

LIFE'S ONE BIG ADVENTURE IN THE INCREDIBLE YUKON TERRITORY

# WONDERFUL WHITEHORSE

HEAD TO CANADA'S NORTHWEST TO EXPLORE A TRULY UNIQUE CITY



**N**ot many people call the Yukon Territory home – around 38,000 live in an area twice the size of Victoria – but those who do are a hardy bunch, enduring nature's extremes in one of the planet's most unique regions. Its capital city, Whitehorse, is renowned for being a cultural hub surrounded by wilderness. Here are a few must-dos...

## DISCOVER THE RICH LOCAL CULTURE

Start with a visit to the MacBride Museum, where permanent exhibits reveal the realities of life during the Klondike Gold Rush of 1896-99 and Whitehorse's evolution as a modern city. There is also an excellent selection of First Nations artefacts – Kate and Wills even visited the museum

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Kate and Wills paid a visit to the MacBride Museum.

during their 2016 Canadian tour! Next, head to the Kwanlin Dun Cultural Centre to discover the intriguing indigenous heritage and contemporary life of the Kwanlin Dun First Nations people through performances and artworks. For more information on local First Nations sites, see the Yukon First Nations Culture & Tourism Association at [yfnet.ca](http://yfnet.ca).

## TUCK RIGHT IN

In the Yukon, moose outnumber people nearly two to one – and while you probably won't see it on any Whitehorse menus, you can expect to see some big game, including bison, caribou and elk. Don't miss a meal at The Wheelhouse – their Elk Bolognese is memorable. If you're after something even more laidback, try the tapas at Burnt Toast Cafe – think Bison Chorizo Mussels, and Ouzo Shrimp Bake. Then, take a brewery tour at Yukon Brewing and try their Midnight Sun Espresso Stout. Find more great tastebud ticklers at [travelyukon.com](http://travelyukon.com).



Get rugged up and learn mushing skills on a dogsledding adventure day out.

## GO DOGSLEDDING

The annual Yukon Quest dogsled race covers the 1000 miles between Fairbanks in Alaska and Whitehorse, with professional mushers and their dogs spending 10 to 20 days completing the course in temperatures as low as -51 degrees Celsius! But you can have your own piece of the sledding action, and learn how to mush, on a half-day or full-day sledding trip with Muktuk Adventures, and even meet some of the dogs who've competed. See [muktuk.com](http://muktuk.com).



## MEET THE LOCALS

For more animal action, head to the Yukon Wildlife Preserve and get close to some local critters, including Canadian lynx, Arctic fox, bison, mountain goats and muskox. The grounds are spectacular and a five-kilometre trail winds through them, giving animals plenty of room in their natural habitat. Keep your camera handy – the caribou in particular love to pose! Head to [yukonwildlife.ca](http://yukonwildlife.ca).

**TO GO:**  
From Australia, Air Canada flies to Whitehorse via Vancouver. Accommodation is available for every budget – see [explorecanada.com.au](http://explorecanada.com.au) to plan your trip.



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