would have my money's worth!"

Day 2 RABBITKETTLE HOTSPRINGS (GAHNJHTAH MJE)

At Rabbitkettle Lake we will prepare ourselves and the canoes for the downriver trip. Conditions permitting, we will hike the 7 kilometres round trip to the tufa mounds.

Day 3 & 4 MOUNTAIN PEAKS

We begin the downriver trip. This portion of the river above Virginia Falls is a flat, meandering section that allows opportunity to brush up on techniques (see our 'Canoe Pre-requisites' sheet). The mountains and U-shaped valley created by the glaciers will dominate the scenery. Camping will be in the most choice spots between Rabbitkettle Lake and Virginia Falls.

Day 5 VIRGINIA FALLS (NÁJLCHO)

Virginia Falls (nearly twice the height of Niagara) will be the destination. We will camp there for two nights. This is the other spot within the National Park where planes may land and we may see other campers.

Day 6 HIKING

This is a day for exploring and photographing the area around Virginia Falls. The vast expanse of the falls captivates photographers and hikers with a tireless display of powerful drama. Keen and fit hikers may undertake an all-day expedition to the top of Sunblood Mountain for an excellent view of the surrounding area. Others can enjoy exploring the expansive area overlooking the brink of the falls.

Upcoming Trip Dates

Monday June 3 - Sunday June 16, 2019
Monday June 17 - Sunday June 30, 2019
Monday July 1 - Sunday July 14, 2019
Monday July 15 - Sunday July 28, 2019
Monday July 29 - Sunday August 11, 2019
Monday August 12 - Sunday
August 25, 2019
Monday August 19 - Sunday September
1, 2019

A Note on Canoeing

It is customary on the Nahanni River to sometimes employ the use of "Canyon Rigs" (catamaraning canoes) for some rapids to ensure greater stability. This decision is made "on site" by the guides based on a safety assessment of prevailing conditions.

'What sets a canoeing expedition apart is that it purifies you more rapidly and inescapably than any other. Travel 1,000 miles by train and you are a brute; pedal 500 miles on a bicycle and you remain basically a bourgeois; paddle 100 miles in a canoe and you are already a child of nature.' - Pierre Elliot Trudeau

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Day 7 PAINTED CANYON

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. Dinner conversation in camp will be full of recollections of paddling adventures in the canyon.

Day 8 THE GATE AND PULPIT ROCK

We enter Third Canyon, the walls of which rise 1,200 metres over the river. Keen eyes may spot woodland caribou, moose and Dall sheep. Stopping at The Gate and Pulpit Rock for lunch, we will hike to the top of the canyon for a bird's eye view of the narrow gorge below and the expanse of the canyon walls. Camp will be downstream of Pulpit Rock and The Gate.

Day 9 DEADMAN VALLEY (DAHAHTTH'I)

After paddling through the Big Bend and Second Canyon and past Headless Creek we will find ourselves camped in the vicinity of Legendary 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 hear the story.

Day 10 PRAIRIE CREEK (TŁO DEHÉ)

Camp will be in the mountain-ringed beauty of Deadman Valley or in the depths of First Canyon.

Day 11 FIRST CANYON

The highlights will include First Canyon, Canada's deepest river canyon at a depth of 1,300 metres, George's and Lafferty's Riffles and White Spray Springs. After stopping at Kraus' Hot Springs for a soak in the 37°C natural springs, we leave the canyons and carry on to camp in the area known as The Splits. Here the river braids and twists into many channels.

Day 12 GREAT DENE WALL AND NAHANNI BUTTE (TTHENÁÁGÓ)

While negotiating the huge meanders prior to the native village of Nahanni Butte we will experience the river valley opening up to meet the forested flat lands. Camp will be in or near the village (population 80).

Day 13 LIARD RIVER (Nácháh Dehé)

A power boat ride down the voluminous Liard River will take us to Lindberg's Landing where we will be the guest of Sue Lindberg for showers, a BBQ and an overnight stay at her cabins.

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



First Canyon

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Hiking Sunblood Mountain overlooking Virginia Falls

Photo: Noel Henrickson

Day 14 HOMEWARD BOUND

This is the last date listed for your trip.

We will be picked up by vehicle and driven to Fort Simpson to meet our plane home.

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 (at your own cost). 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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