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Dawson City | Credit: Government of Yukon





ALASKA

BEST OF YUKON AND ALASKA (TOUR CODE: 12944)

STARTS AND ENDS	TRAVEL PERIODS	EXPERIENCE	TRAVEL STYLE
in Anchorage	May - September	Escorted Walk & Hike Cultural Wildlife	Escorted Group Tour

Experience the ultimate adventure on this small-group journey, that unveils towering mountain ranges, cascading glaciers, rich First Nations culture, and vibrant Gold Rush history.

Highlights

- Witness the majesty of Denali National Park, including Denali peak and diverse wildlife
- Step back in time in Dawson City, epicentre of the Klondike gold rush
- Journey along the Dempster Highway, exploring pristine landscapes and enjoying scenic vistas
- Explore Kluane National Park, home to vast glaciers and untouched wilderness
- Marvel at the stunning vistas during the Prince William Sound ferry crossing

Entire Bonus

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Canada Travel is a leading, industry-accredited Canada specialist, combining genuine destination expertise with the strength and stability of an established travel group – so you can book with total confidence.

The Yukon and Alaska Explorer tour offers a tantalising glimpse into the finest experiences across Alaska and the Yukon Territory during an

extraordinary two-week escorted small group tour. This meticulously crafted itinerary immerses you in the heart of these regions, with visits to iconic destinations like Denali National Park, the majestic Coast Mountains, the remote northern tundra, and the stunning coastal fjords, all guided by an experienced leader and within the camaraderie of a small group.

The journey takes you through three of the North's most famous national parks: Kluane, home to Canada's tallest mountain and the world's largest non-polar ice field; Denali, world-renowned for wildlife viewing and home to the tallest mountain in North America; and an optional tour to the all-marine Kenai Fjords National Park for the North's premier marine life viewing. The comfortable coach journey takes you along some of the most scenic highways in the country, with knowledgeable guides that will introduce you to the best the land has to offer.



INCLUSIONS

- 14 nights of moderate accommodation
- Air-conditioned Maxi Van or Midsize Coach
- Prince William Sound Ferry
- Day trip to Denali National Park
- Guided hike in Kluane National Park
- Entrance fees for national parks
- Entrance fee for Diamond Tooth Gertles Casino
- Entrance fee for Dawson City Museum
- Expert guidance on the entire trip

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Day 1 Anchorage

Welcome to Alaska! Your tour guide will meet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel, where you will meet your fellow travelers. Your guide will lead you through a brief orientation.

Overnight in **Anchorage**



ANCHORAGE | CREDIT: VISIT ANCHORAGE / FRANK FLAVEN

Day 2 Anchorage Denali

Today, you will leave Alaska's largest city and travel north along the George Parks Highway to Denali National Park. The drive offers sweeping panoramic views and glimpses of beaver dams in the nearby river. Late afternoon, there is an opportunity for an optional one-hour glacier flight to Denali, which, at 6193 metres high, is the tallest mountain in North America. Weather permitting, this is a spectacular adventure that is highly recommended.

Overnight in **Denali**



DENALI HIGHWAY | CREDIT: STATE OF ALASKA | MICHAEL DEYOUNG

Day 3 Denali National Park

In the morning, you'll take a park-owned shuttle bus deep into one of the most scenic landscapes in North America. Without a doubt, this is a highlight of most visitors' experience. Weather permitting, you'll get a view of soaring Denali, and with a little luck, you will see wolves, Dall sheep, moose, caribou, and grizzly bears along the scenic loop.

Overnight in **Denali**



CARIBOU AT DENALI NATIONAL PARK | CREDIT: STATE OF ALASKA | MICHAEL DEYOUNG

Day 4 Denali National Park Fairbanks

Back on the George Parks Highway, you'll reach Fairbanks early in the afternoon, the city of the midnight sun. Fairbanks is a unique northern town about 320 kilometres south of the Arctic Circle, and the rest of the day is free to explore places of interest in and around it. Fairbanks offers everything you need for a true city experience. You can visit a variety of museums and learn more about the geology and history of Alaska or take a walk along the Chena River and downtown. In addition, you could take a stern-wheeler cruise on the Chena River (optional).

Overnight in **Fairbanks**



CHENA RIVER | © STATE OF ALASKA / MICHAEL DEYOUNG

Day 5 Fairbanks Dawson City

Hit the road again headed south to Delta Junction. Here you'll re-join the Alaska Highway and stop at the local visitor centre. The next leg of your journey takes you through the open tundra along the Top of the World Highway. Pass through quirky northern towns like Chicken and Action Wade Camp, and cross the international border again at Little Gold Creek, the highest checkpoint on the continent. In the late afternoon, cross the Yukon River by ferry to reach Dawson City.

Overnight in **Dawson City**



TOP OF THE WORLD HIGHWAY | © GOVERNMENT OF YUKON

Day 6 Dawson City

This legendary boomtown was the epicentre of the famous Klondike gold rush of 1898, and gold still animates the place. Immerse yourself in Dawson's history, and try your luck panning the creeks yourself. Here you can go back in time, visit the Jack London cabin or go to the Dawson City museum. You'll also want to take some time to simply stroll around the town, with its garish Gold Rush architecture and friendly locals. In the evening, turn-of-the-century style, can-can girls kick up their skirts for an evening of entertainment at Diamond Tooth Gertie's Gambling Hall.

