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2027 YUKON TOURS INFORMATION PACKAGE

Thank you for considering a fully guided Yukon Canoe Tour with Pathways Canada Tours.

We're thrilled that you're interested in joining us for one of Canada's most iconic wilderness adventures. Enclosed you'll find our **Trip Registration Kit**, which includes:

1. **Essential trip details** – general information about the trip, preparation tips, directions to Whitehorse, and answers to frequently asked questions.
2. **Booking terms and conditions** – everything you need to know about securing your place on the trip.

To confirm your seat, we require a **50% non-refundable deposit** (*deposit optional prior to May 1st*) or full payment through the "[Book Now](#)" page on our website. Once your booking is confirmed, you'll receive a **comprehensive registration package**, including:

- A detailed **clothing and equipment list**
- **Trip planning guidance** to ensure you're fully prepared for your adventure
- Any additional forms or information you'll need

When booking, please complete your **guest profile and waiver** promptly so we have all the important details we need to ensure a smooth experience.

We strongly recommend booking early to secure your preferred departure date. If you have any questions along the way, our team is just a call or email away.

Thank you once again for your interest in Pathways. We can't wait to share this incredible journey with you and look forward to being part of your adventure.

Warm regards,

The Pathways Team

YUKON CANOE JOURNEYS 2027

We can't wait to welcome you to the **Yukon for an incredible Canoe Adventure**, a true *bucket-list journey* that we at **Pathways Canada Tours** are honored to share with you.

Planning and preparing for this trip is half the adventure, so take your time, start early, and let the anticipation build. We look forward to seeing you in the north!

FURTHER INFORMATION

"There's a land where the mountains are nameless
And the rivers all run God knows where."

When Robert Service wrote these words, he was speaking of the Yukon—a vast, untamed wilderness that has beckoned explorers, dreamers, and adventurers for generations. The great Klondike Gold Rush of 1896–1899 drew thousands from around the world to this land of the midnight sun, and while the fervor of the gold rush has long since faded, the magic of the Yukon remains as potent as ever.

Our 2027 Yukon Canoe Journeys are designed to immerse you in this legendary landscape, offering four distinct ways to experience the river's timeless currents and storied past:

- **Upper Yukon (Whitehorse to Carmacks):** This route follows the historic headwaters of the Yukon River. Paddlers trace the path of early prospectors through the crystalline waters of the Thirty Mile River, passing by remnants of Gold Rush-era police posts, telegraph stations, and the iconic Lake Laberge. It is a journey defined by its serene beauty and profound connection to the early frontier.
- **Lower Yukon (Carmacks to Dawson City):** Departing from the central hub of Carmacks, this expedition traverses the middle and lower stretches of the Yukon River. You will navigate the legendary Five Finger Rapids—once a major obstacle for riverboats—and spend time exploring the living history of Fort Selkirk. The journey concludes with a triumphant arrival in Dawson City, the heart of the Klondike.
- **Yukon Classic (Whitehorse to Dawson City):** For those seeking the ultimate expedition, our 19-day Classic route covers the entire narrative arc of the Klondike Gold Rush. This journey connects every major milestone: the serenity of Lake Laberge, the swift currents of the Thirty Mile, the navigation of Five Finger Rapids, and the deep historical immersion at Fort Selkirk, culminating in a grand arrival in Dawson City.
- **Pelly River to Dawson City:** This unique route begins on the Pelly River, winding through quiet wilderness and past historic homesteads like the Pelly Farm. Upon reaching the confluence at Fort Selkirk, the route merges with the Yukon River, combining two distinct water systems into one seamless journey. It offers a perfect blend of peaceful, off-the-beaten-path paddling and the rich historical legacy of the Klondike.

Regardless of the route you choose, our journeys flow through virtually untouched wilderness—a land of sweeping valleys, striking mountain scenery, and an abundance of wildlife. Each trip offers a true Yukon classic experience: Grade 1 waters (no rapids), no portages, and a deep, immersive connection to the spirit of wilderness travel.

Preparing for Your Yukon Canoe Tour 2027

Our guided wilderness expeditions are designed for those who want to fully experience the magic of the Yukon. You'll be accompanied by a professional, certified canoe guide and an assistant who are dedicated to your safety and comfort. Along the way, they'll help you refine your river paddling skills and ensure you get the most out of your journey.

All life jackets are provided, and participants are required to wear them whenever on the water.

Skill Requirements

Participants should be comfortable with the **six basic canoe strokes**: forward, reverse, J-stroke, sweep, pry, and draw. Some prior river paddling experience is also recommended.

