

# YUKON CANOE EXPEDITION – 8 DAYS

## Day 1: Whitehorse

Your tour begins in the Yukon Territory city of Whitehorse . Surrounded by pristine lakes, mountains and the Yukon River, there's no surprise Whitehorse is known as the 'Wilderness City'. With a vibrant urban lifestyle, this Yukon city offers the best of both worlds to anyone who ventures this far. A welcome meeting will be held at 18:00 hrs where you'll meet your guides and fellow travellers. Your guide will run through your equipment with you and you'll have a chance to pick up any missing items. This evening is free to explore as you wish.

Accommodation: Hotel included | Meals paid locally

## Day 2-8: Yukon River Canoe Tour

The Yukon was firmly placed on the map after the discovery of gold on August 16th, 1896 which sparked a migration of over 100,000 prospectors to the Klondike region of the Yukon in Northwestern Canada between 1896 and 1899. When news of the Klondike Gold Rush, also called the Yukon Gold Rush reached Seattle and San Francisco it sparked a massive influx of potential prospectors. The journey proved tough with only about 40,000 arriving. Naturally some made claims and became wealthy however, the vast majority left empty handed and many died. The Klondike Gold Rush ended in 1899 after gold was discovered in Nome (Alaska), prompting an exodus from the Klondike.

With the prospectors long departed you'll escape into the Yukon wilderness without the herds. The stunning scenery and tough environment will help paint a picture of what prospectors went through upon arriving to seek their fortune. Your canoe trip starts with a transfer to the legendary Yukon River - meaning 'Great River'. The river travels more than 3,000km from its source south of Whitehorse, to the Bering Sea. During the next seven wonderful days, you'll paddle over 300km on this great river to roam the Yukon wilderness. Your first day of paddling brings you to Lake Laberge which requires some shoreline paddling. The reward is some wonderful paddling along the 30 mile section of the river, a narrow, winding stretch that provides incredible scenery, excellent fishing (optional permits purchased prior to departure) and brings you to some interesting historical sites, including the old trading post of Hootalinqua and RNWMP outpost. As you travel through the wilderness you'll reach the confluences of the Teslin and Big Salmon River where wildlife, including Black Bear and moose are often spotted along the shorelines.

Accommodation: Camping included | Meals: Breakfast (x5), lunch (x6), dinner (x6) included

## Day 8: Carmacks

After a week in the Yukon wilderness with very few signs of people and civilisation, you arrive at the small native village of Carmacks, which was founded by Klondike Goldrush co-discoverer, George Carmack. Here you can enjoy the luxury of eating a meal lovingly prepared for you and your group, before saying goodbye to the canoes which have been your catalyst for this incredible exploration. You return to Whitehorse by road, a journey of just under three hours where this magnificent journey comes to an end.

Meals: Breakfast included

The tour should end this afternoon at our gateway hotel at approximately 17:00 hrs. We can book you post-tour accommodation at our gateway hotel if required. If you are planning to fly tonight, please do not book a flight that departs before 21:00 hrs.