



YUKON RIVER CANOE TRIPS

TOUR YK

During this tour you follow historic footprints of the "Old-timers" who were searching for gold and adventures. You start your canoe adventure on the mighty Yukon River north of Whitehorse. Away from civilization and emerged in wilderness you are reliving the big Klondike Gold Rush trail. From Whitehorse to Dawson City you are passing abandoned settlements, trapper cabins and old paddle wheelers. Again and again you find remains as testimony of past times.

Some of our camps are located close to historic sites, for example Lower Laberge, Hootalinqua at the confluence of the Teslin River or Big Salmon Village. A side trip to the streamer "SS Evelyn" at Shipyard Island and panning for gold at "Cyr's gold dredge" puts you back to the time of the big Klondike gold rush. On your journey you might see bald eagles, beavers, moose and with a little luck a black bear or grizzly.

Demands: This program is open to experts and novice paddlers alike

Included:

- Canoes and camping equipment
- Airport transfers Whitehorse
- 2 nights hotel accommodation in Whitehorse
- 2 persons tents
- All meals on canoe trip
- Historic tour in Dawson City
- Expert guidance on the entire trip

Dates 2017: 22-day tour
Whitehorse – Dawson City
04.06 – 25.06
25.06 – 16.07

16.07 – 06.08
06.08 – 27.08

FAR AWAY FROM TOURIST ROUTES

MORE THAN 700 KILOMETERS ON THE MIGHTY YUKON RIVER

FULLY OUTFITTED GUIDED CANOE TRIP IN TWO-PERSON OPEN CANADIAN CANOES

WILDERNESS CAMPING WITH SMALL GROUPS

17 DAYS ON THE RIVER

CANOEING EXPERIENCE IS NOT REQUIRED

Group size: maximum 12 participants

Length of Tour: 22 days

Price: CDN\$ 2870.00 including 2.5% taxes

Single room / -tent: CDN\$ 195.00

Not included:

Meals in hotels and during transfers, fishing license, personal extras, gratuity

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Day 1: Arrive Whitehorse

Your guide greets you at the Whitehorse Airport and transfer you to your hotel. In the afternoon there is time for you to go shopping- and sightseeing. In the evening the group gathers to discuss tour details.

Days 2 - 10: Yukon River

You start the canoeing adventure on the Yukon River at the mouth of the Takini north of Whitehorse. After a few hours the Yukon flows into Lake Laberge. When you reach the end of Lake Laberge history is catching up: Abandoned settlements are witnesses of the time when the first gold seekers traveled the River. Old Mounties- and telegraph stations, trading posts and supply stations, remains of old paddle wheelers and sluice boxes are company on this trip. Some of the camps are located close to these historic sites and you have lots of time to explore. After passing a few trapper cabins you reach Carmacks, a small community on the Klondike Highway. This is the half -way- point.

Days 11 - 17: Yukon River

The second half of our trip to Dawson City lead again past old settlements, trapper cabins and trading post stations for the paddle wheelers. Your guide will tell you about the old days and the new days of the Gold rush while we are sitting at the campfire in the evening.

A tour highlight is our camp at the remote Fort Selkirk at the confluence from the Pelly in the Yukon River. A visit of the settlement gives a good impression of the pioneer life during the middle of the last century until the settlement was abandoned in the 1950s.

After the confluence with the White River the current of the Yukon River flows much faster. The breathtaking White River valley shows us the endless spread of the land.

Now the Yukon is a wide stream with multiple arms and channels and hundreds of big and small islands. You have the opportunity to explore some of the smaller channels and have the chance to see some wildlife close by.

Day 18: Dawson City

After 17 days on the Yukon River the first signs of modern gold mining techniques, a sign that you have reached the Klondike goldfields. By afternoon you are in Dawson City. Three nights at the Dawson City Campground.

Day 19: Dawson City

You start the day with a sightseeing tour through Dawson City. A drive to the "Midnight Dome" allows an overview of Dawson and the surrounding area. The rest of the day we have time to explore the historic buildings of Dawson City. Suggested are visits of the gold digger museum and the original cabin of Jack London The nightlife of Dawson is the legendary Diamond Tooth Gerties Casino with its Can Can Show..

Day 20: Dawson City

A drive to Hunker Creek to visit the Goldbottom mine. A guided tour through this active mine shows the effort needed to digging out the gold from the frozen ground. You can step into the creek and try our best to uncover some gold nuggets of our own. You also see "Dredge No.4" and drive through the discovery claim in the Bonanza Creek area. This is where Skookum Jim, Tagish Charlie and George Carmack found the first gold on August 17th 1896 and staked the first claim. The beginning of the big gold rush.

Day 21: Whitehorse

Early morning the drive via the Klondike Highway back to Whitehorse. There is enough time for several photo stops, for example at the lovingly restored Moose Creek Lodge, the Five Finger Rapids as well as the Braeburn Lodge. Arriving in Whitehorse you check into your hotel for the last night.

Day 22: Transfer to the Whitehorse airport.