

KLONDIKE TO THE ARCTIC OCEAN

August 2026



Tombstone Mountains

Includes Whitehorse, Dawson City, Inuvik & Tuktoyaktuk

This epic journey to the Arctic Ocean has only been possible since the road to Tuktoyaktuk opened in 2017. Come and enjoy a great variety of sights and experiences in the Yukon and Northwest Territories. Some highlights are a swim at Eclipse Nordic Hot Springs, Beringia Museum, Dawson City with a show at Diamond Tooth Gerties, Discovery Days celebration in Dawson, the storied Dempster Highway across the Arctic Circle, the Tuktoyaktuk road, and a locally-guided tour of Tuktoyaktuk with a visit to an Inuit home and a presentation on Inuit fashions and lifestyles. We stay three nights in Whitehorse, four nights in Dawson City, one night at Eagle Plains on the Dempster Highway, and two nights in Inuvik. What an incredible journey through the North!



CANADIAN



GROUP SIZE



ACTIVITY LEVEL

▶ Departure from:

- ① **BC Interior:** August 7, 2026 - 12 days
- ② **Vancouver Island:** August 7, 2026 - 12 days
- ③ **Lower Mainland:** August 7, 2026 - 11 days

▶ Fares per person

- ④ from **\$5,950** double/twin, **\$7,070** single*
- *Pricing details for all departures provided on page 2.

▶ Early Booking Bonus

- ⑤ **\$150** discount on first 10 seats; **\$75** on next 6.

▶ Earn 152 Experience Points



DEPARTURE INFORMATION

Your departure point will be discussed at the time of booking.

I BC Interior: We depart on Friday, August 7 and fly from Kelowna to Whitehorse. We fly from Dawson City to Vancouver on Monday, August 17 and overnight at the Inn at the Quay. We drive home on Tuesday, August 18. Transportation is provided from your pickup point on the day of departure and back when we return.

V Vancouver Island: We depart on Friday, August 7 and travel to Vancouver, then fly to Whitehorse. We fly back from Dawson City to Vancouver on Monday, August 17 and overnight at the Inn at the Quay. We travel home on Tuesday, August 18.

Departure from Victoria: For passengers in the Greater Victoria Area, transportation is provided from your pickup point on the day of departure and back when we return. Home pickup may be offered in the Greater Victoria Area depending on the number of people booked and coach size. The decision is made about 2 weeks before departure, and you will be contacted about your pickup point and time.

Departure from Up-island: It is recommended that you make your own way to/from Vancouver to join this tour. There is an additional cost for passengers who wish to fly from/to Nanaimo or Comox Airports on this tour. No transportation to/from these airports is provided. The overnight on Monday, August 17 may not be needed depending on flight schedules. While we always prioritize convenient connections for our clients, sometimes this is not possible due to the airline schedules and availability. You will be contacted regarding your schedule after final payment. Please request Nanaimo or Comox departure when booking.

L Lower Mainland: We depart on Friday, August 7 and fly from Vancouver to Whitehorse. We fly back from Dawson City to Vancouver on Monday, August 17.

Departure from Vancouver: Home pickup for clients in the Greater Vancouver Area may be arranged at the time of booking.

Departure from Langley, Abbotsford, or Chilliwack: No transportation is provided to Vancouver Airport for departure on Friday, August 7. On return, overnight at the Inn at the Quay on Monday, August 17. Return to Abbotsford or Chilliwack by the BC Interior coach on Tuesday, August 18. Please refer to the BC Interior pricing below.

