



3 Day Touch of Winter Cabin/Lodge Stay

Sky High Wilderness Ranch is your chance to get out and experience the beautiful wilderness that is the Yukon! There's no better way to ease the stresses of everyday than to switch off those mobile phones and soak in nature's beauty. We have limited cell service, so put an 'out of office' reply on your emails and forward your phone to voicemail, you're going to spend some time getting down and dirty with nature!

Our Ranch is located on the shores of Fish Lake, away from the city lights which makes perfect Aurora viewing opportunity. We are surrounded by majestic mountains that are waiting to be explored by you by dog sled! We have a range of accommodation to choose from, all equipped with 5 star outhouses, propane-run appliances and lights, water hauled from downtown and heated by a cosy woodstove. This is the genuine Yukon Ranch experience, complete with rustic home cooked meals as well.

All meals are in the main lodge, shared with other guests on tours at Sky High. Meals are informal, family style and follow a set menu each day.

Day 1 | Wednesday/Saturday

The morning on the day of your tour you will be picked up at 10AM in the hotel lobby. As a group we will do some last minute shopping and pick up any items missing from the packing list. Afterwards we drive to

the Sky High Wilderness Ranch, 20km South of

Whitehorse where we outfit you with your expedition clothing. Enjoy a light lunch and then be introduced to your 4 legged companions for the tour. Now you learn the basics of; dog care, checking their feet and shoulders, dog massage, sledding and parts of the sled. Harness your team, hook up and go for your very first run! After taking care of the dogs you can enjoy the sauna, have a hot dinner and cozy up by the fire. (Lunch, Dinner in the Lodge).



Overview

- Dates: Departs Wednesdays (Dec 2019 to March 2020)
- Rates in CAD: \$1213 + GST per person
- Room in Whitehorse: \$127 + GST
- Max. 6 guests per guide
- Min. age 12 years

Highlights

- Dog Sledding
- Snowshoeing (unguided)
- Aurora viewing (unguided)
- Cabin/Lodge Stay (2 nights)
- Hotel Stay (1 night)

Day 2 | Thursday/Sunday

While the morning sun lifts slowly over the magnificent horizon, we say good morning to our new canine friends and ensure they are fed, watered and happy. Then we sit in the comfort of our lodge dining room having breakfast and plan our day. Today we cover approx 35km in distance driving towards secluded Jackson Lake. The only sound will be the runners in the snow, the working dogs, and your words of encouragement. This is the day that you begin to know each dog's personality and form a bond that only man and dog can understand. With every stop, praise and show of affection for your dogs, they will learn to trust you and you to trust them. Relax in our sod roof sauna before retiring for the night. Overnight at Sky High Wilderness Ranch. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner in the Lodge).



