Canada’s First People invite you to voyage across sea, land, myth and memory
The Vancouver 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games

For the first time in the history of the Olympic and Paralympic Games, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) has recognized Indigenous Peoples in the host country as a formal host group.

The Four Host First Nations (FHFN) which includes the Lil’wat, Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations, have developed an identity program in an effort to promote greater awareness of Canada’s Aboriginal community. The identity program, associated with the 2010 Winter Games, focuses on First Nations, Inuit and Métis retail and gifting products as well as a variety of services ranging from cultural travel experiences to traditional and contemporary music and entertainment.

www.fourhostfirstnations.com

Look for this mark, symbolizing Creativity, Authenticity, Quality and Experiences.
Canada’s significant 28 Aboriginal cultural tourism experiences

Feel your heart quicken as an Aboriginal drummer beats a rhythm that reaches across generations. Listen to tribal elders share ancient myths around the campfire. Paddle down a historic river where Aboriginal guides once led French fur traders.

Canada’s Aboriginal peoples host thousands of years of living history

More than 1.1 million Aboriginal people inhabit Canada. There are about 45 Aboriginal languages spoken. There are three Aboriginal groups in Canada, each sharing a distinct cultural heritage and history. Indian peoples are today referred to as Canada’s First Nations. The Inuit live mostly in Nunavut, Northwest Territories, Northern Québec and Northern Labrador. People of mixed First Nation and European ancestry are known as Métis.

With their warm welcome, you can return to a time when millions of prairie buffalo roamed hill and valley. Or stand in awe before ancient Aboriginal settlements older than the pyramids of Egypt. Or explore the untouched Arctic dreamscape on an eco-friendly cruise.

Authentic, hands-on adventures and experiences

Your Aboriginal hosts will not only share their ancestral stories but also their traditional way of life. Join hands at a Pow Wow celebration filled with traditional dancing, drumming and chanting or discover ancient techniques for building birch bark canoes.

Sip a fine Merlot at North America’s first Aboriginal owned winery or visit the world’s oldest, largest and best preserved buffalo jump which is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

By land or sea, these journeys are all spiritual quests. Join an Aboriginal-led geotour river safari down the famed Yukon River or watch the Northern Lights (Aurora Borealis) bathe the sky in an eerie green glow from the comfort of your heated tipi in the heart of Canada’s Far North.

Canada’s Aboriginal People invite visitors from around the world to experience a living cultural heritage that will change the way you see the world.

www.canada.travel
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The Haida invite you to experience life touched by land, sea and the spirit world

In a place of mythic beauty, ancient red cedars, remote beaches and weathered totems evoke at least 12,000 years of living Haida culture.

Begin your journey at Haida Heritage Centre, constructed to resemble a traditional seaside village of Kaay Llnagaay, where cedar longhouses are fronted by monumental totem poles. Here is Haida heritage you can taste, touch and sense.

View the world’s finest collections of Haida argillite carvings. Watch local carvers create mythic stories, Haida legends and crests in hand-carved canoes and totem poles. Share in traditional Haida song, dance and storytelling—learning from Raven and Eagle. Sample traditional Haida-style cuisine. View Bill Reid’s famous war canoe, the Loo Taa. And take home an original piece of Haida art, carving, or jewelry.

Also arrange a visit to nearby Gwaii Haanas, home to abandoned Haida villages and ancient, weathered totem poles including those of SGang Gwaay (Anthony Island), a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

www.haidaheritagecentre.com
First Nations traditions meet luxury living in a desert landscape

Maybe you’ll smell wild sage in the desert air, or taste the last cherry notes of a Merlot. You may tour lush vineyards or follow a desert trail to trace thousands of years of Okanagan First Nations culture.

No matter where you start, NK’MIP Resort awakens all your senses. Amid this luxurious, villa-style resort, you can hear the legends and voices of the Okanagan First Nations at the NK’MIP Desert Cultural Centre.

