

# 12D9N Chasing Northern Lights in Canada & Rockies

Tour Code: USCR12

## Day 1: SINGAPORE → VANCOUVER

(Meals on Board)

Assemble at Singapore Changi Airport for your flight to the coastal seaport of **Vancouver**. Upon arrival, transfer to hotel for rest.

## Day 2: VANCOUVER → CALGARY - BANFF

(Breakfast / Lunch)

After breakfast, depart for your domestic flight to **Calgary** and make a short stop at **Winsport Canada Olympic Park**, host of the 1988 Winter Olympics. Then, continue to the terrain of the majestic Canadian Rockies Mountains and arrive in the town of **Banff** to view the cascading **Bow Falls**. Rise to the peak of 2900ft. on the **Banff Gondola** for a 360-degree breath-taking panoramic view on the rooftop observation deck. Make your way to **Surprise Corner**, a viewpoint with magnificent views of Fairmont Banff Springs, then head for a soak in the steamy hot mineral water at **Banff Upper Hot Springs**. Afterwards, enjoy some free time shopping at the exquisite stores of **Banff Avenue**.

## Day 3: BANFF – LAKE LOUISE

(Breakfast / Dinner)

Head to the "Jewel of the Rockies"-**Lake Louise** and surround yourself in the panoramic view of magnificent snow-capped mountains surrounding a glittering emerald lake which remains till today one of the world's most photographed lakes. This afternoon, depart to the foot of **Lake Louise Ski Village** and partake in some winter activities at your own expense. Grab a ticket for your snow tube and vroom your way down a snowy track or cruise for fourteen glorious minutes in an open chair or a fully enclosed gondola to one of the Banff National Park's greatest views! From 2088m (6850ft), the spectacular scenery is yours to explore at will.

## Day 4: LAKE LOUISE – YOHO NATIONAL PARK - CALGARY

(Breakfast / Korean BBQ + Hotpot Lunch)

This morning, visit **Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise** - a hotel surrounded by soaring mountain peaks, the majestic Victoria Glacier and a glistening emerald lake and that which grew with the history of Canada's first transcontinental railway since the 1880s and subsequently declared a UNESCO World Heritage site. Continue to the great divide of the **Yoho National Park** and learn about the beginnings of **Spiral Tunnel**-the most difficult piece of track on the Canadian Pacific Railway's route. Afterwards, make a stop at the beautiful turquoise waters of **Emerald Lake** enclosed by mountain ranges and the rivers of the Kicking Horse River that created the Natural Bridge through solid rock. See the crystal-clear waters of **Moraine Lake** before heading back to **Calgary** for our overnight stay.

## Day 5: CALGARY → WHITEHORSE

(Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner)

Today, board a domestic flight to the capital of Yukon and largest city in north Canada for Aurora Borealis Adventure in **Whitehorse**. This evening free at leisure or consider participating in an optional 3Nights Aurora Viewing Package where an experienced local guide will lead you outside of the city centre and await inside a heated cozy cabin (with hot drinks and light snacks) in anticipation of these fleeting dance of lights. **The Aurora Borealis is a NATURAL phenomenon and as such is unable to guarantee sightings.**



**Day 6: WHITEHORSE****(Breakfast)**

This morning, begin your city tour with an interpretative talk at the visitor center, see the first **log church** and a triple Log Skyscraper before heading out to our impressive **Hydro Dam** to learn about Yukon's electricity. At the world's largest wooden **Fish Ladder**, see salmon coming through on their +3000 km migration to their spawning grounds and step back in time to view The **S.S. Klondike stern wheeler**, a National Park Historic Site. Free at leisure this afternoon or participate in an optional tour to Yukon Wildlife Preserve & Takhini Hot Springs. The Yukon Wildlife Preserve features 13 species of northern Canadian mammals in their natural environment. Find moose, caribou, muskoxen, dall sheep, elk, wood bison, mountain goats, Arctic fox, lynx and mule deer and learn about the intricacies of Arctic Life in the wild. After wards, arrive at Takhini Hot Springs and slip on your bathing suit for a relaxing soak in the natural mineral waters.

**Day 7: WHITEHORSE****(Breakfast)**

Today, free at leisure. Alternatively, you may wish to participate in some optional winter activities such as dog sledding or snowmobiling etc. For dog sled activity, transfer by van to the dog kennel outside of Whitehorse. Here you'll watch your guide harnessing your dogs and hitching them to the sled. The highlight of this excursion will be when you'll run your own dog team for approximately 2 hours. For snowmobile activity, we drive you to the site and give you an introduction on the safety of driving a snow machine. After instructions and a trial run with your instructor you'll be driving your own machine over prepared trails through the incredible winter landscape of the Yukon.

**Day 8: WHITEHORSE → VANCOUVER****(Breakfast / Lunch)**

Return to **Vancouver** via domestic flight. After lunch, head to **Lulu Island Winery** for a sample of award-winning wines and icewine produced onsite using only the best grapes and berries from the Fraser Valley. Later, spend some time at **McArthurGlen Designer Outlet** grabbing the best deals in amongst tree-lined streets, cobblestone walkways and a luxury piazza.

**Day 9: VANCOUVER****(Breakfast)**

Free at leisure today or consider participating in an optional tour by return ferry to the "City of Gardens" Victoria which is famous for one of the world's premier floral display Butchart Gardens. Take in the sights of Inner Harbour and watch recreational vessels and small cruise ships go by. Photograph The Fairmont Empress hotel and visit the BC Parliament Buildings. Afterwards, make your way to Mile 0, the start of over 8000km of the Trans-Canada Highway that spans across all of vast landscape of Canada and return to Vancouver for overnight stay.

**Day 10: VANCOUVER****(Breakfast / Chinese Seafood Dinner)**

After breakfast, depart for city tour of Vancouver. Spend some time venturing across the **Capilano Suspension Bridge** and take in the sights of Capilano River below. If time permits, embark on a gentle thrill adventure at FlyOver Canada which simulates a flight over all of Canada taking in all the sights from a bird's-eye view. Then, set course for **Stanley Park**, an oasis in the middle of an urban city and stop at the viewpoint of **Lion's Gate Bridge**. Drive through and visit the national historic site as Vancouver's first downtown core **Gastown** and take a picture with the **Steam Clock**, one of few functioning in the world. Lastly, visit **Metropolis at Metrotown** for some free time shopping before transfer to the airport for your flight home.

DEC'17 (selected dates) VANCOUVER BONUS : Christmas Market late Nov-late Dec 2017 / Stanley Park Christmas Train TBA / Capilano Canyon Lights 23 Nov 2017 – 28 Jan 2018

**Day 11: ENROUTE****Day 12: ARRIVE IN SINGAPORE**

## Remarks

- Adult TRIPLE (if applicable) based on EXISTING BEDDING only. - During major events, accommodation may not be in the city mentioned.
- Sequence of itinerary is subject to change without prior notice -Updated 08May'17

