

# Aurora Klondike Experience

6 Day Tour – 3-4V

## TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

Whitehorse • Dawson • 4 Nightly Guided Aurora Viewing Excursions • 3 hour City & Goldfields of Dawson Tour • 1.5 hour Historic Dawson City Walking Tour • Dawson City Museum visit

## ITINERARY

### Day 1: Arrive in Whitehorse

Arrive in Whitehorse and take a complimentary shuttle to your hotel. At check-in, your Winter Clothing Package will be waiting for you. Take the remainder of the day to explore the local sights and sounds of this frontier city. In the evening, your Northern Tales Travel Services guide will pick you up at your hotel to venture out under the night sky to view the dancing waves of colours painted across the sky on your first Aurora Borealis / Northern Lights excursion.. **Accommodation stay – 1 night in Whitehorse.**

### Day 2: Whitehorse

A day free at leisure in Whitehorse. Explore this northern city on your own or take an optional dog sledding tour. Enjoy an evening Aurora Borealis viewing excursion. Overnight in Whitehorse. **Accommodation stay – 1 night in Whitehorse.**

### Day 3 & 4: Whitehorse to Dawson City

Take a complimentary shuttle to Whitehorse Airport, board your morning flight to Dawson City where you are met by a representative from Husky Bus Transportation and transferred to your hotel. Over the next two days, your guide from Klondike Experience / Husky Bus Transportation will take you on several guided tours, including a City and Goldfields Tour, a visit to Dawson City Museum including admission, and a Dawson City Historic Walking Tour. In addition, each night will include a guided Northern Lights Viewing Tour.

**Accommodation stay – 2 nights in Dawson City**

### Day 5: Dawson City to Whitehorse

After a leisurely morning in Dawson City, you are transferred to the airport for your midday flight back to Whitehorse. Upon arrival in Whitehorse, take a complimentary shuttle to your hotel. The remainder of the day is free to either further explore the city, or enjoy the amenities of your hotel. **Accommodation stay – 1 night in Whitehorse**

### Day 6: End of Package

Today your northern experience comes to an end.

**This is a set tour itinerary, if you have booked any pre/post or optional tour arrangements please refer to your separate vouchers and final documents.**

# TOUR NOTES

For current departure dates and prices please check our website

## Pre/Post Tour information

If you would like to extend your trip or make the tour part of a longer holiday, we can easily add on pre or post night stays for you. Our Sales Team will work with you to arrange the best connecting flights and book any additional hotel stays or experiences. Simply tell us what you'd like and we can arrange it.

## Time difference

GMT -5 hours Eastern Canada

## Tour inclusions

- Accommodation for 3 nights in Whitehorse and 2 nights in Dawson
- Complimentary shuttles between Whitehorse airport and hotel
- 4-day winter clothing package (jacket, pants, boots, gloves/mitts, hat/toque; child size clothing is not available for temperatures below -15 Celcius)
- 4 nightly guided Aurora Viewing excursions
- Flights between Whitehorse and Dawson, including airport transfers in Dawson
- 3-hour City and Goldfields of Dawson Tour
- 1.5-hour Historic Dawson City Walking Tour □ Dawson City Museum visit including admission
- Travel and Information Kit
- Federal GST

## Tour exclusions

- International flight in economy class, including all UK and overseas airport taxes and applicable fuel surcharges
- Return flights to Whitehorse
- Flight upgrades and airport transfers in the UK
- Insurance
- Items of a personal nature such as drinks, laundry, tips & gratuities, video camera fees at monuments
- The required Canada Electronic Authorization (eTA)
- Anything not detailed on the itinerary.

## Included activities

Tours listed in the itinerary.

## Accommodation

Accommodation is a mix of 3-4V graded properties. Please note some tours are up to 3 weeks in duration and there may be some nights when staying in remote locations e.g. the National Parks, when the 'V' rating may vary. Hotels are subject to change up until 30 days prior to departure, but you will be advised of any changes.

## Journey times

Please note due to long distances covered on some of the tours, there will be some days when the majority of the day will be spent on the coach, so just sit back and enjoy the view.

## Visa requirements

Under Canada's new eTA program, British citizens WILL need to obtain an online authorization before flying to Canada.

This requirement is mandatory. Travellers will have the opportunity to go online and apply for their eTA. The earlier travellers get their eTA, the sooner they will benefit from knowing they have been pre-screened to enter Canada.

A fee of \$7 is payable for processing an application for an electronic travel authorization.

An application for an electronic travel authorization must be made by means of an electronic system that is made available by the Department (Citizenship and Immigration Canada) for that purpose.

An electronic travel authorization is valid for a period of five years from the day on which it is issued to the applicant or until the earliest of the following days, if they occur before the end of that period:

- (a) The day on which the applicant's passport or other travel document expires,
- (b) The day on which the electronic travel authorization is cancelled, or
- (c) The day on which a new electronic travel authorization is issued to the applicant

Visit: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/eta-start.asp> to arrange the eTA.

Alternatively you can apply for your eTA through our partners CIBT visas who make the process as easy as possible and will apply for the eTA on your behalf. Contact them on [www.cibtvisas.co.uk/virginholidays](http://www.cibtvisas.co.uk/virginholidays) for more information.

## Currency

The official unit of currency in Canada is the Canadian dollar. Major credit cards and debit cards will be accepted within the Canada.

## Electricity

If you bring any electrical appliance to Canada, you may need an adaptor to fit the Canadian electrical receptacles. You may also need a converter to change the voltage from 110 volts to 220 volts.

## Tipping

Tipping is a big part of Canada's service economy and their taxation system, all visitors should understand that this is a part of the local culture; please see below a list of useful suggestions for tipping:

- Waiters/Waitresses: 15% - 20% for average - good service, more for exceptional service.
- Bartenders: \$1 - \$2 a round -or- 15% to 20% of the tab, with a minimum of 50 cents per soft drink, \$1 per alcoholic drink.
- Room Service: 15% - 20%
- Taxi driver: Varies depending on locality. Assume 15% will be enough; an extra \$1 to \$2 for help with bags.
- Hotel doorman: \$1 per bag for help with luggage; \$1 per person for hailing a cab.
- Any Tour guide: \$5 per person, per day

## What to expect

We recommend you are of a reasonable fitness as touring often involves long walks and uneven surfaces; this tour is not suitable for those who require special assistance. Please note this is not an escorted tour and apart from the tours which are included in the package, the rest of your trip is free for you to explore independently.

## Recommended vaccinations

We advise you to discuss your individual requirements for Canada with your GP at least 6-8 weeks prior to travel.