

2017 & 2018 CANOE TRIPS

*Please contact us for full details on any of the 2017 trips outlined below.
We will be happy to send these to you by email or via the postal service.
Please note there are 17-21 pages per trip description.*

2017 TRIPS

- (1) **June 11 – 18 (8 days).** A treeline canoe trip primarily on small and narrow lakes but with some river paddling. A few rapids. No portages. Eskers and miles and miles of some of the best white sandy beaches to be found anywhere. Superb campsites. Muskoxen, moose, wolves (3 wolf dens), black bears, waterfowl (ducks, geese, swans, loons), bald eagles, boreal and tundra birds. Excellent fishing for large lake trout and northern pike (up to 30 lbs.) Guiding-outfitting fees \$2440; air charter fees \$2730. Total cost: \$5170 CAD (\$3917 USD)* per person from Fort Smith, N.W.T. return.
- (2) **June 24 – July 5 (12 days).** 170 miles (max.) on the Thelon River and a tributary in the Thelon Wildlife Sanctuary. Arguably, the most beautiful canoe trip in the Barren Lands. Most of this canoe trip takes place in the Thelon Oasis, the most remote location on the North American continent and far north of the regular treeline. 98% river paddling. Considerable number of easy rapids. No portages. Wide variety of plant communities, wildlife and spectacular scenery. Profuse wildflowers. Our best trip for wolves (10 wolf dens). Also muskoxen, moose and grizzlies. Large numbers of geese, ducks, swans, loons (4 species), arctic terns, jaegers, ptarmigan, etc. Also peregrines (many active eyries), gyrfalcons, roughlegs and eagles. Fair fishing for lake trout and grayling. Guiding-outfitting fees \$3660; air charter fees \$4721. Total cost: \$8381 CAD (\$6349 USD)* per person from Fort Smith, N.W.T. return.
- (3) **July 18 – 29 (12 days).** The best of the Thelon. This 120 mile long tundra canoe trip on the Thelon River is about as far away from human settlements and roads as you can get in North America. Our route features the most varied paddling, the most spectacular scenery, and the best wildlife areas on this iconic wild river. 80% river paddling. Some small lakes and rapids. No portages. We'll camp on some of the largest sandy eskers on the planet with their oases of spruce forest and sandy beaches. The Thelon is legendary as a wildlife paradise featuring muskoxen, wolves (4 dens), moose, grizzlies, geese, ducks, loons, peregrine falcons, gyrfalcons, bald eagles, arctic terns, jaegers, ptarmigan, etc. Fair fishing for lake trout and grayling. Guiding-outfitting fees \$3660; air charter fees \$3891. Total cost: \$7551 CAD (\$5720 USD)* per person from Fort Smith, N.W.T. return.
- (4) **August 5 – 16 (12 days).** A tundra river canoe trip on a Thelon River tributary. Scattered lakes and many canoeable rapids. Five or six short portages. Wide variety of tundra scenery including a number of spectacular treed sandy eskers. Hilly terrain. Superb campsites fronted by sand beaches. Muskoxen, wolves, moose, black and grizzly bears, loons, geese, eagles and many other tundra birds. This trip offers the best chances of seeing caribou (presently, nearly all caribou herds across northern Canada are at rock-bottom numbers). Excellent fishing for grayling. Lake trout in some places. Guiding-outfitting fees \$3660; air charter fees \$3330. Total cost: \$6990 CAD (\$5295 USD)* per person from Fort Smith, N.W.T. return.
- (5) **August 23 – September 3 (12 days).** A flat-water canoe trip primarily in Thaidene Nene – a large, new, soon-to-be national park. Our route follows a series of lakes joined by short stretches of river through predominantly tundra country close to the treeline. Virtually 100% flat-water paddling. One short portage. Hilly terrain, sandy eskers and spectacular hiking. Superb campsites fronted by sandy beaches every day. Our best trip for Northern Lights. Muskoxen, wolves, moose, grizzlies, black bears, loons, bald eagles and a variety of tundra and boreal birds. Good fishing for lake trout and grayling. Guiding-outfitting fees \$3660; air charter fees \$2732. Total cost: \$6392 CAD (\$4842 USD)* per person from Fort Smith, N.W.T. return.

2018 TRIPS

- (1) **June 11 – 18 (8 days)**. Same route as June 11 – 18, 2017.
- (2) **June 24 – July 5 (12 days)**. Same route as June 24 – July 5, 2017.
- (3) **July 18 – 29 (12 days)**. Same route as July 18 – 29, 2017.
- (4) **August 6 – 17 (12 days)**. Same route as August 5 – 16, 2017.
- (5) **August 23 – September 3 (12 days)**. Same route as August 23 – September 3, 2017.