FARES PER PERSON

	Departure Point	Fares per Person	Notes
I	BC Interior	\$6,050 double/twin \$7,295 single	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Please add 5% GST.• There is an additional cost to fly to/from Nanaimo or Comox Airport to join this tour.
V	Vancouver Island	\$6,250 double/twin \$7,495 single	
L	Lower Mainland	\$5,950 double/twin \$7,070 single	

WHAT'S INCLUDED

▶ Meals

- 🕒 **12 total:** 3 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 4 dinners
- 🕒 **11 total:** 3 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 4 dinners

▶ Transportation

- Transfers to Kelowna, Victoria, or Vancouver Airport from the BC Interior, Greater Victoria, or Greater Vancouver Areas
- Flights to Whitehorse
- Transfer from Whitehorse Airport to hotel
- Coach transportation for 8 days
- Flight from Inuvik to Dawson City
- Transfer from Dawson Airport to hotel
- Flights from Dawson City via Whitehorse to Vancouver
- Transfers from Vancouver Airport to the BC Interior, Greater Victoria, & Greater Vancouver Areas
- Current air taxes, fees, & fuel surcharges
- 1 checked bag per person

▶ Accommodation

- 🕒 **11** nights accommodation & hotel taxes
- 🕒 **10** nights accommodation & hotel taxes
- Luggage handling at most hotels

▶ Key Highlights

- Locally-guided tour of Whitehorse
- Yukon Beringia Centre
- Yukon Museum of Transportation
- Yukon Wildlife Preserve
- Eclipse Nordic Hot Springs with towel rental
- Diamond Tooth Gerties with show
- Locally-guided tour of Dawson City
- Dredge #4 National Historic Site
- Locally-guided tour of Tuktoyaktuk
- Visit to an Inuit home in Tuktoyaktuk with traditional lunch & presentation on Inuit fashions & lifestyles
- SS Keno National Historic Site with guide
- Palace Grand Theatre with guide

Attractions are subject to change. Please see Tour Policies for more information.

▶ Guides & Gratuities

- Gratuities for Yukon & NWT guides

▶ Knowledgeable Wells Gray tour director

Activity Level 2



Moderate Activity: As a traveller you like a variety of activities and walking up to 2 km with breaks such as a guided walking tour is very doable for you without assistance. You can stand for prolonged periods and can climb two flights of stairs without assistance. Some travelling days are long as hotels and towns are far apart in the north. Some communities do not have paved streets and sidewalks, so the walking surface may be uneven. There are stairs to board the planes leaving Inuvik and Dawson. You must handle your own luggage and walk longer distances in airports. Luggage handling service is not available in Whitehorse and Eagle Plains, and may not be available at other hotels.

This tour is not appropriate if you depend upon a walker, but you may bring a cane or walking poles if needed. The coach cannot carry a scooter or motorized wheelchair. The tour director and driver have many responsibilities, so please do not expect them, or your fellow travellers, to provide ongoing assistance. If you are not capable of keeping up with the group or require frequent assistance, the tour director may stop you from participating in some activities or some days of the tour. In extreme situations, you may be required to leave the tour and travel home at your own expense; travel insurance will probably not cover you.



Tour Size 30

This tour is limited to 30 participants, making it a more intimate travel experience.

ITINERARY

Friday, August 7

We fly to Whitehorse and stay three nights in the downtown area.

Accommodation: Hyatt Place Whitehorse

Saturday, August 8

A locally-guided tour of Whitehorse sights is offered. We visit the **Yukon Beringia Centre** which tells the story of native people and animals that lived in a pre-historic land between Alaska and Siberia known as the Bering Land Bridge. Next is the **Yukon Museum of Transportation** which brings vividly to life tales of bush pilots, captains on the Yukon River sternwheelers, Klondike stampeders on the Chilkoot Trail, and Alaska Highway builders.

Meals included: Dinner

Accommodation: Hyatt Place Whitehorse

Sunday, August 9

The morning is leisure time. We learn about the native animals at the **Yukon Wildlife Preserve**, a unique 350-acre viewing facility featuring 12 major species of northern mammals such as moose, muskox, mountain goat, wood bison, woodland caribou, elk, lynx, and Dall's sheep, presented in their natural environments. Later, we relax in the soothing waters of the three pools at **Eclipse Nordic Hot Springs** with temperatures up to 42°C.

