

The Golden Circle – Southern Yukon and Alaska

10 days/9 nights

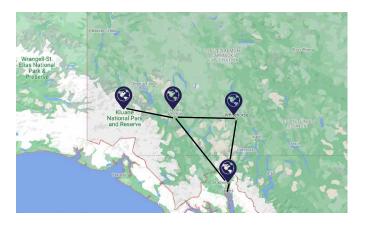
From

\$4,499

Per person/Double occupancy/Land package Departure dates: June 8 + 22; July 6 + 20; August 3, 17 + 31; September 14, 2024

For those on a tight timeline, this round trip brings together all the most spectacular and beautiful landscapes and attractions of southern Yukon and coastal Alaska in just a few days.

Follow the trail of the prospectors and adventure seekers from Whitehorse to Skagway over White Pass, take the ferry up the Inside Passage to Haines, and head on through spectacular glaciers and peaks to Haines Junction, where an optional sightseeing flight takes you over some of the highest peaks and largest glaciers on the continent. The tour ends right back where you started, in the Yukon capital of Whitehorse.





Day 1: Arrival into Whitehorse

Welcome to Canada's Yukon!

Once you have checked in, take the opportunity to walk around the downtown area as the rest of the day is at leisure.

Overnight: Whitehorse

Day 2: Whitehorse

Today is another day at leisure before meeting your fellow guests at the hotel where the guide will provide an overview of what you can expect on the tour.

Overnight: Whitehorse

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Day 3: Whitehorse - Skagway

You will head south today along the Klondike Highway. The route takes you past the smallest desert in the world and the extraordinary colours of Emerald Lake to Carcross. From here you have the option of taking the historic railway route over White Pass to Skagway, or continuing along the Klondike highway to the same destination.

Overnight: Skagway

Day 4: Skagway - Haines

You will spend the morning exploring the Gold Rush boomtown of Skagway, learning a bit of its colourful history before taking the ferry to Haines, where you will take a tour of the town and finish the day with a fine barbecue dinner.

Overnight: Haines

Day 5: Haines

Choose between a short walk and time to relax and enjoy the woods, beaches and trails around Haines. The tour includes a scenic journey to Juneau which is a three-hour ride by boat through the stunning glaciers and mountains of the Inside Passage, with frequent sightings of whales, sea lions, and otters. There is some time to see Alaska's capital city and the nearby Mendenhall Glacier before returning to Haines in the evening.

Overnight: Haines

Day 6: Haines - Haines Junction

Today, you head back across the border to Canada. The Haines Road connects Haines, Alaska and Haines Junction, Canada and offers plenty of worthwhile stops along the way. This is a spectacular alpine wilderness, filled with roaring rivers and high mountains. Once the tour reaches Haines Junction, you will take a short walk along the Dezadeash River.

Overnight: Haines Junction

Day 7: Haines Junction - Kluane National Park

There is a short walk in Kluane National Park today – one of Canada's great National Parks – but depending on the group it's possible to take a half-day to hike further into this park. There is also an optional (\$) sightseeing flight through the interior of the park, to see the world's largest non-polar ice fields and Canada's highest mountain. Though weather-dependent, this is a spectacular experience and an opportunity not to be missed.

Overnight: Haines Junction



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Day 8: Haines Junction - Whitehorse

This morning provides a second chance for a sightseeing flight over Kluane, if the previous day's weather did not permit. After this, you head east on the Alaska Highway to Whitehorse, stopping along the way at the "Long Ago Peoples' Place," a recreation of a traditional First Nations Village where you will take a tour and learn about the historic and contemporary lives of the indigenous Southern Tutchone people. If time permits, you may also visit the Yukon Wildlife Preserve in the late afternoon to meet some of the Yukon's wildlife and go on a pleasant walk through the forest.

Overnight: Whitehorse

Day 9: Whitehorse

Today is a day at leisure for you to explore the shops in Whitehorse to, perhaps, find that last minute gifts for your friends or family or to check out one of the local restaurants.

Overnight: Whitehorse

Day 10: Whitehorse departure

Today, you say farewell to this amazing part of the world as you are transferred to the airport for your flight back home.

The Package Includes:

- Personalized guidance and interpretation during the entire trip
- 9 nights' middle range hotel accommodation
- All transportation in air-conditioned vehicles
 maximum 15 seater
- Ferry crossing from Skagway to Haines
- Town tour of Haines
- Barbecue dinner in Haines
- · Scenic boat trip to Juneau
- · Entrance fees for National Parks
- Guided hiking in Kluane National Park
- Entrance fees according to program
- Return airport transfers in Whitehorse
- 5% GST

The Package Does Not Include:

- Flights
- Meals and beverages unless noted in the itinerary
- Optional activities
- Personal expenses
- Gratuities

Land package 10 days / 9 nights, price per person

Departure Dates in 202 4	Single	Double	Triple
June 8 + 22; July 6 + 20; August 3, 17 + 31; September 14	\$ 5,519	\$ 4,499	\$ 3,949

Prices do not include the contribution to the travel agency customer compensation fund of \$3.50 per \$1000 for Quebec travel agencies. This amount will be automatically added to your invoice.