Indigenous
CANADIAN SIGNATURE
EXPERIENCES COLLECTION
Indigenous tourism can preserve culture, language and community and provide our relatives with a platform to be the leading voice in reclaiming our space in history — both ancient and modern. Our ancestors have been sharing with and welcoming visitors to our traditional territories since time immemorial. Our communities are guided by values of respect, honour and integrity. Indigenous tourism experiences demonstrate how Indigenous communities, both urban and rural, welcome visitors to learn, share and celebrate together.

Through a unified industry voice, the Indigenous Tourism Association of Canada focuses on creating partnerships between associations, organizations, government departments and industry leaders to support the growth of Indigenous tourism across Canada.

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Signature Experiences

Experience Indigenous culture and stories from across the country. Connect with locals as they share their knowledge, legends and history.

1. Tundra North Tours
   Inuvik, Northwest Territories
2. Spirit Bear Lodge
   Klemtu, British Columbia
3. Knight Inlet Lodge
   Knight Inlet, British Columbia
4. Sea Wolf Adventures
   Port McNeill, British Columbia
5. Squamish Lil’wat Cultural Centre
   Whistler, British Columbia
6. Aurora Village
   Yellowknife, Northwest Territories
7. Torngat Mountains Base Camp
   Newfoundland & Labrador
8. Rapid Lake Lodge
   Nunavik Region, Quebec
9. Hotel-Musée Premières Nations
   Wendake, Quebec
10. Tourism Manawan
    Manawan, Quebec
11. Indigenous Experiences
    Ottawa, Ontario
12. Great Spirit Circle Trail
    Manitoulin Island, Ontario
Once-in-a-lifetime Travel experiences

This collection of authentic Indigenous tourism businesses are included as members of the Canadian Signature Experiences program, these once-in-a-lifetime travel experiences are found only in Canada.

Experiences are the new ‘currency’ that differentiates tourism businesses and destinations around the world. These Indigenous businesses are expanding the ways travellers can engage with people, places and cultures.

1. Tundra North Tours
   INUVIK, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES
   **Canadian Arctic Reindeer Signature Package**
   Travel north of the Arctic Circle where a highway of ice awaits; the route to Aklavik, home to welcoming people and rich Indigenous culture. Ride a snowmobile into the wilderness to help herd a migrating herd of 3,000 reindeer. Retire to a rustic base camp on the tundra for storytelling and a feast of traditional foods. Then travel on to Tuktoyaktuk, a town at the edge of the continent.

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2. Knight Inlet Lodge
   KNIGHT INLET, BRITISH COLUMBIA
   **Grizzly Bear Viewing**
   Explore the wild and remote Pacific Northwest. Soar above the Coast Mountains in a floatplane to the world renowned Knight Inlet Lodge. Head out by kayak to watch grizzly bears and black bears feeding on sedge grass, mussels and barnacles. Watch grizzlies in the river feasting on pink salmon. View stunning scenery of glaciers, waterfalls, sheer rock faces and orca whales breaching in the water. Dine on Northwest cuisine, followed by interpretive talks about First Nations, local ecology and wildlife.

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3. Spirit Bear Lodge
   KLEMTU, BRITISH COLUMBIA
   **In search of the Spirit Bear with the Kitasoo/Xai’xais First Nations**
   Venture into a towering cathedral of ancient forests in search of the elusive and revered Spirit Bear with a local Indigenous guide from the Kitasoo/Xai’xais First Nation in the community of Klemtu. Stay in a community-owned lodge and explore the Great Bear Rainforest, the largest intact rainforest in the world. Learn about the wildlife and local Indigenous culture from guides who have an intrinsic understanding and respect for the environment.

