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### 14 Day Yukon & Alaska Gold Rush Self Drive

If you've ever wanted to visit the top of the world, this adventure will take you further north than you've ever been before. Combining visits to Canada's rugged Yukon and the dramatic state of Alaska, you will experience two environments that challenge the limits of human endurance.

Your adventure begins in Whitehorse, the gateway to the Gold Rush, through spectacular rugged mountains, serene landscapes, and breathtaking scenery. You will marvel below nature's greatest spectacle: the magical Northern Lights and immerse yourself in the culture of the Inuit peoples.



### Package includes:

- Accommodation for 13 nights in hotels listed or similar
- Pre-paid taxes local and provincial
- full day wildlife tour of Denali National Park,
- Anchorage – 3 hour guided hike to Matanuska Glacier
- A personalized Canada Roadbook containing essential travel information featuring overview notes of the area of travel, local sightseeing and attractions, daily itinerary highlights, provincial maps with city guides, hotel vouchers and customized day-by-day routing maps.

**Not Included:** Meals and attractions unless otherwise specified, Park entrance / user fees, airport transfers, fuel for car, car rental (car hire cost will be calculated based on vehicle size), taxes and insurance.

### Tour cost:

**Departs Daily from 28th May – 5th September.**

**Cost per person from \$2,280 twin share,**

**Cost per person from \$1,750 triple share.**

## Day 1: ARRIVAL IN WHITEHORSE, YUKON

Arrive at Whitehorse Airport and transfer independently to your hotel in central Whitehorse. Pick-up your Canada Roadbook at the front desk as you check-in. The remainder of the day is yours to discover this rustic town. Westmark Whitehorse or similar

## Day 2: WHITEHORSE

At leisure to explore Whitehorse, browse through the native art and craft shops and visit the Old Log Church, the Takhini Hot Springs, the Whitehorse Rapids and the sternwheeler SS Klondike II. Westmark Whitehorse or similar.

## Day 3: WHITEHORSE TO DAWSON CITY (535 KM)

The Klondike Highway is your access route into the hospitable central Yukon. Along the way, you will catch glimpses of the mighty Yukon River. You will be entering the traditional hunting grounds of the Kaska Indians, where bears, wolves, lynx and moose roam in abundance. Stop at one of the gold rush staging posts and Bonanza Creek to uncover the very origin of the Gold Rush. Dawson City is located in a sheltered valley of the Yukon River at the mouth of the Klondike River. Overnight in Dawson City, Westmark Inn or similar.

## Day 4: DAWSON CITY

Spend the day touring the historic landmarks of Dawson City and the surrounding goldfields reliving the "Spirit of '98" that still haunts the Klondike. The afternoon brings you a chance to strike your own fortune panning for gold at an authentic, working gold claim. Westmark Inn or similar.

## Day 5: DAWSON CITY TO FAIRBANKS, ALASKA (570 KM)

Today, you will "Go West" along the Top-of-the-World Highway. This ruggedly scenic route crosses into Alaska at Little Gold Camp, the highest border crossing between Canada and the United States. Continuing along the Alaska Highway to Delta Junction, the route follows the Tanana River to Fairbanks N located less than 200 km south of the Arctic Circle. Westmark Fairbanks Hotel or similar.

## Day 6: FAIRBANKS

Take a full day to explore the attractions of this Gold Rush town illuminated by the unique spectacle of the Northern Lights. We recommend you visit nearby Cripple Creek, a restored ghost town of frontier buildings, then take to the water and cruise the Chena and Tanana rivers by authentic sternwheeler. A short trip to Fort Yukon is available to take you right across the Arctic Circle. Westmark Fairbanks Hotel or similar.

## Day 7: FAIRBANKS TO DENALI NATIONAL PARK (265 KM)

Today's route takes you along the George Parks Highway, across the Tanana River and on to Denali National Park. The towering mountains, wide valleys, roaring rivers and rippling streams of Alaska's interior offer excellent opportunities for outdoor activities. You can choose between hiking, fishing or canoeing against the backdrop of a pristine wilderness. Driving south, you will soon see

Mount McKinley, North America's tallest peak at 6193 m. It signals your entrance into Denali National Park. Denali Grizzly Bear Resort or similar.

## Day 8: DENALI NATIONAL PARK (0 KM)

Discover the abundant wildlife and cultural history of Denali National Park today. Take a full-day wildlife watching tour of Denali National Park lying serenely within the shadows of the majestic Mount McKinley. Weather permitting, you will have an opportunity to see moose, caribou, grizzly bears and Dall sheep from the comfort of a specially modified tour bus. Denali Grizzly Bear Resort or similar.

## Day 9: DENALI PARK TO ANCHORAGE (380 KM)

Today you will continue your adventure southbound, descending from the interior, Alaska's great geographical diversity becomes evident as the dense evergreen forests and windswept mountains give way to the lush Matanuska River Valley. You will reach Alaska's largest city, Anchorage, located at the head of Cook Inlet before dusk. Westmark Anchorage or similar.

## Day 10: ANCHORAGE

The next two days are yours to discover the modern city of Anchorage and its surroundings. Explore Chugach National Forest, a wildlife-photographer's delight that is also popular with anglers and hikers. Visit the Anchorage Tourism Centre, or take a stroll the beautiful displays of the Anchorage Botanical Gardens featuring more than 1100 species of hardy perennials and over 150 native arctic plant species. Westmark Anchorage or similar.

## Day 11: ANCHORAGE

Today we suggest you travel past the snow-covered mountains of Turnagain Arm and keep a sharp eye out for beluga whales. You can also visit Eklutna, a Dena'ina native village, to experience the native culture that still pervades daily Alaskan life. Westmark Anchorage or similar.

## Day 12: ANCHORAGE TO TOK (520 KM)

Today depart Anchorage and travel east along the highways just above the fjords and inlets that help create some of the most dramatic park settings in the north. At milepost marker 101 stop for a picnic lunch at the Matanuska Glacier State Recreation Area. Continue on to Tok. Tok Motel or similar

## Day 13: TOK TO WHITEHORSE, YUKON (640 KM)

Following the Alaska Highway this morning, you will re-enter Canada's Yukon Territory skirting the Kluane Range of the St. Elias Mountains. Kluane National Park contains several extensive icefields and glaciers as well as Canada's highest mountain, Mount Logan. Westmark Inn or similar

## Day 14: END OF TOUR

Return to Whitehorse Airport to check-in for your return flight.

**Itinerary available in reverse direction, can be tailor made.**

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