

Northern Dialogues

May 21 - 24, 2024

Visitor Information Pack



Did you know?

Population of the Yukon is
45,169.

Population of Whitehorse is
35,770.

Comparing June 30, 2023 to June 30, 2013, the Yukon's population rose by 8,598, or 23.5%.

Since 2022, 11 of the 13 road-accessible communities in the Yukon can be reached using electric vehicles from Whitehorse.

Yukon has close to half of the modern treaties in Canada, and is at the forefront of self-government in Canada: <https://www.mappingtheway.ca>

Between 1993 and 2005 eleven Yukon First Nations reached Final Agreements with the Government of Yukon and Canada.

PREPARING FOR YOUR TRIP TO WHITEHORSE

The following information and resources have been prepared to support you having the best experience possible at the 2024 Canadian Rural Revitalization Foundation conference.



GETTING HERE

Air Canada flies to Whitehorse, and seasonally there may be flights offered by Westjet. However, before you book your flight to Whitehorse, have a look at the flight schedules offered by Air North - Yukon's Airline. Flights are available from Ottawa, Toronto, Calgary, Edmonton, Kelowna and Vancouver (some only seasonally).

Summer schedules may not be posted yet - more information here: [Route Map](#) | [Fly Air North](#)

Not happy with the limited flights available to Whitehorse by your preferred national carrier? Book to Vancouver with any airline and then pay \$99.00 one way with Air North's Connector Fare. More information available here: [Connector Fares](#) | [Fly Air North](#)



GETTING HERE

Need more information? Call Air North:

Phone: (867) 668-2228 (ext. 1)

Toll Free: 1-800-661-0407 (ext. 1)

Additional information about getting to the Yukon is available from:

[Getting Here and Around](#) | [Travel Yukon](#)



THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE YUKON

- [Travel Yukon | It's a different world up here](#)
- [Yukon 101: Everything you need to know | Travel Yukon - Yukon, Canada | Official Tourism Website for the Yukon Territory](#)





INDIGENOUS YUKON

Walk with Us Respectful Travel Guidelines

“The Yukon is home to 14 distinct First Nations and 8 language groups. These guidelines have been shared by First Nations Knowledge Keepers to teach all people about how to show respect when travelling through the Yukon. Our land is beautiful and our water is clean. Our land is everything. We are the stewards of this land and we all have a responsibility to care for this land for future generations. We honour our ancestors who shared their teachings with us so that we can now share them with you. We care for this land – the plants, water, air and animals – by showing it respect and treating it as an equal. As you travel through our beautiful homelands, we invite you to Ná t’sin t’ra “hold everything up in respect” - Northern Tutchone.

Text from the Indigenous Yukon website. Read more [here](#)

INDIGENOUS YUKON

01

**For more
information and to
read the guidelines:**

[Respectful Travel -
Indigenous Yukon](#)

02

**Learn about
Indigenous peoples
in the Yukon:**

[Step into our History -
Indigenous Yukon](#)

03

**Find Authentic
Indigenous Tourism
Experiences:**

[Things to do - Indigenous
Yukon](#)



Yukon First Nations 101 | Yukon University.

“Yukon First Nations 101 has been developed to educate students, employees, and the public about the history and culture of First Nations in the Yukon. The course also touches on the cultural values shared among Yukon First Nations today and how to communicate respectfully with First Nation individuals and communities.”

Text from the Yukon University website. Read more [here](#)

The course is available to study online and asynchronously.