Day 3 | Friday/Monday

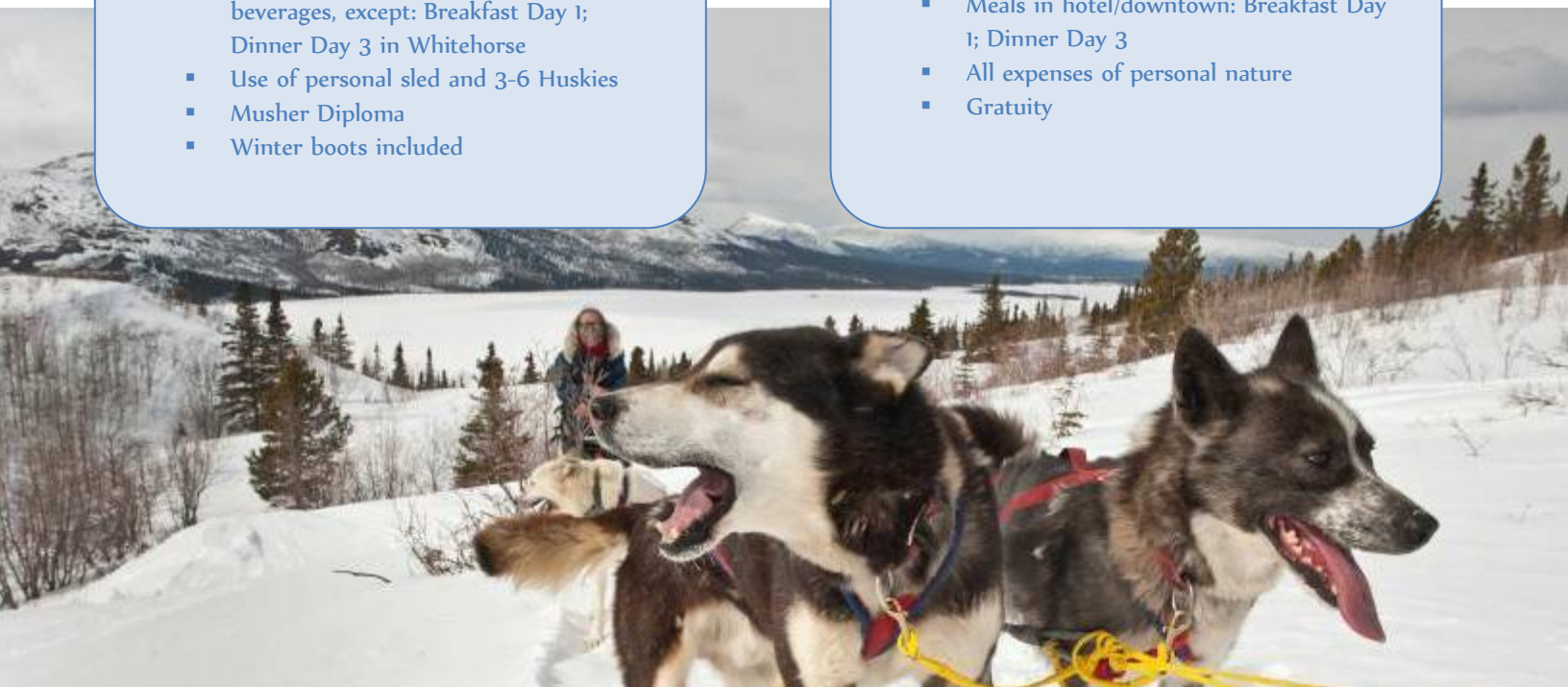
This day takes us towards beautiful Bonneville Lakes, west of the ranch. The trails are narrower here with some challenging ups and downs. The scenery is breathtaking and the coastal mountains are always in view to the south and west. Part of the trip we are above tree line and easily cover 20-30km. A breath of new life will creep slowly into your soul and in harmony with the running rhythm of your team you will enjoy nature like you have never experienced it before. Take it all in and these memories will go with you as you continue your journey home. In late afternoon we drive you to Whitehorse where you spend your last night at the Best Western Gold Rush Inn. Here you will receive your musher's diploma. (Breakfast, Lunch in the Lodge).

INCLUDED

- Transfer from and to Whitehorse
- Accommodation in log cabins or Lodge (2 nights double room)
- Last night accommodation in Whitehorse hotel (1 night double room)
- All meals including non-alcoholic beverages, except: Breakfast Day 1; Dinner Day 3 in Whitehorse
- Use of personal sled and 3-6 Huskies
- Musher Diploma
- Winter boots included

NOT INCLUDED

- Alcoholic beverages (we buy jointly before the tour)
- Winter clothing - Rentals available: Northern Outfitters Jacket, Pants (\$35/item); sleeping bag (\$45/each); mitts (\$20/pair)
- Meals in hotel/downtown: Breakfast Day 1; Dinner Day 3
- All expenses of personal nature
- Gratuity



Please note:

* To participate, you must be healthy, enjoy working with dogs and have a good team spirit. You don't just stand on the back of a sled and wait for the adventure to happen like in the movies. YOU have to work, YOU have to be fit. YOU are running with your sled to help the dogs up the hills or pushing it along with your legs. YOU do have to use your body to go on the trails to slow down and go round corners. YOU do help feed the dogs after they work hard all day, YOU do clear up dog poo at camp and set them up with straw for the night. YOU do ensure your kit is ready and checked every morning before YOU harness the dogs.

* We point out, that unforeseeable circumstances such as weather conditions, wind chill factor, extreme temperatures (-30 or lower), condition of the group or illness of the dogs may force us to change this itinerary. The safety of our guests takes precedence and our decisions are final.

* You will be required to sign a "release of claims and waiver of liability form" prior to the departure of this tour.

* We strongly suggest that all of our guests consider the purchase of travel insurance for protection against cancellation penalties and many other unforeseeable circumstances such as emergency medical evacuation.

* We offer hearty home cooked meals prepared by our guides in our cozy lodge kitchen. We do not charge for special diets however we do require a Doctor's note in order for us to cater to any special diet. Space for cooking and food storage is limited and therefore ask that you send Doctor's note with all dietary issues/allergies at least 2 weeks in advance of your arrival so that we can be organized and prepared for your stay.

Packing List

- Thermal Underwear- 2 long sleeve shirts and 2 pants
- Fleece Pants and Sweater
- Neck Warmer and Balaclava
- Fleece Hat (Toque) or Fur hat
- Thermal Socks - 4 pairs
- Thin Fleece Gloves
- Head Lamp, With lithium batteries
- Camera
- Goggles or sunglasses
- Thermos
- Indoor shoes or slippers

The above items can be purchased in Whitehorse but make note that near the end of the season some items may be hard to find.