If you'd like to brush up on your skills before the trip, our partners at [Ridge Wilderness Adventures](https://www.ridgewildernessadventures.com) offer public and private canoe lessons. You can reach them at info@exploreridge.com or by phone at **604-477-4663**.

Wilderness Camping & Weather

Be prepared to camp in true wilderness conditions. Yukon weather can be unpredictable and may range from long, hot days (when you'll need to guard against sun exposure) to cold, rainy, or windy conditions—and yes, even the occasional snowfall.

2027 Yukon Tour Offerings & Schedules

1. Upper Yukon: Whitehorse to Carmacks

Duration & Dates: 8 Days / 7 Nights | July 16–23, 2027

Price: \$2,695 + GST

Experience: Beginner (Class 1 moving water, no portages)

Overview: Launch right from downtown Whitehorse and trace the historic Klondike water route through Lake Laberge and the iconic Thirty Mile River. Enjoy wide-open boreal wilderness, pristine gravel-bar camps, and rich Gold Rush history before concluding at Carmacks.

Highlights: Downtown Whitehorse launch, Lake Laberge crossing, Thirty Mile Heritage River, Coal Mine Campground finish.

2. Lower Yukon: Carmacks to Dawson City

Duration & Dates: 11 Days / 10 Nights | July 24–August 3, 2027

Price: \$3,695 + GST

Experience: Beginner (Class 1 moving water, no portages)

Overview: The quintessential Gold Rush passage. Navigate Five Finger Rapids, explore the historic log cabins of Fort Selkirk, and paddle beneath towering river bluffs into Dawson City. Includes two nights at The Downtown Hotel before your scenic shuttle back to Whitehorse.

Highlights: Five Finger Rapids, Fort Selkirk layover day, 2 nights at The Downtown Hotel in Dawson, highway shuttle return.

3. Yukon Classic: Whitehorse to Dawson City

Duration & Dates: 19 Days / 18 Nights | July 16–August 3, 2027

Price: \$5,695 + GST

Experience: Beginner to Intermediate

Overview: The grand 735 km wilderness expedition. Journey the entire length of the historic Yukon River from Whitehorse to Dawson City in one seamless expedition. Features a mid-river fresh food resupply in Carmacks and a celebratory finish in Dawson.

Highlights: Complete 735 km expedition, mid-trip Carmacks resupply, Thirty Mile River, Fort Selkirk, 2 nights at The Downtown Hotel.

4. Pelly River to Dawson City

Duration & Dates: 10 Days / 9 Nights | August 6–15, 2027

Price: \$3,595 + GST

Experience: Beginner (Class 1 moving water, no portages)

Overview: A tranquil backcountry journey down the secluded Pelly River. Begin with a dedicated afternoon canoe clinic and riverside camp at Pelly Crossing, then paddle through remote wilderness to the Yukon River confluence and into historic Dawson City.

Highlights: Low-traffic wilderness river, Day 1 paddling instruction clinic, Pelly/Yukon confluence, 2 nights at The Downtown Hotel.

Please note: Dates and logistics for all 2027 tours are finalized. Any minor schedule adjustments prior to January 1, 2027, will be communicated directly to registered clients.

Trip Start & Meeting Location

For all tours, our initial group orientation and shuttle departure take place in Whitehorse. **The specific meeting location for your tour will be confirmed and communicated to all registered guests in the spring of 2027.**

From here, we'll pack the shuttle, drive to our respective river launch points, review paddling safety and strokes, and begin our wilderness voyage.

Route Summaries

Upper Yukon (8 Days / 7 Nights)

- **The Route:** Starting at Rotary Park in Whitehorse, paddlers ease into the current heading north toward Lake Laberge. Beyond the lake, the river compresses into the Thirty Mile River—a designated Canadian Heritage River known for crystal-clear turquoise waters and swift currents—concluding at Coal Mine Campground in Carmacks.
- **Pacing & Life on River:** 7 paddling days averaging 35–45 km per day. Evenings are spent at pristine riverbank camps with guide-prepared backcountry meals around the fire.
- **What's Included:** Professional guides, all river meals, canoes, group camping/cooking gear, and van shuttle from Carmacks back to Whitehorse. (Note: Guests are required to bring their own personal dry bags for clothing and gear storage).

Lower Yukon (11 Days / 10 Nights)

- **The Route:** Leaving Carmacks, the river flows into Five Finger Rapids—an exciting, straightforward run between massive standing rock pillars. Further downstream, spend a full layover day exploring Fort Selkirk, a preserved 19th-century trading post. Continue past the White and Stewart River confluences directly to the wooden boardwalks of Dawson City.
- **Pacing & Town Stay:** 8 paddling days (~40–50 km/day), 1 layover day at Fort Selkirk, and 2 nights at The Downtown Hotel in Dawson City.
- **What's Included:** Van transfer from Whitehorse to Carmacks, guides, river meals, group gear, 2 nights double-occupancy hotel accommodation in Dawson City, and return shuttle to Whitehorse. (Note: Guests are required to bring their own personal dry bags for clothing and gear storage).