So whether you sip award-winning wines from North America’s first Aboriginal owned and operated winery, savour fresh salmon on a sun-drenched patio, or enjoy a spine-tingling spa treatment, the impact will be unforgettable.

www.nkmip.com
Warm smiles make lasting memories on the banks of the Cowichan River

In a land warmed by sun, friendly Aboriginal interpreters share the legends of the Cowichan People and Coast Salish tribes at the Quw’utsun Cultural Centre.

Bring your curiosity and a hearty appetite. In July and August, meet local carvers who transform cedar blocks into works of art before your eyes. Catch Great Deeds, an oral history of the Cowichan tribes presented as a multi-media storytelling sensation. Traditional dance and song will fill your heart when the Cowichan Tzinquaw Dancers perform.

Sample contemporary Native cuisine from Wild Pacific salmon to SQW’IL’MUHW (Blackberry) tarts at the Riverwalk Café. For more artistic inspiration and storytelling, visit the Coast Salish-inspired Gift Gallery.

www.quwutsun.ca
Experience close encounters with the spiritual and natural world

Ever watch a grizzly bear paw at a spawning salmon? Or stand breathless as a killer whale fin breaks ocean waters?

Aboriginal Journeys takes you through the world’s most beautiful coastal areas to experience dramatic wildlife viewing and intriguing local First Nations culture.

Hop aboard a high-speed vessel to explore the Orford River Valley, home to 40 resident grizzly bears and the historic home of the Homalco First Nation, a Coast Salish speaking tribe. Special viewing platforms enable safe and spectacular bear watching.

Cruise the swirling waters of the Discovery Passage (cutting through some of the world’s strongest ocean currents and spectacular scenery) to where orcas (killer whales) dolphins, porpoises, eagles, seals, and sea lions feast and frolic.

www.aboriginaljourneys.com

Experience
Aboriginal Journeys

Destination
Campbell River, BC

Season
Tours operate May through October

Aboriginal peoples
Laichwiltach peoples who are associated with the Kwakw’awakw Nation
A resort framed by the Kootenay Rockies & 10,000 years of Ktunaxa history

Nestled on the banks of the St. Mary’s River, the St. Eugene Mission was once a residential school for Aboriginal children. Today, the Mission’s stunning Mission Revival architecture buildings house a full service resort while preserving Ktunaxa Nation heritage.

The Ktunaxa people have occupied these lands for over 10,000 years.

The Ktunaxa Nation Interpretation Centre depicts their rich history, mythology and legacy as keepers of the land.

Visitors to the St. Eugene Golf Resort & Casino will also enjoy beautifully appointed guest rooms, 4 restaurants offering seasonal and gourmet fare, a full fitness facility, an 18-hole championship golf course and the Casino of the Rockies.

www.steugene.ca
Take an epic journey where rivers, mountains and people meet

Come share the living cultures of the Squamish and Lil’wat people at the new Squamish Lil’wat Cultural Centre.

Designed in the forms of a Squamish longhouse and Lil’wat Istken (earthen pit house), welcome to a Centre where modern and traditional life converge with sacred cultural treasures. As you explore the majestic space, contemporary exhibitions and priceless collections seem to take on a spirit of their own.

Suspended canoes and monumental weaving greet you in the Great Hall. Absorb the power of ancient teachings, experience a film in the multimedia theatre which introduces the two Nations’ cultures or watch a stage performance. Purchase original artwork, jewellery and clothing in a gift gallery devoted to British Columbia First Nations artists.

www.slcc.ca
Discover how the Blackfoot embrace their relationship with all beings

Return to a time when millions of prairie buffalo roamed hill and valley. When medicine wheels, tipi rings, buffalo jumps, and pictographs marked the proud heritage of the Blackfoot people.

Blackfoot Crossing Historical Park offers intimate glimpses of the Blackfoot People, featuring exhibits, and historic and ancient artifacts you won’t see anywhere else. Join local interpreters on a tour of the local historic sites, while they share a Blackfoot Origin Myth with you or famous battle tale.

Experience an overnight stay at the on-site Tipi Village where you can try traditional foods like bannock (fried bread) and berry soup. Live song and dance can be seen at the Vision Quest Theatre.

www.blackfootcrossing.ca
Experience a tranquil, spiritual and natural retreat at Nakoda Lodge

Once the Stoney people moved with the rhythm of the seasons. Today, the Stoney Nakoda Nation remain deeply connected to the land.