Accommodation: Hyatt Place Whitehorse

Monday, August 10

We leave Whitehorse via the **Klondike Highway** and follow the Yukon River past Lake Laberge, made famous by Robert Service in *The Cremation of Sam McGee*. Further downstream are the Five Finger Rapids which were a challenge for the Yukon River sternwheelers. Our destination is **Dawson City**, the partly-restored town where the fabulous Klondike Gold Rush started in 1898. Once Dawson had a population of 30,000 people, but now it is home to a mere 800. Tonight, we go to **Diamond Tooth Gerties** for casino gambling and a vaudeville show.

Meals included: Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Downtown Hotel Dawson City

Tuesday, August 11

A local guide accompanies us on a tour around Dawson City and Bonanza Creek with many stories about the gold rush. The gigantic **Dredge #4 National Historic Site** is included and we drive to the top of Midnight Dome for a panoramic view.

Accommodation: Downtown Hotel Dawson City

Wednesday, August 12

Canada's renowned wilderness road, **Dempster Highway**, heads north from Dawson City across the Arctic Circle to Inuvik in the Northwest Territories. Surveying of the route began in 1958 and it took 21 years to build. The road was named for William Dempster of the Northwest Mounted Police who searched for the Lost Patrol in 1911. During our first day on the Dempster, a local guide is with us as far as the rugged **Tombstone Mountains**. We follow the Klondike and Ogilvie Rivers through the stunning scenery of barren mountains and tundra. We stay overnight at the remote Eagle Plains Hotel which perches on a lofty ridge with views in every direction of the Arctic wilderness.

Meals included: Lunch, Dinner

Accommodation: Eagle Plains Hotel

Thursday, August 13

We cross the **Arctic Circle** and the Dempster Highway winds over miles of mountain ridges without a tree in sight. We ride on small ferries across the Peel and Mackenzie Rivers. At **Fort McPherson**, we see a traditional northern Hudson's Bay store and the graves of the Lost Patrol. We stay two nights in **Inuvik**, a modern town of 3,200 people on the Mackenzie River where it widens into its huge delta. Some local sights are Our Lady of Victory Church, nicknamed the **Igloo Church**, and the Western Arctic Visitor Centre.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Mackenzie Hotel

Friday, August 14

A highway to Canada's Arctic Coast has been talked about since the 1960s. Construction began in 2014 and the all-weather road, 138 km from Inuvik to **Tuktoyaktuk**, opened in 2017. Today, we have the

exciting experience of driving to the Arctic Ocean, across the permafrost of the **Mackenzie River Delta**. A tour of Tuktoyaktuk, Canada's most northerly mainland town, is conducted by a long-time local resident and includes a chance to dip a finger or take a plunge into the frigid **Arctic Ocean**. We also enjoy a traditional lunch at an Inuit home and a presentation on Inuit fashions and lifestyles.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Mackenzie Hotel

Saturday, August 15

We fly at noon from Inuvik to Dawson City, a flight of 1¼ hours. The afternoon is free time and you may want to go to the visitor centre, see a presentation by the "Ghost of Robert Service", or stroll these storied streets. **Discovery Days**, Dawson's annual celebration, is held this weekend and some of the events may be of interest to you. Check out the Downtown Hotel's bar which serves the famous Dawson drink, the Sour Toe Cocktail, if you dare!

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Downtown Hotel Dawson City

Sunday, August 16

A guided tour is conducted of the **S.S. Keno**, built in 1922 to carry silver lead ore down the Stewart and Yukon Rivers, returning with vital supplies. For 29 years, this wood-burning, steam-powered vessel navigated Yukon waterways. Next, we visit the **Palace Grand Theatre** which is a replica of the original 1899 building that entertained many gold rush miners. The afternoon is free time. A "Farewell to the Klondike" dinner is planned.

Meals included: Dinner

Accommodation: Downtown Hotel Dawson City

Monday, August 17

We fly from Dawson City via Whitehorse to Vancouver. Passengers from Vancouver travel home, while BC Interior and Vancouver Island passengers overnight in New Westminster.

