



YUKON FAMILY MULTI ADVENTURE

7 day kayaking, canoeing, hiking and fishing trip through Yukon

Arrival: Whitehorse, Yukon

Arrive in Whitehorse, the capital city of the Yukon, nestled among the wilderness by 8:30pm the night before the trip departure for a detailed orientation of your adventure for the next 7 days. Arrived early? Explore Whitehorse, a splendid little city, and pick up a fishing license if you have not already done so.

Please Note: Often our guests choose to come to the Yukon several days early, or to depart several days after their wilderness vacation. Therefore we don't include accommodation in Whitehorse in order to provide flexibility for our guests. If you prefer, we can easily arrange your hotel accommodations in Whitehorse and add these details to your itinerary.

Day 1:

8:00 am – Pick up from your hotel in Whitehorse followed by a short two-hour shuttle west of Whitehorse to Kusawa Lake, where our adventure unfolds.

On the shores of Kusawa Lake we set up a camp and if the lake is calm we begin our activities with an afternoon of fishing for the lake trout or grayling that Kusawa Lake is famous for. We believe in keeping a small amount of our catch to enjoy at meal time and releasing the rest to keep populations healthy for the future. Enjoy a BBQ dinner on the shores of majestic Kusawa Lake, awaiting a sunset that will seem to never come, for this is the land of the midnight sun!

Day 2: Rafting Float Trip

Inflate our whitewater raft and head off down the Takhini River for a floating day-trip. Paddle and drift through the Takhini River Valley letting the river carry us, as it does the glacial waters that pour out of Kusawa Lake. There are opportunities to fish for arctic grayling along the way, and we have a picnic lunch over the campfire beside the river. There is one class II rapid along the route for a little excitement, but in general the day will be tranquil, as we move at a more natural pace, set by the land and flowing water.

Day 3: Day-Hike

Put on our sturdier boots, fill our day-packs with everything we need and enjoy a hike in the surrounding mountains. There is an option to stay in the alpine over night, returning to camp the next day. This overnight option is only recommended for children twelve years of age and over and guests in moderate to strong physical conditioning, due to the fact that we will have to carry loaded pack-backs in order to stay out for the night comfortably.

Day 4: Sea Kayaking

Today we will put on our paddling gear and after introductory lessons on the basics of sea kayaking, we head off on a paddling tour to the inflow of the Primrose River, as it tumbles down from the mountains, bringing with its cold glacial water. We may be lucky and see eagles as we enjoy a hot lunch over the fire at the mouth of the river and fish for grayling and trout. This excursion is adjusted to skill level. We have doubles kayaks that will allow adults to take a younger child with them, and have the option of bringing our support Zodiac along for the day to ensure that everyone is safe and comfortable.

Day 5: Flex Day: A day to rest or a day to fly!

Today the theme is rest and relaxation. From the comfort of our wilderness camp, drink coffee, read books from the library, tinker around camp or make a traditional craft near the fire. Paddle, hike or perhaps even drift away into peaceful dreams of a wilderness nap, with the sound of waves lapping on shore. The day is yours and your guide will help you enjoy it however you wish.

OR

For an additional charge, today could also be a day to fly above the glacial fields of Kluane National Park, the largest sub-polar ice fields in the world. After breakfast we will boat back to the put-in, transfer to our vehicle and drive approximately 1.5 hours to the town of Haines Junction, at the doorstep of Kluane National Park. At the local airport we will meet our pilot who will fly us deep into the Kluane backcountry for a glacier-viewing flight. Our one-hour-and-fifteen-minute flight will see us soaring among 15,000 ft peaks, gliding over glaciers the size of cities and skimming across azure-coloured glacial lakes. You will get a very up-close vista of the largest non-polar ice field in the world! After our flight ends, we will go to Kluane National Park Visitor Centre, have a picnic lunch, stop at the local bakery for a treat, and by late afternoon we will be on our way back to Kusawa Lake, to our wilderness camp.

* Contact us for pricing as it will be dependent on the number of participants and the flight option chosen.

Day 6: River Canoe Trip

Today we'll go for a river canoe trip. By now your guide has taught you the basics of canoeing around camp, and today we will challenge ourselves with moving water on the Takini River. After a refresher of our skills, we will head down the river, practicing how to maneuver our boats in the gentle current of the river. A picnic lunch along the way will keep our energy and spirits high. Don't worry parents, younger children can travel in the canoe with the guide, where they don't need to paddle at all, if they are little.

Day 7: Kennel Tour

Today after breakfast it will be time to pull down our wilderness camp and pack up. Kusawa Lake is beautiful so it will be sad to go! On the way home we will stop for a kennel tour at Muktuk Kennels, where you will get a chance to meet more than 100 fun-loving Alaskan huskies and Frank Turner, legendary Yukon musher and racer. After the kennel tour is completed we will have only a short drive into Whitehorse for the completion of our itinerary by around 4:30 pm.