

Borealis

SCIENCE & PHOTO TOURS

with Astronomer José Francisco Salgado, PhD



YELLOWKNIFE, NWT, CANADA

Join us on a subarctic adventure! Spend five nights viewing the Northern Lights, enjoying outdoor activities, and experiencing the culture of the First Nation people of the Northwest Territories (NWT) of Canada.

In **Yellowknife**, NWT, the Northern Lights are visible for an average of 200 nights per year — that's nearly every single night from late summer to early spring. *Weather permitting*, Yellowknife's low light pollution and geographic position beneath the auroral oval (the band of maximum auroral activity) virtually guarantees that the lights will be visible.

Our tours are led by **astronomer and photographer** Dr. José Francisco Salgado and include nightly aurora viewing trips to the boreal forest, cultural field trips, aurora photography instruction, educational activities, hotel accommodations, local ground transportation, breakfast, and some meals.

Meet Your Guide

Dr. José Francisco Salgado is an Emmy-nominated astronomer, science communicator, and visual artist who creates multimedia works that communicate science in engaging ways. His *Science & Symphony* films, some of them featuring his aurora photography, have been presented in 350 concerts and lectures in more than 80 cities around the world and have reached a combined audience of 400,000 people.

Dr. Salgado has spent more than ten years photo-documenting the natural world, the darkest night skies in remote locations, and astronomical observatories around the world. His scientific visuals have been featured in documentaries produced for the History, Discovery, BBC, and National Geographic channels. He is a contributing writer for Digital Photography Review.

Tour Activities

- Five nights of **aurora viewing** (*weather permitting*) from scenic locations in and around Yellowknife, NWT. Hot beverages and snacks are provided on site.
- A **presentation** about the science behind the auroras given by astronomer Dr. Salgado.
- An **aurora print** plus **souvenir photos** of you and your group in front of the auroras taken by a professional photographer.
- **Instruction** on how to photograph the Northern Lights.
- A visit to a **Dene First Nation** community to learn about their way of life and try samples of traditional foods.
- A daytime hike to beautiful **Cameron Falls**.
- A **guided tour** of the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre.
- A visit to **Bush Pilots Monument** in Old Town for a panoramic view of Yellowknife.
- **March:** Driving on ice roads plus snowshoeing or dog sledding. (Optional Winter Fat Bike Tour at additional cost.)
- **September:** Fat Bike Tour included.
- All **ground transportation** in Yellowknife.
- **Breakfast** everyday and **two dinners**.
- A **five-night stay** at Chateau Nova Hotel. To facilitate travel schedules, additional nights are available.
- **Optional** sixth tour night (at additional cost).
- A bilingual (**English and Spanish**) tour leader.



Visit a First Nation community and learn about the Dene people and their way of life.



Drive your own dog team on a frozen lake and enjoy winter nature at its best.



Hike along the lush and beautiful Cameron Falls Trail.



Discover hidden gems of Yellowknife on our guided fat bike tour.



Choose between one-king and two-queen bedrooms among other choices.



Enjoy the ethereal beauty of the Northern Lights over the Canadian boreal forest!

Auroras are visible from Yellowknife **almost every night as long as the skies are clear**. In case of cloudy nights, we have designed our tours to be five nights long to maximize the probability of seeing auroras and an additional sixth night is available as an option. We have also planned daytime activities to take advantage of what Yellowknife has to offer.

You can find tour dates, rates, and additional information at the end of this brochure. For updates visit jfsalgado.com.

For **additional photos** follow us on Instagram ([@borealisphototours](https://www.instagram.com/borealisphototours)) Facebook [@borealisphototours](https://www.facebook.com/borealisphototours). For inquiries or reservations, please write to us at tours@jfsalgado.com or call us at 630-886-6443 .

Enjoy a small sample of our photos on the following pages. We hope you can join us on this subarctic adventure!

—The Borealis Science & Photo Tours Team

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Join us in March and stand in awe on Yellowknife's many frozen lakes. Embark on nightly ice road adventures as we enjoy open skies with beautiful aurora displays. The curtains of light illuminate the midnight sky and reflect off the snow and ice with enough intensity to make your surroundings bright as twilight.



"The shots of the lights that I got with an iPhone and tripod were amazing. After awhile, I just put the phone aside and stood there looking up in awe. Dr. Salgado clearly loves Yellowknife and wants to be sure his guests love it as well. I would highly recommend this tour to everyone, photographer or not." — Dr. Philip Bressman

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In September we will drive deep into the enchanting boreal forest and see the reflection of the Northern Lights dance across the water on some of Yellowknife's many picturesque lakes.



"The tour fulfilled a bucket list wish for us. The Northern Lights were even more awe inspiring than we had hoped. Being scientifically curious, we found José Francisco's teachings fascinating. We are hoping for future trips with Borealis Science & Photo Tours." — Colleen and Steve McClure