

Useful Tour Information

Yellowknife Airport and Ground Transportation

You can fly to Yellowknife (YZF) from Calgary (YYC), Edmonton (YEG), Vancouver (YVR), and/or Toronto (YYZ) with **Air Canada** (United Airlines partner), **Westjet** (Delta partner), **Canadian North** or **Air North**. Please note that the Canadian government requires visitors to have a valid passport that does not expire within six months of your trip.

Transportation between YZF and the Chateau Nova Hotel is arranged by us—please provide us with your arrival/departure flight information. You will not need to rent a car during the tour since all tour ground transportation in Yellowknife is arranged by us.

Communicating while in Yellowknife

We will communicate tour updates via a **WhatsApp** chat group. You can access the chat group where WIFI is available (eg, YZF airport, Chateau Nova Hotel, Javaroma café) or, if you have a Canada data plan, from anywhere in the city. Please let us know if you cannot download WhatsApp.

What to Wear and Bring

SEPTEMBER: Yellowknife in September is much like autumn in most of the northern United States. Daytime temperatures average low to mid-50s F. During our aurora viewing outings, the temperature has dropped to as low as 32 F. Please be safe and prepare for somewhat lower nighttime temperatures.

For outdoor tour activities, we recommend you **dress in layers**. Here is a list of recommended items to bring:

- water-resistant down coat with optional down vest
- long pants, long-sleeve shirt, and/or thermal underwear
- liner gloves (good for handling photo equipment)
- hat and scarf, turtleneck, or balaclava
- waterproof walking or hiking footwear and wool socks
- hand and foot warmers
- Thermos and/or water bottle
- Optional: head lamp with red light

Product Recommendations: Here is a list of what we wear: http://jfsalgado.com/product_recommendations.html

MARCH: Yellowknife in March is extremely cold. Daytime temperatures average 5 F - 23 F. Nighttime temperatures can drop to -15 F and rarely exceeds single digits. As a precaution, be prepared for lower nighttime temperatures. For your safety and comfort, we **highly** recommend renting arctic winter gear from our partner in Yellowknife (contact us for rates and details) but if you would like to purchase your own arctic weather gear, make sure that it is rated for -22 F or below.

Note about temperature ratings: 1. companies will drastically overestimate the temperature ratings of their products, and 2. people overestimate their tolerance to low temperatures. We will be standing still during prolonged periods outdoors so PLEASE prepare so you can be comfortable.

For outdoor tour activities, we recommend you **dress in layers**. Here is a list of recommended items to bring:

- Arctic parka (eg, Canada Goose, Eddie Bauer)
- insulated snow pants
- extreme winter boots (Baffin Impact or similar)
- warm hat and scarf, turtleneck, or balaclava
- insulated mitts and liners gloves
- hand and foot warmers
- Thermos and/or water bottle
- Optional: head lamp with red light

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Aurora Photography

If you plan to photograph the auroras with a **digital camera** please read <https://www.dpreview.com/articles/9262664983/how-to-photograph-the-northern-lights> and watch these videos about [tripods](#), [cameras](#), [lenses](#), [fisheye lenses](#), and [aurora exposure settings](#). If you plan to photograph the auroras with your **smartphone** we recommend bringing a light tripod with a phone adapter.