Yukon Classic (19 Days / 18 Nights)

- **The Route:** The ultimate northern canoe expedition. Covering 735 km, this journey combines the lake crossings, historic rivers, and Gold Rush landmarks of the Upper and Lower legs into one continuous trip.
- **Pacing & Resupply:** 15 paddling days, 1 layover day at Fort Selkirk, and 2 hotel nights in Dawson City. A scheduled mid-trip resupply stop at Coal Mine Campground in Carmacks brings in fresh food barrels for the second leg.
- **What's Included:** Complete guiding, all river meals, group gear, mid-trip food resupply, 2 nights double-occupancy hotel accommodation in Dawson City, and

return shuttle to Whitehorse. (Note: Guests are required to bring their own personal dry bags for clothing and gear storage).

Pelly River to Dawson City (10 Days / 9 Nights)

- **The Route:** Following a morning shuttle from Whitehorse to Pelly Crossing, Day 1 focuses on a relaxed canoe instruction session and riverside camping. Days 2–7 offer 6 days of remote wilderness paddling down the Pelly River to its confluence with the Yukon River, finishing at historic Dawson City.
 - **Pacing & Town Stay:** 1 instruction/camp day, 6 paddling days (~35–45 km/day), 2 nights at The Downtown Hotel in Dawson City, and 1 return travel day.
 - **What's Included:** Transport Whitehorse to Pelly launch, guides, instruction clinic, river meals, camping gear, 2 nights double-occupancy hotel accommodation in Dawson City, and return shuttle to Whitehorse. (Note: Guests are required to bring their own personal dry bags for clothing and gear storage).
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Trip End

For the Upper Yukon tour concluding in Carmacks, guests are shuttled back to Whitehorse mid-day on the final day.

For tours concluding in Dawson City (Lower Yukon, Yukon Classic, and Pelly River), guests arrive mid-day on the second-to-last day, followed by two full nights in town. On the final day, shuttle transport departs Dawson mid-morning, returning to **Whitehorse by approximately 5:00 PM**, concluding at the confirmed meeting location.

We recommend booking accommodations in Whitehorse for that night, as same-day travel connections are not always possible due to variable travel times.

What's Included

When you join a **Pathways Yukon Canoe Journey**, we take care of the essentials so you can simply arrive ready to paddle and immerse yourself in the wild. Your trip includes:

- **Expert Leadership** – A fully qualified lead guide and assistant guide.
- **All Group Gear** – Canoes, paddles, PFDs (lifejackets), tents, cooking gear, and a fully equipped expedition first-aid kit. (If you'd prefer to bring your own tent, you're welcome to—just let our office know!)

- **Dawson City Accommodation** – Two nights hotel stay in Dawson City.
- **All On-River Meals** – Wholesome, delicious meals on the river (safe drinking water included).
- **Safety Communication** – Satellite phone for emergency use.
- **Shuttle Transportation** – Roundtrip ground shuttle transfers from Whitehorse to river launch sites and back from tour conclusion points.

What's Not Included

To keep trips flexible and customizable, the following are not included in the trip price:

- Meals and accommodations in Whitehorse.
- Meals in Dawson City.
- Guide gratuities (optional but always appreciated).
- Transportation to/from Whitehorse.
- Extra tours or side trips before/after the journey. (Suggestions for activities will be provided in your trip information package once your registration and deposit are received.)

Single Occupancy Options

All trip prices are based on double occupancy for both tent accommodations during the expedition and hotel stays in Dawson City.

For participants who prefer or require single occupancy, we offer a limited number of single-occupancy upgrades, available by request and subject to availability:

- Single Tent Upgrade: \$100 + GST per person
- Single Hotel Room in Dawson City (2 nights): \$450 + GST per person

Please note that single-occupancy tents are limited and allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. If this is something you'd like to add to your booking, we encourage you to secure this at your time of booking or request it early to avoid disappointment.

How to Get to Whitehorse

By Air:

Whitehorse is just a short flight away! Daily service is available through Vancouver, B.C. (about 2 hours and 20 minutes). Seasonal and regional flights also connect from Juneau and Fairbanks, Alaska.

