



# Chasing the Northern Lights in Yellowknife

## MARCH 6-12, 2027

### COST PER PERSON

DOUBLE .....	<b>\$4,999</b>
SINGLE .....	<b>\$5,829</b>
TRIPLE.....	<b>\$4,969</b>
QUAD .....	<b>\$4,899</b>

Optional pre-paid AAA Group Travel  
Tour Host gratuities ..... **\$35**

*Rates are per person based on occupancy and include AAA Member Discount. \$1000 per person deposit due at time of booking. Final payment November 15, 2026.*

Experience the magic of Canada's far north on an unforgettable journey to Yellowknife, one of the world's premier destinations for viewing the Northern Lights. Explore the rich culture and history of the Northwest Territories through guided city touring, Indigenous storytelling experiences, and visits to unique local landmarks. Embrace true Arctic adventure with snowshoeing across frozen Great Slave Lake, ice fishing on remote winter waters, and time spent in a traditional Dene cultural setting beneath the vast northern sky. To ensure comfort in extreme conditions, all essential winter gear is provided, allowing you to fully enjoy every moment of this extraordinary Arctic experience. Each evening, head into the wilderness for expertly guided Aurora viewing, offering the chance to witness the breathtaking natural light show that defines the Arctic winter experience.

### INCLUDES:

- ▶ Roundtrip motorcoach transportation from Syracuse, Rochester, or Buffalo to Toronto Airport with driver gratuity
- ▶ Guided Dogsled tour
- ▶ Free time to explore town on own
- ▶ Baggage handling (1 piece per person)
- ▶ Services of a AAA Group Travel Tour Host
- ▶ All applicable taxes, fees, and gratuities for all included meals
- ▶ Roundtrip economy flights from Toronto to Yellowknife
- ▶ 6 nights hotel accommodations
- ▶ 15 meals: 6 breakfasts, 4 lunches, and 5 dinners
- ▶ Private transportation while on tour with driver gratuity
- ▶ Dedicated local tour guides with gratuity
- ▶ Arctic Winter Clothing Package Rental to include:
  - Insulated parka and pants
  - -40° C winter boots
  - Mitts and toque
- ▶ Yellowknife guided city tour
- ▶ Guided tour of the Northern Wildlife Museum
- ▶ Several opportunities to hunt for the Aurora Borealis
- ▶ Snow-shoeing excursion
- ▶ Hands-on ice-fishing expedition

 <b>ROUNDRIP ECONOMY FLIGHTS BETWEEN TORONTO AND YELLOWKNIFE WITH MOTORCOACH TRANSPORTATION TO TORONTO</b>	 <b>HOTEL ACCOMMODATION NIGHTS</b>	 <b>MEALS WITH GRATUITIES</b>	
 <b>SERVICES OF A LOCAL TOUR GUIDE AND DRIVER</b>	 <b>SERVICES OF AAA GROUP TRAVEL TOUR HOST</b>	 <b>TRANSPORTATION ON TOUR</b>	 <b>BAGGAGE HANDLING</b>

**REQUIRED FOR TRAVEL:** A valid passport or enhanced driver's license is required for all passengers to cross the U.S./Canada border. It is the sole responsibility of the traveler to ensure that all required documents are valid, complete, and compliant with the entry requirements of the country. Identification must be carried for the duration of the tour.

### ACTIVITY LEVEL STRENUOUS

Vigorous pace; frequent strenuous activities; extensive walking; longer tour days; walking on varied terrain.

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# ITINERARY

## DAY 1 – MARCH 6

Your Northern Lights adventure begins as you depart by motorcoach from Buffalo, Rochester, or Syracuse with your AAA Group Travel Tour Host. Traveling to Toronto, you will connect to your flight bound for Yellowknife in Canada's Northwest Territories. Upon arrival, you'll transfer to the Chateau Nova Yellowknife, where you can settle in for your 6-night stay and rest after a full day of travel.

## DAY 2 – MARCH 7

After breakfast at the hotel, you'll enjoy a relaxed start to your first full day in Yellowknife. This is a chance to adjust to the northern climate and pace of life. A highlight today is the delivery of your Arctic winter clothing package directly to your hotel. This specialized gear—including an insulated parka, snow pants, boots, mitts, and toque—will keep you comfortable in the extreme northern temperatures without the need to pack bulky items from home. In the evening, you'll gather with your group for a welcome dinner, offering a chance to connect with fellow travelers and prepare for the exciting days ahead.