Nestled near secluded woodlands, Nakoda Lodge overlooks Chief Hector Lake and the Rocky Mountains, offering rustic charm and an unforgettable entry into Nakoda history and culture.

Cultural shows and Elder storytelling bring you closer to Nakoda natural, historical and ceremonial life. Learn about local edible plants, medicine herbs, and the medicine wheel on an interpretive hike. Discover talking circles, or visit the authentic sweat lodge where the Nakoda create deep spiritual connections with the Creator. You can view outstanding pieces of Aboriginal art on site.

www.nakodalodge.com
Learn the legacies of the Great Plains people at Alberta’s famous buffalo jump

Some 60 million buffalo roamed the Great Plains at the time of European arrival in North America.

Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is the world’s oldest, largest and best preserved buffalo jump. Discover the prehistoric life of the Blackfoot people and the buffalo hunt so critical to their survival. The famous site was in use from at least 5,600 years ago until the mid 1800s.

A multi-level interpretive centre depicts the history, mythology and lifestyle of the Blackfoot people. Here, Aboriginal interpreters share their proud Blackfoot heritage. Try tipi camping near the site or catch a drumming and dance performance on the plaza. Make your own hand drum, or learn beading at a weekend workshop.

www.head-smashed-in.com
Saskatchewan & Manitoba

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Manitoba
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Your journey though 6,000 years of Northern Plains culture begins with a single footstep

For more than 6,000 years, the Northern Plains peoples have gathered to worship and celebrate, hunt and take shelter on these southern Saskatchewan prairie lands.

At the award-winning Wanuskewin Heritage Park, you can join their circle of life—a symbol with no beginning and no end—by following looping trails to ancient camp sites, bison kill sites, tipi rings, a medicine wheel. You’ll see pottery fragments, projectile points, and animal bones. There are 19 pre-contact sites in total, some older than the Pyramids of Egypt.

Inside the Wanuskewin interpretive centre, exhibits depict the heritage of the tribes that have gathered in the area: Cree, Dakota, Nakota, Lakota, Saulteaux, Dene First Nations, and the Blackfoot Confederacy. Outdoor festivals, traditional performances, hands-on workshops and a tipi sleepover experience are warm weather highlights.

www.wanuskewin.com
A story of Métis struggle, settlement and independent spirit

During the mid-18th century, French Canadian voyageurs carried the fur trade into western Canada, meeting and marrying Cree and Saulteaux women. The children born of these relationships became known as Métis.

A walk through the Batoche National Historic Site takes you through hundreds of years of Métis and First Nations settlement and the site of a historic battleground.

During the Northwest Rebellion/Métis Resistance in 1885, Batoche was the site of a decisive battle between the Métis and Canadian government forces. Charismatic leader Louis Riel selected Batoche as the headquarters of his “Provisional Government of Saskatchewan”. Métis resistors lost their struggle against government forces, in part due to the employment of the Gatling gun. Tour restored Métis homes, inspect rifle pits and bullet holes in the rectory.

Hearts beat faster during this Festival for All Nations

Ten days of music, art, dance and cultural celebration bring communities to their feet during the Manito Ahbee Festival.

Hear a Métis fiddler play while a dancer responds with a bouncing jig. Visit a marketplace filled with authentic Aboriginal art, crafts, clothing, and jewelry. Catch an Aboriginal arts exhibition. And don’t miss the annual International Competition Pow Wow, a festival highlight.

Manito Ahbee means “where the Creator sits.” The name refers to a sacred site called Bannock Point in Manitoba’s Whiteshell Provincial Park. Here, you can see petroforms—stones laid out in the shapes of turtles, snakes, a Thunderbird and other formations—created centuries ago for healing and teaching ceremonies.

www.manitoahbee.com
1. Aboriginal Experiences
2. Great Spirit Circle Trail
3. Canadian Cultural Tours/MS Kenora
4. Temagami Anishnabai Tipi Camp
5. Cree Village Ecolodge

*Map locations are approximate only*
Visit Canada’s only truly “urban” based Aboriginal cultural attraction

Known by the Algonquin people as Kichi Sibi, the Ottawa River was named for the First Nations traders who made it their highway to the east.