Overnight in **Dawson City**



DAWSON CITY MUSEUM | © GOVERNMENT OF YUKON / J KENNEDY

Day 7 Dawson City Dempster Highway Dawson City

An early start puts you on the Dempster Highway with plenty of time to explore. This highway is Canada's only connection by road to the remote town of Inuvik and the Arctic Ocean. Go as far as Tombstone Territorial Park, where dark and rugged

mountains give the region its name and the vast arctic tundra begins. Back in Dawson City, you will drive up the Midnight Dome and enjoy the beautiful vistas.

Overnight in **Dawson City**



DAWSON CITY | CREDIT: GOVERNMENT OF YUKON

Day 8 Dawson City Whitehorse

Head south along the Klondike Highway to the Territorial capital of Whitehorse. Along the way, catch frequent views of the Yukon River, which, at about 3200 kilometres long, is one of the longest waterways in North America. Stop at the infamous Five Finger Rapids and stretch your legs at some of the old post offices, roadhouses and villages that give the area its unique northern character. In the late afternoon, you'll arrive in Whitehorse. There, you'll have the opportunity to visit Miles Canyon. The most dramatic natural feature, where the Yukon River has cut its way down through a flow of basaltic lava.

Overnight in **Whitehorse**


FIVE FINGER RAPIDS | © GOVERNMENT OF YUKON / R HARTMIER

Day 9 Whitehorse Skagway Whitehorse

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A day tour takes you down the Klondike Highway. Along the way, you will have several exciting photo opportunities, like the Carcross dessert or the famous Emerald Lake. In just 175km, you will pass through a spectacular variety of ecoregions and alpine landscapes as you cross over the continental divide to the seaport of Skagway. Like Dawson, Skagway is a legendary gold rush town, full of attractions. For an up-close experience of the infamous White Pass, try taking an optional train ride along the narrow-gauge railway to Carcross.

Overnight in **Whitehorse**



SOUTH KLONDLIKE HIGHWAY | © GOVERNMENT OF YUKON / R HARTMIER

Day 10 Whitehorse Haines Junction

This morning, take the opportunity to explore Yukon‘s capital. This may include a visit to the SS Klondike, a restored sternwheeler next to the Yukon River. From here, you’ll take a short trip westbound along the Alaska Highway to Haines Junction. This small town is located right next to Kluane National Park, which contains a significant portion of the largest non-polar ice fields on earth and is home to a variety of wildlife. Depending on the weather and the group’s interest, the group may take a short, guided hike into the national park, or charter a bush plane over the spectacular glaciers that lay beyond the front ranges.

Overnight in **Haines Junction**


KLUANE NATIONAL PARK © GOVERNMENT OF YUKON

Day 11 Haines Junction Tok

Follow the scenic shore of eighty-kilometre-long Kluane Lake, then continue along the Alaska Highway to Tok. The first stop is the Sheep Mountain Visitor Centre in Kluane National Park, where chances are good you'll see some of the snow-white Dall sheep that make their home high in the surrounding mountains. Shortly after, you'll stop at Soldier Summit. This site will give us more information about the construction of the Alaska Highway and it commemorates a ceremony that took place on 20 November 1942. Further on the Alaska Highway, you will reach the Alaska-Canada (ALCAN) border in the afternoon.

Overnight in **Tok**


KLUANE NATIONAL PARK © GOVERNMENT OF YUKON / FRITZ MUELLER

Day 12 Tok Valdez

The first part of today's leg of the journey leads you along the Glenn Highway, passing countless rivers, lakes, glaciers, and finally the spectacular Wrangell-St. Elias National Park. From here, you'll take the Richardson Highway southbound to the small seaport of Valdez at the Pacific coast, crossing of the Coast Range via the Thompson Pass, where waterfalls thunder right next to the road. Valdez, known as "Little Switzerland" to locals, is surrounded by snowy mountains. It is also the end

point of the world-famous Trans Alaska Pipeline, where enormous oil tankers come and go.

Overnight in **Valdez**



THOMPSON PASS | CREDIT: GRACE SIMONEAU

Day 13 Valdez Whittier Seward

Today, cross the Prince William Sound via ferry. Without a doubt, this is a highlight, even by Alaskan standards. The ferry gives a breathtaking vistas of the Fjords and glaciers along the Pacific Coast, and with a bit of luck, you'll have the chance to spot otters, puffins, sea lions, and even whales. Once ashore, continue overland through the scenic Chugach mountain range, the glacier lakes and rivers to the coastal town of Seward. In this lively town, take the chance to treat yourself with Alaskan king crab at one of the numerous restaurants and go for a private lovely walk on the coast.

Overnight in **Seward**



SEA OTTERS | © STATE OF ALASKA / MARK KELLEY

Day 14 Seward Anchorage

Seward is world-famous for the nearby Kenai Fjords National Park, which offers some of the best marine life viewing in the

world. It is highly recommended to take the optional motorboat tour into the park this morning. The rest of the day begins with a drive through the Kenai mountains and later along the Turnagain Arm to Anchorage. Keep an eye out for the beluga whales that hunt in the tidal waters along the way. Back in Alaska's biggest city, you can enjoy a nice dinner together in the evening. You can also check out Lakes Hood and Spenard, where up to 800 floatplanes take off and land daily. The aviation museum is nearby, a great place to gain an appreciation for this important part of Alaskan life.

Overnight in **Anchorage**



KENAI FJORDS NATIONAL PARK

Day **15** Anchorage

Chances are, there's still plenty to do and see in Anchorage, and the last day of your trip offers one last chance before your included transfer to Anchorage Airport.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE	LOCAL CURRENCY
English	USD

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