Accommodation: Inn at the Quay (BC Interior and Vancouver Island)

Tuesday, August 18

BC Interior and Vancouver Island passengers travel home.

Meals included: Lunch (BC Interior)

NOTES ABOUT YOUR ARCTIC TOUR

Accommodation in the North is the best available, but it may not be up to the standard you expect in the rest of Canada. In isolated places such as Eagle Plains, there is only one motel. Since hotels in the North have a limited season and enormous operating expenses, room rates are very high, so that is why this tour costs more per day than most Wells Gray tours.

August tour: You can enjoy pleasantly warm days and cool nights in August, possibly the aurora borealis, and a minimum of mosquitoes or other insects. Some customers ask for a June tour to the North, but that is the height of bug season and some people have difficulty sleeping with nearly 24 hours of daylight.

Passport is not required as this tour does not enter Alaska.

Please book early! This tour is limited to 30 travellers because of aircraft capacity on two of the flights.

Food Allergies: You must notify us no later than at final payment if you have a food allergy. This tour goes to some remote places where restaurants probably cannot satisfy all food allergies. An allergy causes medical distress, a preference does not. For some allergies, please consider bringing your own snacks or food items so you are not dependent on what restaurants are able to serve.

Flight seating: We are unable to take requests for window or aisle seating on the planes to Whitehorse or back from Inuvik and Dawson. The airline will not accept them, as group seating is assigned as a block. This tour does not offer the "No Air" option because two of the three flights are fully booked by Wells Gray.

Flight delays or cancellations: In the event flights are delayed or cancelled by airlines due to weather or other reasons, there may be additional costs to you. Wells Gray Tours will not pay for hotel rooms and meals during the delay. Most travel insurance policies cover expenses incurred for flight delays.

TOUR POLICIES

Payments: A deposit of \$500 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due June 2, 2026. By paying the deposit, you agree to the [Terms & Conditions](#), Activity Level and Cancellation Policy outlined. Payments can be made by online banking or cheque (3% discount on tour fare), or by Visa or Mastercard.

Early Booking Bonus: Receive a \$150 discount on the first 10 seats and \$75 on the next 6 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after June 2, 2026.

Cancellation Policy: Up to May 1, 2026, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person. From May 2 to June 2, the cancellation charge is \$400 per person. From June 3 to July 2, the cancellation charge is 80% of the tour fare. After July 2, there is no refund.

Itinerary and Fare Changes: Our many suppliers may notify us about changes to the itinerary prior to departure and sometimes during the tour. We do our best to substitute a similar service if something cancels, but occasionally the only alternative is to provide a refund for the missed activity. Please note that if we are forced to cancel a tour component due to an issue beyond our control, the current penalties still apply if you choose to cancel the entire tour. Fuel surcharges and changes to taxes or other tour costs can occur at any time, therefore Wells Gray Tours reserves the right to increase fares due to such changes up to departure.

Travel Insurance: A Comprehensive Insurance policy is available through Wells Gray Tours and coverage is provided by Travel Guard. Policies purchased at deposit include a waiver of the pre-existing condition clause for medical and cancellation claims, otherwise policies can be purchased no later than at final payment. This tour stays in Canada, but medical costs can vary wildly from one province/territory to another. While your BC Services Card may partly cover you for a medical issue that arises during the tour, you will probably benefit from trip cancellation and trip interruption coverage in case of illness or a mishap before or during the tour. Many other benefits such as luggage insurance are included. Medical questionnaire is not needed. Please contact us for details. If you have your own travel insurance, please read the policy carefully to be sure that you are adequately covered for medical, cancellation, interruption, and luggage.

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Experience Points or E-points: This tour earns 152 e-points. Each time you travel on a Wells Gray tour, you earn e-points that are added to your account after the tour returns. One e-point equals \$1. Redeem your earned points on select tours or accumulate enough points to earn a free tour! Redemptions offered until June 2, 2026.

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