By Land:

If you're road-tripping by car or RV, you've got two main routes:

- **The Alaska Highway** – starting in Dawson Creek, B.C., it winds through Watson Lake and Whitehorse before heading into Alaska. This route has more frequent services and amenities along the way.
- **The Stewart-Cassiar Highway** – a scenic alternative through B.C.'s interior, meeting the Alaska Highway 14 miles west of Watson Lake, Yukon.

Whichever way you choose, the journey to Whitehorse is an adventure in itself!

Booking Terms & Conditions

2027 Tour Pricing: Varies by tour. A 50% deposit is required to secure your booking.

Reservations

Your reservation is confirmed once we receive your **50% deposit** or **full payment** through our Reservations page.

- If you choose to pay a deposit, the **remaining balance is due by May 1 of your trip year.**
- If payment is not received by this date, **Pathways reserves the right to treat your reservation as cancelled.**
- All required documents—including your **guest profile** and **signed liability/waiver forms**—must be submitted prior to departure.
- **A current tetanus shot is mandatory** for all participants.

Deposits & Payments

A **non-refundable 50% deposit per person** is required to secure your booking on any 2027 tour.

To confirm your reservation, Pathways must receive your deposit/payment along with your completed guest profile and waiver form.

The **balance of your payment is due by May 1st** of your trip year. If not received by this date, Pathways reserves the right to cancel your reservation.

All payments should be made payable to **Pathways Canada Tour Co. Ltd.**

Trip Cancellation & Insurance

Unexpected events—such as forest fires, flooding, or even global pandemics—can sometimes force a trip cancellation. For this reason, we **require all guests to purchase comprehensive travel insurance**.

Because we operate in remote wilderness areas, **Pathways reserves the right to cancel any trip prior to departure** for reasons including (but not limited to):

- Insufficient registration
- Park closures due to fire hazards
- Unsafe river or weather conditions
- Other unforeseen emergencies

In the unlikely event that we must cancel a trip for operational reasons, we will provide a **full refund of all payments, including deposits (see full details below)**. However, **Pathways is not responsible for any expenses incurred in preparation for your trip** (e.g., non-refundable airline tickets, visa fees, or personal equipment purchases).

Why Travel Insurance Is Required

We must strictly enforce our cancellation and evacuation policies due to the nature of our operations. To protect your trip investment, **comprehensive travel insurance is mandatory**.

Key Points About Insurance:

- Travel insurance typically reimburses **non-refundable land and air costs** if you must cancel due to personal or family illness, or other covered events.
- If you are **not a Canadian resident**, consider **extended medical coverage** for the duration of your visit to Canada.
- **Evacuation costs**—should they arise—are your responsibility. In remote areas, these costs can be significant, so confirm your insurance will cover this.
- Look for policies that include a **“cancel for any reason” upgrade** to ensure your investment is protected under all circumstances.

Before purchasing additional coverage, check with your current insurance provider to see if you already have suitable protection. Once purchased, please send **confirmation of your travel insurance coverage** along with your other required trip paperwork.

Cancellation, Interruption & Refund Policy

At Pathways, we understand that circumstances can change. However, due to the unique logistics of operating in remote wilderness environments, we maintain a clear and firm cancellation and refund policy to ensure fairness and the viability of our trips.

If We Cancel Your Trip

While rare, we reserve the right to cancel or reschedule a trip at any time due to unforeseen circumstances beyond our control, such as:

- Hazardous weather or environmental conditions
- Park or river closures
- Emergency situations (e.g. wildfires, floods, epidemics)

- Guide availability
- Minimum participant numbers not being met
- Other logistical or regulatory issues

If Pathways cancels your trip for any of these reasons, you will receive a full refund of all payments made, including the deposit.

If a trip has not reached minimum participant numbers 60 days prior to departure, it may be cancelled at that time and all funds, including your deposit, will be fully refunded.

If a trip is confirmed 60 days prior to departure, it is guaranteed to run. If cancellations after this point bring the group below the minimum threshold, the trip will still go ahead.

If You Cancel Your Trip

We strongly recommend purchasing trip cancellation and interruption insurance, as we are unable to provide refunds for client cancellations once a trip is confirmed.

- **60 days or more before departure:** Full refund **minus the non-refundable deposit**
- **31–59 days before departure:** 25% refund **minus the non-refundable deposit**
- **30 days or less before departure:** No refund available

All cancellations must be submitted **in writing via email** to our office at pathwayscanoe@gmail.com.

Please note that we are not responsible for any costs incurred outside of the trip itself, such as flights, travel insurance, equipment purchases, visa fees, or accommodation.

Once again, thank you for considering Pathways Canada Tours. We would be honored to be part of your wilderness adventure and look forward to providing you with an unforgettable experience in the Yukon. Should you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Safe travels and we hope to see you on the water!