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Sea Wolf Adventures
PORT McNEILL, BRITISH COLUMBIA
Grizzly Bears of the Wild
The Great Bear Rainforest is one of British Columbia’s most breathtaking natural areas. Explore by boat, alongside a Musgamakw Dzawada’enuxw guide whose ancestors have occupied this land for 15,000 years. View whales and grizzly bears while you learn the profound connection between these wild creatures and the local First Nations people. Further delve into Indigenous traditions at Gwayasdams, Canada’s oldest Big House. Spend a rich day exploring deep wilderness and coastal cultures in one of Canada’s largest protected areas.

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Squamish Lil’wat Cultural Centre
WHISTLER, BRITISH COLUMBIA
The Ambassador Guided Tour
Let your guide, a First Nations ambassador from the Squamish Nation or Lil’wat Nation, walk you through a fascinating world where ancient ways meet modern life. Feel your heart beat in time to the tribal rhythms and stories which have been handed down through generations. Learn the significance of the mountains, sea and rivers to the Squamish and Lil’wat people.

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Aurora Village
YELLOWKNIFE, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES
Aurora Viewing and Daily Tours
Yellowknife in the Northwest Territories is hands down the best place to view the magic of the northern lights and Aurora Village is the industry leader in aurora viewing. Located directly beneath the aurora oval, which is a halo-like ring found around both of the earth’s magnetic poles, Aurora Village is the only place in the world offering custom-made, heated outdoor viewing seats that swivel 360 degrees, so you can catch every angle of the aurora borealis!

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Torngat Mountains Base Camp
NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR
Adventures and Mysteries in the Torngat Mountains
Join international researchers at an Inuit base camp in Labrador’s far north. Gain a deep understanding of the Inuit lifestyle and get an in-depth look at the fascinating and pristine eco-system of Torngat Mountains National Park. Helicopter into a dramatic fjord to observe polar bears and caribou. Listen to Inuit elders’ stories around a beach campfire. Leave with a new appreciation of what the land can give to people.

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**Indigenous Experiences**
**OTTAWA, ONTARIO**
Aboriginal Voyageur on the Ottawa River
Visit the Canadian Museum of History before you paddle a canoe along a traditional trading route to visit a sacred Algonquin meeting place and learn about native ways of life. Victoria Island was used for thousands of years by the Algonquin nation for gatherings, trading and celebrations. Be greeted with a traditional welcome and enjoy a guided tour of the village. Watch vibrant First Nation dance performances as you join the “friendship dance”.

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**Hotel-Musée Premières Nations**
**WENDAKE, QUEBEC**
Huron-Wendat Heritage on the Edge of Quebec City
Celebrate one of Canada’s oldest and most storied First Nations cultures. Immerse yourself in the land and culture of the Huron-Wendat People at the Hotel-Musée Premières Nations. Share in traditions going back thousands of years by interacting with locals, exploring the land and visiting the esteemed Huron-Wendat Museum.

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**Rapid Lake Lodge**
**NUNAVIK REGION, QUEBEC**
Splendors of Arctic Quebec
It’s an incredible nature adventure. From the Lodge, journey on a float-plane safari within Nunavik Quebec’s wide-open spaces of absolute nature. Get a front-row seat as you watch the annual migration of thousands of caribou crossing the Labrador Plateau. Get a rare opportunity to view wolves on the hunt and see black and polar bears in their natural habitat. Encounter one of the most imposing fjords in North America: explore impressive waterfalls, rocky chimneys, glaciers and archaeological sites.

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**Tourism Manawan**
**MANAWAN, QUEBEC**
Atikamekw First Nations Cultural Immersion
Fully immerse in Atikamekw culture. The traditions of the Atikamekw people are still practiced today by the descendants of those long-ago inhabitants. Engage with local guides on canoe and hiking trips. Learn how to make maple syrup, traditional crafts and hear the Atikamekw legends. Enjoy Indigenous cuisine and sleep at the Manawan Inn or in a teepee.

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Immerse yourself in the culture and stories of the land and the hundreds of different Indigenous nations from across the country on these or one of our other tour packages, available at IndigenousCanada.Travel.