On the shores of this historic waterway you can touch, feel and taste the living culture of Canada’s First Peoples on Victoria Island. Located in the heart of Ottawa, the island offers an interactive experience of Aboriginal village life. See a tipi, wigwam, longhouse and explore the lifestyles and tools of different nations across Canada.

Clap your hands during the vibrant Pow Wow dance. Hear traditional Aboriginal legends. Sample tasty Aboriginal foods. And even make your own native hand drum or dreamcatcher.

www.aboriginalexperiences.com
Eight First Nations communities share some of their traditions with you

You haven’t experienced Manitoulin Island and the Sagamok region of Northeastern Ontario until you’ve seen it through the eyes of its original inhabitants—the Ojibwe, Odawa and Pottawatomi.

Manitoulin Island is the largest freshwater island in the world with 108 inland lakes, tranquil forests, and breathtaking cliffs. Venture inside the history and culture of this region through experiences ranging from a Pow Wow ceremony and tepee camping to Aboriginal-led interpretive hikes and nature walks.

You can visit heritage museums, retrace historical canoe routes and sample traditional Aboriginal foods from bannock to smoked fish. And don’t miss your chance to see the world’s largest peace pipe, dreamcatcher and drum.

www.circletrail.com
Take a magnificent voyage through Ojibway life and landscape

Imagine paddling a historic canoe route as the early morning mist rises from the lake. With each stroke, you enter further into the Ojibway world and Lake of the Woods, a world famous waterway with over 165,000 miles (265,542 km) of shoreline.

Your cultural tour begins aboard the M.S. Kenora Cruise Ship. Join Aboriginal guides who share local history and legend as you explore a maze of channels and islands, spotting bald eagles and wolves along the way.

Customize your trip to include a colourful Pow Wow ceremony, tour an ancient Aboriginal burial ground and catch pulsing drumming beats. You can also fish for northern pike, trout and walleye.

www.mskenora.com
Follow a healing path through 6,000 years of Anishnabai culture

Trees touch sky in Temagami, an area celebrated for its pristine wilderness and stunning canoe routes. Here you’ll find the world’s last old growth pine forests and feel the healing spirit of over 6,000 years of Temagami Anishnabai cultural heritage.

Your home base is the Temagami Anishnabai Tipi Camp on Bear Island. Surrounding you are deep woods, the comforting call of loons, and tribal elders who’ll share ancient teachings around the campfire.

Immersed in Anishnabai culture, you’ll feel a renewed sense of peace and harmony. Enjoy an evening lakeshore paddle, a home-cooked Anishnabai meal and retire to your candle-lit tipi to be lulled asleep by lapping shore waters.

www.temagamitipi.com
Live lightly on the land steeped in Cree traditions and cultural heritage

Welcome to the first Indigenous owned ecolodge in North America. Located at the southern end of James Bay, you’ll see how extraordinary life can be on the edge of the world.

Operated by the MoCreebec people, this modern marvel of ecological sustainability is surrounded by the Canadian sub-Arctic and steeped in Cree culture and history. Have lunch in the landmark “Shaapuhtuwaan,” a restaurant modelled after a traditional Cree dwelling.

Just across the river is Tidewater Provincial Park, featuring tides, fossils and a forested hiking trail. Head downriver to perhaps catch a glimpse at the seals and beluga whales of James Bay. Area river systems also teem with fish and wildlife including moose and caribou.

www.creevillage.com
Québec

1. Destination Wendat from Wendake (Québec City)
2. Destination Innu from Essipit (Côte Nord)
3. Destination Algonquin from Pikogan (Abitibi-Témiscamingue)
4. Cruise North Expeditions
5. Nunavik Arctic Survival Training Centre

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Kwe! Kwe! Welcome!
On a cultural voyage through centuries of Huron-Wendat life

During the first half of the 17th century, the Huron-Wendat were fur trading partners with the French. But European contact also brought conflict and disease. Forced to quit their ancestral lands, the Huron Wendat would eventually settle and thrive on the shores of the Akiawenrahk (Saint-Charles River) in 1697.