INDUSTRY AND OTHER REPORTS



GENERAL INFORMATION

**Yukon at a Glance –
Government of
Yukon, 2008 but still
a good summary**

[yukon_at_a_glance_web.pdf](#)
[\(gov.yk.ca\)](#)

MINING

**Yukon Mining and
Exploration
Directory 2023-
2024 – Yukon
Chamber of Mines**

[YMED-2023_FINAL-
lowRes-3.pdf](#)
[\(yukonminers.org\)](#)

TOURISM

**Yukon Sustainable
Tourism Annual
Report**

[Yukon sustainable tourism
2022 annual report |
Government of Yukon](#)



CULTURAL SECTOR

**Creative and
Cultural Industries
Strategy, 2022 –
Government of
Yukon**

[Creative and Cultural
Industries Strategy](#)
([yukon.ca](#))

FOOD PRODUCTION

**Growing North:
Connecting people,
place and food
production to
improve food
security in the
Yukon – Yukon
University**

[YukonBusinessForGood_article1](#) ([yukonu.ca](#))

CLIMATE CHANGE

**Yukon climate
change indicators
and key findings
2022 – Yukon
University, Research
Centre**

[Indicators2022_FinalReport.pdf](#) ([yukonu.ca](#))



Want a podcast?

<https://northofordinary.com/the-podcast/>

A more in-depth take on the most popular stories from the North of Ordinary magazine showcasing the Yukon's extraordinary people, culture, and outdoors. Hosted by Karen McColl and Mark Koepke.

EATING OUT: SELECT EATERIES WALKING DISTANCE FROM THE STERNWHEELER HOTEL

Baked Café - community hub, coffee house + baked snacks

Dirty Northern - Pizza, burgers - can get rowdy!

G&Ps steak house and pizza - Greek and Italian food, relaxed

Burnt Toast - breakfast joint; lunch menu

Kind Café - vegan delights

Sheep Camp - upstairs from the Dirty, same menu, cosy

Giorgio's Italian Cucina - relaxed, on the upscale side

Virsa - Indian Cuisine

Gather Café & Taphouse - scrumptious light meals and cocktail paradise

Miner's Daughter - attached to the Dirty, downstairs from Sheep Camp

Belly of the Bison - on the upscale side

Asahiya - Japanese Restaurant

Woodcutter's Blanket - craft brewery, light meals, Yukon charm

Sanchez Cantina - authentic Mexican

Big Bear Donair - grouvy vibe, bowls (vegan ++), pizza, donair, falafel

Polarity Brewing - casual + craft brewery

****Use Google maps to learn more about walking distances.**

DON'T MISS!!!

**Walking distance
from hotel**



**Mac's Fireweed –
Best little bookstore
north of 60**

**S.S. Klondike–
National Historic
Site, Parks Canada**

**Millenium trail – 5
km loop walk along
the Yukon River**

**Depart from the S.S.
Klondike; start by
walking in either
direction – if you go 'left'
from the boat, walk over
the bridge and take the
path to the right as you
walk off the bridge, past
the skateboard park**



SELF-GUIDED WALKING ART TOUR

Time to complete: 2+ hours depending on length of time spent in all locations.

Distance: About 2.5 kms

1. Leaving from the Sternwheeler hotel, Wood Street entrance, turn left and walk two blocks to Yukon Artists at Work (YAAW) cooperative (blue house on the corner, enter via 4th Avenue).
2. Carry on to Northern Cultural Expression Society (NCES) by crossing 4th Avenue, turning left to Main Street, take a right and walk to the end past the United Church. It's in the lower level of the condo building at the very end of Main Street.



3. Leaving NCES, go back the way you came, cross 4th Avenue at Main, walk into the Sports Experts entry and take the stairs to the basement. Welcome to Arts underground

4. Next, make your way to the Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre (KDCC) gallery - exit Arts Underground and walk to the end of Main Street in the direction of the historic White Pass building at the end of the street; catch the river trail going to your left facing the river and walk the equivalent of 4 city blocks. The KDCC banquet is held here as well. It's the big brown building attached to the Library. Walk around to the front of the building which is on the street side (not the river side). You'll arrive at the KDCC and find the gallery inside to the right (if you enter via the main KDCC entrance and not the library entrance).

5. End your tour with a visit to Lumel Studios - cross the street from the KDCC and enter the blue and yellow building to your right - have a cocktail or make a glass blown object to take home (one hour; approx. \$60-\$75).

Off the tour:

The Yukon Arts centre is located next to Yukon University - be sure to head over and see the facility and visit the gallery. Open 10-5pm, Monday to Friday.



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For more details,
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WEBSITE

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