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Photo courtesy: B. Dene Adventures

Northwest Territories Nations and Natural Wonders with B. Dene Adventures

B. Dene Adventures offers traditional Dene cultural programs for groups of all ages, plus step on guide services, and 20' x 40' cabin and camp rentals. Journey through the communities of Yellowknife, Dettah and N'dilo, meet the Dene people and learn about their culture and heritage. Visit the Adventures' camp to share Dene traditions, while listening to traditional drumming and joining traditional Dene Hand Games.

Details

Province: Northwest Territories

Dates: Year-Round

Location: Yellowknife



Northwest Territories

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B. Dene Adventures offers some of the following cultural packages for visitors to enjoy:

Aurora Tours

Watch the spectacular Aurora light up the night sky. View the northern lights from our unique cabin on the shore of Great Slave Lake, 30 minutes outside of Yellowknife. Relax in our lodge enjoying the cultural stories and traditional knowledge demonstrations of the Yellowknife's Dene as told by Bobby Drygeese.

A Dene Cultural Experience

Take this Dene journey through the communities of Yellowknife, Dettah and N'dilo. Be introduced to the Dene people and the significance of their land and cultural traditions. Visit B. Dene Adventures' camp to share Dene culture, art and foods. Listen to the beat of the traditional drums and join the excitement of traditional Dene Hand Games.



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Photo by Danny Swainson courtesy Tundra North Tours



Explore Canada's Arctic, Culture and Traditions with Tundra North Tours

Tundra North Tours is an Inuit-owned and operated company based in Inuvik. The company offers visitors authentic experiences showcasing the unique atmosphere and culture of Canada's North. With excursions ranging from day tours to 3 - 9 days, Tundra North offers tours of Inuvik, a boat or flight tour to Tuktoyaktuk, or a drive down the famous Dempster Highway to the Arctic Circle. Visitors can also experience snowshoe adventures in the MacKenzie Delta, visit a herd of 3,000 reindeer, or embark on the ultimate arctic adventure that immerses them in the culture and landscape of the true North.

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Dates: Year-Round

Location: Yellowknife or Inuvik



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Tundra North Tour offers some of the following multi-day packages for visitors to enjoy:

Canadian Arctic Signature Package

4 days – March from Yellowknife

Learn and experience the Northern way of life while surrounding yourself in the stark beauty of the Arctic tundra. Visit a herd of 3000 reindeer and Tuktoyaktuk on the Arctic Ocean.

Arctic Coast Adventure Package

4 days – August from Inuvik

Experience the rich history and culture of the Beaufort Delta and the arctic coast by boat! Your voyage will take you from Inuvik to Herschel Island where you will set up camp just like the Inuvialuit whalers did over 100 years ago.



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Photo by Kenneth Mackay courtesy NARWAL Northern Adventures



True Northwest Territories Experiences with Narwal Northern Adventures

Narwal Northern Adventures specializes in cultural tours in the Northwest Territories. Tours leave from NARWAL's own Bed and Breakfast, overlooking picturesque Great Slave Lake which provides easy lake access for skiing and paddling. The Yellowknife Airport is a 15-minute drive away, and the city centre of Yellowknife can be reached within a 5-minute drive. Historic old town shops, including the float plane docks and the famous Bullocks Bistro are a 5-minute walk away. The aurora borealis can be viewed from the property.

Details

Province: Northwest Territories

Dates: Year-Round

Location: Yellowknife



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Narwal Northern Adventure offers some of the following cultural packages for visitors to enjoy:

Iglu Building

In this hands-on workshop, students learn how iglu blocks are cut and how iglus are constructed. Students will also learn how a traditional Inuit iglu was arranged on the inside. Students will work in small groups to create their very own iglu village.

Aurora by Voyageur Canoe

August – September

Travel by 29-foot voyageur canoe up Yellowknife River to view the Aurora. A traditional meal of soup, bannock and beverages are provided. Experience aurora above and auroa below, once called an "aurora sandwich" by one of our guests.



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Photo by Alex de Vries courtesy Wapusk Adventures



Dogsledding and Birdwatching in the North with Wapusk Adventures

Wapusk Adventures offers dogsledding and birdwatching in a northern wilderness setting. Their dogsled tours feature custom-built sleds pulled by the friendliest, hardest-working huskies in Churchill. For their 2 1/2 -hour birdwatching experience, guests will travel up the beautiful Churchill River in the "River Dog" an 18-foot Transport Canada-approved jet boat. This tour is your best bet to find the rare Ross's Gull and you may also see Little Gulls, Sabine's Gulls, Bald Eagles, Osprey, Golden Eagles, and Tundra Swans, plus other birds of interest.

