



## WIND RIVER CANOE EXPEDITION IN THE YUKON

*13 day adventure through the Yukon's great river system*

### **Arrival: Whitehorse, Yukon**

Hopefully you enjoyed your travels and have arrived safely in Whitehorse, the capital city, nestled among Yukon wilderness. Please arrive in Whitehorse in time for an orientation meeting at 8:30 pm the night before our departure. Guests are responsible for accommodation and meals while in Whitehorse. Whitehorse is a splendid little city and we recommend booking some additional time at either the beginning or the end of your trip to see Whitehorse. If you wish to fish on your trip but, have not had a chance to purchase a Yukon fishing license, you should do so this evening. Your guides will let you know where they can be purchased.

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: Float Plane Flight**

Your Langford & Company representative will pick you up from your hotels starting at 7:00 am. Participants need to have finished their breakfast (not included) by this time. Any final details will be dealt with and we will depart by 8:00 am for a scenic 5-hour drive north and then east to the town of Mayo. Here we will load our canoes, gear and participants into an otter aircraft. Once in the air, we will fly 137 km (85 miles) over remote and rugged Yukon wilderness landing at McClusky Lake. The scenic flight is just the beginning of the beauty that will unfold over the next two weeks. We will camp that night on the shores of McClusky Lake, surrounded by mountain views.

### **Day 2: McClusky Creek**

Our internal pace slows now as we relax from the hustle of travel and begin to embrace "Yukon time" here in the land of the midnight sun: where watches are optional and worries are few. In the morning we will review our paddling skills on the lake and then after a short portage, we will spend the afternoon, wading and lining our canoes down McClusky Creek until reaching the confluence of the Wind River.

### **Day 3-10: Wind River Hike and Canoe**

During the next eight days we will descend the Wind River, stopping on at least three occasions for day hikes into the alpine, likely in the Upper Wind, Royal Mountain and Mount Deception areas. The Wind River is a swift flowing river with a wide mountain valley offering spectacular views of the surrounding mountains. Wildlife viewing opportunities abound and we might see a grizzly bear, or a herd of caribou during our hikes into the alpine areas surrounding the river.

### **Day 11**

Today we will reach the lower Wind. The river slows a little and the cliffs get taller as the confluence of the Peel River approaches.

### **Day 12**

The much larger Peel River joins us from the west, having already collected the Heart and Blackstone rivers and now the Wind. As we paddle down the Peel River it will also collect waters from the Bonnet Plume, flowing in from the south.

### **Day 13**

Peel River Canyon - This will be our final day of paddling, but we have saved some beautiful scenery for the finale. As we make our way down the Peel we will enter the spectacular Peel River Canyon, closing in upon us with its high walls and exciting class II-III standing waves. After our final splash of excitement we will descend the river to the Taco Bar; a place on the Peel River suitable to land a float plane. We will spend our last night camping on the river awaiting our pick-up and enjoying every last moment in the wilderness.

### **Day 14**

This morning we will hear the hum of the engine as the otter circles and then lands on the river : both happy to be heading towards a hot shower and sad to be finishing what will have been an amazing river trip. We will be shuttled back to the town of Mayo by aircraft, with one last look from above at the Yukon's amazing wilderness, and then drive the Klondike Highway south to Whitehorse. Depending on our appetite and our timing we will either stop to eat along the way or continue on to Whitehorse for dinner. Dinner and your hotel room on this day are not included. Often the group enjoys going out to dinner together one last time in Whitehorse.