

ARCTIC PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

TRIP EXTENSION INFORMATION

Arctic Photography Workshop participants are encouraged to arrive in Yellowknife early to avoid any issues with weather or luggage and airline delays. The float plane flight to Peterson's Point lake Lodge departs in the morning, and some airlines will not have schedules that allow you to make the connection. Booking a few extra days to explore Yellowknife before your workshop provides you additional photo opportunities with your photo leader while providing you a chance to get to know fellow workshop participants.

Our **three trip extension packages** are based on feedback from previous guests and our local knowledge. They are designed to get you set-up before your adventure to Peterson's Point Lake Lodge plus, provide the best of what our area has to offer - from nature hikes, boating on Great Slave Lake and watching the aurora, these extra days are a great way to share in excitement before flying to the majestic barrens. Check out the following pages for details; itineraries, descriptions and rates.

We hope you consider adding a trip extension package before your Arctic Photography Workshop and, we look forward to the opportunity to show you our backyard.

Trip extensions packages include:

- Accommodations
- Tours with professional local guides
- Addition time with your photo leader
- Transfers, airport pick up & drop off
- Personalized service



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TRIP EXTENSION - PREMIUM PACKAGE ITINERARY

WEEK 1 - AUGUST 26/2020 | **WEEK 2 - AUGUST 31/2020**

Welcome to Yellowknife

Time: Various Arrival Times

Pick up at Airport and transport to your accommodations. Pending your arrival time, enjoy exploring Yellowknife on your own (we're happy to recommend places to see/visit along with local eateries etc... just ask). Free evening to relax and prepare for tomorrow's activities.



Arctic Photography participant on taking a photo of Yellowknife Bay on top of Pilots Monument

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WEEK 1 - AUGUST 27/2020 | WEEK 2 - SEPTEMBER 01

Nature Hike + Northern Lights Tour

Nature Hike to Cameron River Ramparts

Time: 7am – 11:30am

Just beyond the City limits you can enjoy a scenic drive on the Ingraham Trail to the Cameron River Ramparts trailhead where you can take a short hike to view the falls. An easy hike good for all fitness levels, walk on hard packed trail & boardwalk through a peaceful wooded area filled with berry bushes and wild mushrooms to see the Cameron River rushing over the rocks into a small picturesque lake. This location is best for photography in the morning, so the tour will depart early to take advantage of the morning light.



Bring your tripod & camera, filters and macro equipment as there is loads of photographic opportunity – as well as the possibility of spotting wildlife & birds. Your photography leader will be available for help with composition and exposures, this is a great opportunity to create macro and silky water images, or to just relax and enjoy the scenery. *Breakfast will be provided – coffee, juice, homemade bannock or muffins or cinnamon buns, fruit, cheese & local jam to be enjoyed picnic style on location.

* Breakfast items can vary and be adjusted to suit specific dietary requirements

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Following our nature hike, you will be returned to your hotel, and will have the rest of the afternoon to explore on your own, rest and enjoy an afternoon nap as Day 2 continues with

Northern Lights/Aurora Tour (private cabin experience)



Time: 10pm – 1am

Photo: Living Skies Photography / Cheryl Stewart

Your local tour guide will pick you up at your hotel prior to taking you on a 25 min drive from the City of Yellowknife. Exclusive to workshop participants this private lakeside cabin is away from tour busses and related vehicle/city lights, providing you an exceptional vantage point, especially in the autumn where you can see reflections of the aurora on the lake. The cabin is fully furnished and equipped should you want to relax, warm up and enjoy a steaming cup of hot chocolate and freshly prepared oven baked desert.

Your photo guide will be there to assist with exposures and settings for photographing the aurora and we hope for favourable conditions (clear skies, calm water and great KP index) to enable us to get some stunning photos!

TOUR REMINDER: As much as we would like to control the weather, we cannot guarantee clear skies or aurora, but we are in the BEST locations in the world for auroral activity and will do our best to make it a successful night! Following our Aurora shoot you will be delivered back to your hotel for some well-earned rest.

