

# Borealis

## SCIENCE & PHOTO TOURS

with Astronomer José Francisco Salgado, PhD



YELLOWKNIFE, NWT, CANADA

**Join us on a subarctic adventure!** Spend six 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 three tour group dinners.

### 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 270 concerts and 230 lectures in more than 100 cities around the world and have reached a combined audience of 495,000 people.

Dr. Salgado has spent 16 years photo-documenting the natural world, dark 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.

### Tour Activities

- Six nights of **aurora viewing** (*weather permitting*) from scenic locations in and around Yellowknife, NWT.
- A visit to **Aurora Village** to enjoy the Northern Lights from the comfort of our own heated tepee.
- A visit to a **warm and cozy cabin** to enjoy a midnight snack of hot bannock and fish chowder under the Northern Lights.
- A **presentation** about the science behind the auroras given by astronomer Dr. Salgado.
- **Instruction** on how to photograph the Northern Lights.
- A **daytime visit** to the beautiful boreal forest.
- A **tour** of the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre.
- A tour of **Old Town Yellowknife** and a visit to **Bush Pilots Monument** for a panoramic view of Yellowknife Bay.
- **Daytime activities** (season dependent): Ice road driving, snowshoeing, dog sledding, Snow Castle visit, hiking, and/or boat tour.
- All **ground transportation** in Yellowknife.
- **Three tour group dinners.**
- A six-night stay at **Chateau Nova Hotel**. To facilitate travel schedules, additional nights are available.
- A bilingual (**English and Spanish**) tour leader.
- An **aurora print** plus **souvenir photos** of the tour.





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 through the lush and beautiful boreal forest.



Enjoy a boat tour of Yellowknife Bay and its picturesque house boats.



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 six nights long to maximize the probability of seeing the Northern Lights. We have also planned daytime activities to take advantage of the wonderful things Yellowknife has to offer.

For tour dates, rates, and additional information visit [jfsalgado.com](http://jfsalgado.com).

For **additional photos** follow us on Instagram ([@borealisphoto-tours](https://www.instagram.com/borealisphoto-tours), [@jfsalgado](https://www.instagram.com/jfsalgado)) Facebook [@borealisphototours](https://www.facebook.com/borealisphototours). For inquiries or reservations, please write to us at [tours@jfsalgado.com](mailto: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 drive deep into the enchanting boreal forest to see the reflection of the Northern Lights dance across the water on some of Yellowknife's many beautiful 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*