Details

Province: Manitoba

Dates: Year-Round

Location: Churchill



Manitoba

Located in the centre of Canada, Manitoba's untouched natural beauty and urban elegance will leave you captivated. There are 63 different First Nations in Manitoba as well as Métis. Visit Manitoba to hear the beating of the drums and to discover the hospitality and friendliness of our people during the vacation of a lifetime.



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Photo by Patrick Morrow, courtesy Nunatsiavut Government (Torngat Mountains Base Camp & Research Station)

Immersed in Inuit Culture at Torngat Mountains National Park

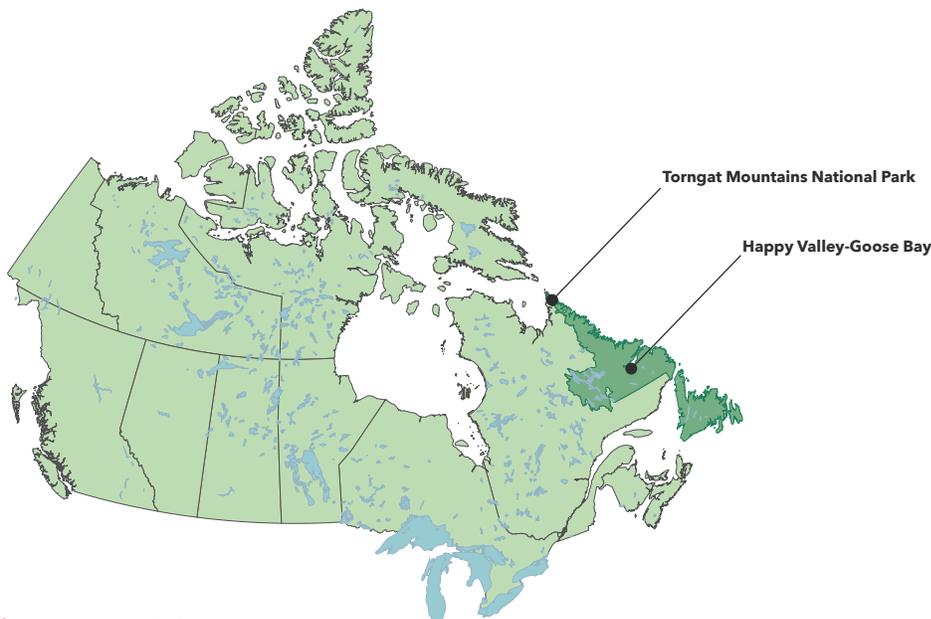
From Torngat Mountains Base Camp and Research Station (The Torngats) in Northern Labrador, visitors will enjoy guided excursions while taking in breathtaking vistas and natural wonders. At the Base Camp, you'll share laughter, meals, and bonfire gatherings with amazing people from around the world. Discover the rich connections between the language, landscape, and Inuit culture through the lens of the people who love and know it best. Experience overnight trips or full 7-day packages with adventures featuring hiking and camping, or shorter 3-4 day versions. Guests also have the opportunity to experience guided excursions such as helicopter rides, boat tours, and cultural excursions.

Details

Province: Newfoundland and Labrador

Dates: Mid-July – Mid-September

Location: Tours start at Happy Valley-Goose Bay



Newfoundland and Labrador

Newfoundland and Labrador is on the most easterly edge of Canada. A vast land, with a relatively small population, Newfoundland and Labrador is home to a diversity of Aboriginal cultures. It also has some of the friendliest people you'll ever meet, plus stunning coastlines, breaching whales, icebergs, and some of the most incredible skylines you'll ever see.



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Photo by Clare Kines courtesy Arctic Bay Adventures



Arctic Light and Life in Arctic Bay

Visit a destination that few people get to explore. With Arctic Bay Adventures, you'll experience the Arctic Bloom Package in July, offering a profusion of wildflowers as the arctic plants look to set seed quickly in this all too brief summer. The Life on the Floe Edge Package invites visitors to travel by traditional qamutiq sleds to the edge of the Arctic Ocean sea ice in search of narwhal, the unicorn of the sea. Keep a watch out for nanook, the great white polar bear. Sample mukuk and other Inuit delicacies. Enjoy a cup of tea made from the chips of an iceberg and take part in cultural traditions dating back thousands of years.

Details

Province: Nunavut

Dates: Spring and Summer

Location: Arctic Bay



Nunavut

Settled by Indigenous people thousands years ago, Nunavut, "our land" in Inuktitut, is the newest territory in Canada. Visitors from around the world are invited to experience the Inuit way of life, cultural traditions and a diverse range of experiences unique to this remote part of the world.