## DAY 3 – MARCH 8

Your introduction to Yellowknife begins mid-morning with a guided city tour. You'll visit the Northwest Territories Legislative Assembly Building, where you'll learn about the region's unique consensus-style government. From there, the tour explores Yellowknife's gold mining history at the Giant Mine site before continuing to Buffalo Airways, known from the television series *Ice Pilots NWT*, where vintage World War II aircraft are still in operation. The tour continues through Old Town, including Ragged Ass Road, and out onto the frozen Great Slave Lake, where you'll see the area's famous houseboats. A stop at the Bush Pilot's Monument provides sweeping views over the lake and surrounding wilderness. After visiting local cultural sites and enjoying lunch along the way, you'll return to your hotel for some free time. This evening, you'll travel beyond the city lights to a cozy cabin for your first aurora viewing experience. With warm drinks and a light late-night snack, you'll watch the sky for the Northern Lights in a peaceful, remote setting.

## DAY 4 – MARCH 9

The morning unfolds at a relaxed pace before you set out for a snowshoeing adventure across the frozen landscape. Guided by local experts, you'll travel over the vast expanse of the lake, learning about traditional northern travel and keeping an eye out for wildlife such as

foxes and ptarmigans. Weather permitting, you may even reach scenic ice caves along the shoreline. After warming up with a hot beverage, you'll return to Yellowknife for lunch and some leisure time. In the evening, after dinner, you'll experience the aurora in a more cultural setting as you visit a traditional Dene site near Dettah. Spending time in heated cabins and teepees, you'll hear stories and learn about Indigenous traditions while watching the Northern Lights dance overhead.

## DAY 5 – MARCH 10

After an easy morning, you'll head out onto one of the frozen lakes for a unique ice fishing experience. Traveling across the famous ice roads, you'll reach a remote fishing area where local guides demonstrate traditional net fishing techniques. Rather than simply fishing with a line, you'll help pull nets set beneath the ice, offering a more authentic and hands-on experience. Afterward, you'll return to town with time to relax or explore before dinner. This evening brings another opportunity to view the aurora from a comfortable heated location, where you can relax indoors while stepping outside as the lights appear overhead.

## DAY 6 – MARCH 11

Today features one of the North's most iconic experiences: dog sledding. You'll visit an Indigenous-operated camp where you'll meet the sled dogs, learn about their role in northern life, and even take photos with them. Once the team is harnessed, you'll set out on a guided sled ride across the frozen landscape, gliding through the quiet wilderness. The experience concludes in a warm teepee or camp, where you'll enjoy hot drinks and hear stories about the history and importance of dog sledding in the region. In the evening, after dinner, your final aurora experience takes on a more adventurous approach. Instead of going to a fixed location, you'll set out on an "aurora hunt," traveling into remote areas in search of the clearest skies and best viewing conditions. Your guides will adjust the route based on weather and aurora activity, giving you the best possible chance to witness the Northern Lights in all their brilliance.

## DAY 7 – MARCH 12

After breakfast, your Northern Lights adventure comes to an end. You'll check out of the hotel and transfer to the airport for your return flight to Toronto. From there, your motorcoach will bring you back to your original departure city, concluding a memorable journey into Canada's North.

## PICK-UP LOCATIONS:

### Buffalo

AAA Administrative Office  
100 International Dr., Amherst

### Rochester

RIT Inn & Conference Center  
5257 West Henrietta Rd., Henrietta

### Syracuse

Syracuse Doubletree Hotel  
6301 State Route 298, East Syracuse

Please refer to final travel documents for boarding and return times.

## HOTEL:

Chateau Nova Inn, Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, Canada (6 nights)

**NOTE:** This tour is booked as the above inclusions state. It is possible due to unforeseen circumstances that some inclusions may change in future months. Should that happen, AAA Group Travel will take all necessary steps to find a suitable replacement for the tour.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:** AAA Western and Central New York recommends the purchase of Allianz Travel Insurance products to protect your trip investment. Visit [AAA.com/GroupTravel](http://AAA.com/GroupTravel) for full tour Terms & Conditions.

Cancellation Penalties:	
Date of deposit – September 1, 2026	\$150 administrative fee per person
September 2, 2026 – November 15, 2026	Loss of deposit per person
November 15, 2026 – day of departure	100% non-refundable per person