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WEEK 1 - AUGUST 28/2020 | WEEK 2 - SEPTEMBER 02

Great Slave Lake Boating Tour & Fish Fry + Aurora Chasing

Great Slave Lake Boat Tour & Fish Fry

Time: 10am – 2pm

One of our friendly team members will pick you up at your hotel and take you to the tour dock for a private guided tour on Great Slave Lake. This informative locally guided tour will include a cruise through the many colorful houseboats in the Yellowknife Bay. After exploring the waters looking for opportunities to photograph birds (commonly viewed birds can include: ducks, geese, loons, eagles and mergansers and eagles) you will stop at an island to stretch your legs, explore and enjoy a sumptuous shore lunch. Enjoy freshly caught fish, cooked over an open fire and complimented with salad, beans, bread, pickles and a tasty homemade dessert. You can't get more local or fresh than this! After lunch, you will make your way back to Yellowknife, watching for birds along the way.



When you return to the dock you will be met by a team member who will drive you to your hotel. Should you need to make a stop at a local store, just ask - we're happy to accommodate. Enjoy free time for the remainder of the afternoon/early evening.

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Northern Lights/Aurora Tour (Aurora Chasing)

Time: 10pm – 1am

You will be picked up at your hotel and driven to various scenic locations to photograph the aurora away from city lights. We strive to provide a private experience, away from the many groups and tour busses that travel the main roads.

We spend our time where you can appreciate the quiet and beauty without worrying about traffic, crowds, parking or other people's flashlights. You will have the services of your photo leader to assist with cameras settings and proper exposures.



Bring your wide angle lens, and tripod, hot tea, or hot chocolate & midnight snacks will be provided.

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TRIP EXTENSION PACKAGES

There are **three package types** to choose from, (premium, basic and essential). The basic and essential packages include various components of the premium package. Please refer to the table below to see what is included and corresponding rates. Accommodation details are provided on the following page. Please be sure to let us know if you have any questions or want more information, we're happy to help and potentially create a customized itinerary for you.

Week 1	Week 2	Package Details	Package Type		
			Premium	Basic	Essential
Aug-26	Aug-31	Accommodation	√		
Aug-27	Sep-01	Accommodation	√	√	
		Nature Hike	√		
		Northern Lights/Aurora Tour - (Private Cabin Experience)	√	√	
Aug-28	Sep-02	Accommodation	√	√	√
		Boating Tour	√	√	
		Northern Lights/Aurora Tour - (Auroa Chasing Experience)	√	√	√

PREMIUM & BASIC TRIP EXTENSION NOTES - Day 2 and Day 3 Nature Hike and Boating Tours may be in reverse order pending weather.

Trip Extension Meals - with enough advance notice most all dietary preferences/requirements can be easily accommodated.

PLEASE NOTE that there is a minimum of 4 participants for most extensions to proceed. Third party tour companies are sometimes used and we are confident in the service and quality that they provide.

TRIP EXTENSION RATES

Accommodation Type	Premium	Basic	Essential
Chateau Nova	\$885.00	\$649.00	\$240.00
Old Town Log Cabins	\$848.00	\$624.00	\$228.00

Trip Extension Package Details

Are in CDN dollars and subject to change due to the discretions of suppliers and currency exchange rates. Current prices will be quoted for you at the time of booking. Please ask. Prices do not include 5% GST.

Solo workshop participants whom we are unable to match up with another workshop participant will incur an additional 15% stipend for accommodations.

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ACCOMMODATIONS are based on shared occupancy. If you are not travelling with someone, you will be signed up to share a room with another person of the same gender and with the same itinerary. If a single guest prefers to have a private room this option is available, please ask us, rates will vary based on package type/hotel selected and availability.



ACCOMMODATION INFORMATION

Due to the overwhelming popularity of Yellowknife as a aurora destination accommodations are at a premium and must be booked well in advance. Let us take make your trip planning easy - we have rooms on hold for up to a year in advance.

The Chateau Nova – a full service traditional hotel, with a fitness centre, sauna, restaurant & lounge and business centre in the building, and easy walking distance to downtown. Website: <https://www.novahotels.ca/chateau-nova-yellowknife/>

Old Town Log Cabins – a more unique style stay, in cozy individual log cabins, with complete kitchen with full size fridge stove, dishes, your own deck and parking at your door. Further away from downtown, but within “Old Town” minutes away from Great Slave Lake (Please ask us about a food package add-on options.). Website: <https://www.oldtownlogcabins.com>.

Both accommodations provide unique benefits; we would be happy to help you determine what works best for you – just ask.

Please Note: Other Hotel/Accommodations of similar nature may be substituted if/when necessary.