

Teresa Beall Presents

“In search of the Aurora Borealis”

A **4-night** adventure @ Yellowknife, Northern Territories, Canada

February 23-27, 2017 @ \$1000 pp (dbl occ)

(* Land-only price; flights not included.



Amid the droning bush planes and picturesque houseboats of Yellowknife's Old Town, it's still possible to detect a palpable frontier spirit. It's as if you're standing on the edge of a large, undiscovered and barely comprehensible wilderness... and you are. Draw a line north from Yellowknife to the Arctic Ocean and you won't cross a single road. Welcome to Yellowknife, deep in the Northern Territories of Canada.

The city's skyscrapers rear up from the outcrops, casting long shadows over Great Slave Lake, and the town offers a smorgasbord of flavors, everything from Ethiopian restaurants, sushi joints, and wine bars that serve muskox burgers. In summer, floatplanes loop in the cloudless sky, and a clutch of bright and quirky houseboats rock gently on the swells. In winter, the place becomes a winter wonderland – log cabins beside mansions beside houses shaped like teepees, and, the best part, it's hands down one of the top three places in the world to view the Northern lights (AKA Aurora Borealis) – those bright, dancing lights of colliding electrically charged particles from the Sun that enter the Earth's atmosphere. Visitors come from all over the world to mix with a whole bunch of friendly, offbeat locals who make their home here and have a heckuva time in the biggest little city in Canada.

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Selected Accommodation

CHATEAU NOVA / 4 nights with airport transfers, all taxes and daily breakfast

4571 48th Street, Yellowknife NT / Phone 867.766.6682

www.novahotels.ca/chateanovayellowknife.html

www.gotyoullooking.com/ichateanovayellowknife/mht.html

The Chateau Nova is the newest full-service 3+ star hotel in Yellowknife (opened in October 2016). The property offers complimentary Wi-Fi and daily newspapers along with a steam room, sauna, and fitness center, plus a laundromat and their onsite Quarry Restaurant and Cocktail Lounge. The 141 guestrooms and suites are spacious with pillow-top beds and premium bedding, a private bathroom with toiletries and hairdryer, flat-screen TV, and a mini kitchenette (mini fridge, coffee machine, teakettle, microwave, and toaster – plenty of room to make our own cocktails and snacks).



Adventure Outfitter

AURORA VILLAGE / 4-night package

4709 50th Avenue, Yellowknife, NT / Phone 867.669.0006

<http://auroravillage.com>

A place where traditional Aboriginal culture blends together with modern amenities for a truly remarkable experience discovering the mystery of the aurora borealis. It's the destination of choice in Yellowknife, providing the utmost in comfort and absolute beauty. Four-day land package includes:

- Nightly sky viewing of the Aurora Borealis
- Dog sledding Adventure
- Ice Fishing
- Snow sliding
- 4-day Outfitting (Sub-zero Goose parka, winter pants, extreme winter boots, elbow length mitts, and face mask)

More about the Aurora Borealis

The Aurora Borealis means “northern dawn” in Latin. In ancient Roman times, Aurora was the goddess of dawn and Borealis means northerly – most commonly called the northern lights. The aurora is the effect caused when charged particles in solar winds are pulled into the atmosphere by the earth’s magnetic force. This force is also what channels them towards our geomagnetic poles. When the particles collide with gas atoms and molecules in the earth’s atmosphere, the lights of the aurora are emitted. The more collisions, the brighter the lights. The different colors of the aurora are created by particles colliding with the different gasses. The earth has two magnetic poles – the Aurora Norealis at the North Pole and the Aurora Australis at the South Pole.

Most agree that Yellowknife in the Canadian Northwest Territories is the best place to view the Aurora Borealis. The area is situated directly beneath the aurora oval (a halo-like ring found around both magnetic poles). Although there are other places also just below the aurora oval, Yellowknife is deemed the best because of its flat topography, coupled with few geographical obstructions, allowing for a higher percentage of clear winter weather, and therefore, a much higher viewing probability. When you stay for 3 nights of aurora-viewing, you have a 95% chance of seeing the aurora at least once. Four nights increases the chances.

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