***NOTE:** The total cost for each of our 2017 and 2018 canoe trips is subject to an additional 5% federal “Goods and Services Tax” (GST). US dollar costs are approximate and were calculated from November 15, 2016 bank rates of \$1.00 USD equals \$1.32 CAD. Costs of 2018 canoe trips are subject to increase as of November, 2017. However, anyone booking space on a trip for 2018 by October 31, 2017 will be guaranteed the 2017 guiding-outfitting rate.

FEES

Fees are based on our grouping our clients (who usually approach Canoe Arctic Inc. as singles or pairs) into parties of nine persons. With the addition of Alex Hall as guide, the typical Canoe Arctic party numbers ten people in five canoes. Our fee is determined by adding our guiding-outfitting rate (land cost) to the appropriate air charter rate (air charter cost) as summarized below.

Guiding-Outfitting Rate (Land Cost) – 2017

- \$305 CAD (\$231 USD) per person per day.
- The above US price is approximate and was calculated from November 15, 2016 bank rates of \$1.00 USD equals \$1.32 CAD.
- All trips operated by Canoe Arctic Inc. are guided by Alex Hall. All food and equipment is provided.

Air Charter Rates (Air Charter Cost) – 2017

All of the canoe trips outlined in our schedules for the years 2017 and 2018 are located in the vast, uninhabited interior of Canada’s mainland arctic east of Great Slave Lake. Because the nearest roads and communities lie hundreds of miles away, long distance flights by bush aircraft are required for both the access and exit points of each trip. We operate on the most remote rivers on Earth so the air charter costs of our trips are considerable.

All of our canoe trips depart from and return to Fort Smith, N.W.T. via chartered amphibian and float airplanes. Air charter rates and fuel costs for the types and combinations of aircraft we use (de Havilland Turbo Otter, Cessna 185 and Cessna 206) are summarized in the detailed descriptions that are available for each of our trips. All of our 2017 trips are located between 200 and 424 air miles northeast of Fort Smith. Total miles flown on the two round trip flights required for each canoe trip range from 869 air miles for our trips near treeline to 1,592 air miles for our trips furthest out on the tundra. This results in air charter fees ranging from \$2730 to \$4721 CAD (\$2068 – \$3577 USD) per person for our canoe trips in the year 2017.

Early Booking Discount

Anyone who reserves space on a trip by October 31 for the following summer will be guaranteed the guiding-outfitting rate we charged for the previous summer.

Referral Discount

Refer a client and receive a discount of 10% off the guiding-outfitting fees on your next trip with us.

Frequency Discount

On average, 30% of our clients in any given year have taken trips with us before. Repeat clients begin to earn a 10% discount on guiding-outfitting fees upon booking their third trip with us. No combination of discounts will exceed 10% off the guiding-outfitting fees.

Federal Tax

Canada’s Federal Government collects a 5% “Goods and Services Tax” (GST) on virtually all goods and services consumed in Canada. Our trips are subject to this tax.

Booking a Trip / Payments and Cancellations

To book your reservation, Canoe Arctic Inc. requires your completed application form, the signed liability waiver, and a deposit of \$600 CAD or USD per person. Ninety days prior to the departure date of the canoe trip, a second deposit is required to complete payment of the guiding-outfitting fees plus 50% of the estimated air charter cost. The remainder of the air charter cost is due on completion of the canoe trip. Personal cheques payable to Canoe Arctic Inc. are preferred for all payments. We cannot accept credit cards. Refund, less \$200 CAD per person, will be made if your cancellation is received by April 1, or after this date, provided cancellation is received 90 days or more prior to the departure date. Refund will be made after April 1 with less than 90 days cancellation notice if Canoe Arctic Inc. can find a substitute client. Cancellation insurance is available through your bank, travel agents, automobile associations or your insurance broker.

Payments in US Dollars

All prices are in Canadian dollars. US prices shown in brackets are approximate and were calculated from November 15, 2016 bank rates, but exchange rates fluctuate on a daily basis. Exchange rates on US cheques (checks) are determined by our bank at the time of deposit in our bank account.

AIRFARES & CONNECTIONS

Fort Smith, N.W.T. is served by direct flights from Edmonton, Alberta. Edmonton, in turn, enjoys direct daily jet services from Toronto, Newark, Chicago, Minneapolis, Denver, San Francisco, Calgary and Vancouver, and is easily accessed via one of these eight cities from any major city in North America. Northwestern Air Lease Ltd. operates direct daily flights (except on Wednesdays and Saturdays) between Edmonton and Fort Smith (special fares for Canoe Arctic clients range from \$988 to \$1219 CAD for the round trip). Northwestern Air also operates two flights per day (Monday – Friday) between Yellowknife, N.W.T. and Fort Smith. Round trip fare is \$825 CAD or \$764 CAD for those aged 60 and over.

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