Discover the historical and modern life of the Huron-Wendat through dance, stories and legends, native games, and outdoor pursuits. The architecturally striking Hotel-Museum First Nations explores Huron spiritual, mythological, historical and natural heritage in a vibrant, interactive museum and contemporary four-star hotel.

Experience the Sagamité Restaurant, renown for its authentic aboriginal cuisine. At the Tsonontwan Centre, you can learn all about sacred fires, Huron origins and beliefs, native crafts and a variety of outdoor adventure pursuits. The Onhoua Chetek8e site offers guided tour walks about modern and historical traditions in housing, food conservation and transportation of the Huron and of other Indian Nations in Québec. Experience a healing and relaxation clinic using Native rituals, medicinal plants and a traditional steam lodge. Also visit Old Wendake to tour ancestral homes, handicraft shops, historic sites, and more.

www.tourismewendake.com
www.staq.net
Traditional arts, adventure extraordinaire

On the majestic north shore of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, you’ll find a vast landscape of steep cliffs, forests, beaches, fishing lakes and the ever-alluring sea. This is the home of the Innu from Essipit; a community renown for its vitality and hospitality.

Here you can join Montagnais-Innu guides whose ancestors have navigated these waters for centuries, on an exhilarating whale watching excursion. See a 70-tonne Finback—the world’s second largest whale—arch and dive, then blow a 20-foot spray in the air.

The Innu Essipit offer abundant outdoor adventure with an awakening to traditional Innu arts, history and culture. Attend a Pow Wow celebration, go trout fishing, shop for Innu handicrafts then relax in your waterfront luxury condo, comfortable cottage or one of six hunting and fishing lodges.

The Innu Essipit welcomes groups who wish to spend time in the community and those who seek whale watching excursions.

www.essipit.com
www.staq.net
Experience
Destination Algonquin from Pikogan (Abitibi-Témiscamingue)

Destination
Pikogan, QC

Season
June to September

Aboriginal peoples
Algonquin Pikogan (Abitibi-Témiscamingue); Abitibiwinni First Nation

Paddle the Algonquin highway to experience history flow through you

The Algonquin-Anishinabe of Pikogan are also called the Abitibiwinni (People from Abitibi Lake). The Harricana River is not just a transportation route but a historic and cultural current flowing between communities.

In the past, the semi-nomadic Anishinabe travelled the river by birch bark canoe, stopping to hunt, trap, and fish. Today, you can join a canoe voyage that relives this centuries-old way of life and experience a rare cultural encounter.

Paddling down the Harricana, your Algonquin guide will share legends and stories of Algonquin-Anishinabe heritage past and present. You’ll learn to identify healing plants, explore the Pikogan community’s relationship to the river and taste traditional Aboriginal food. By night you’ll sleep under prospector tents or tee-pees alongside the river.

At the Val-d’Or Native Friendship Centre, view the Ashumia-Akawi Minocin Exhibition, a historical testimony to Aboriginal presence in the community.

www.abitibiwinni.com/berce_en.html
www.staq.net
Lost in the arctic dreamscape, you’ll feel the Inuit spirit come to life

To truly experience the Arctic is to understand the Inuit belief that everything in nature embodies the spirit of life. You’ll feel that spirit live perhaps in the silent, slow-swimming glide of white beluga whales that pass your ship. When towering mountains, fiords, glaciers and drifting icebergs suddenly appear before your eyes. When you tour remote islands in search of dozing walrus and polar bears. When you stand breathless beneath the midnight skies bathed in the eerie green glow of the Aurora Borealis dancing overhead.

Your Arctic expedition may take you to Inuit communities along coastal settlements in Labrador, Nunavik (Northern Québec), Nunavut, or the Northwest Territories where you’ll learn about these fascinating people first hand.

www.cruisenorthexpeditions.com
Join an adventure designed by the Arctic’s true survivors

Nunavik is a vast span of wild tundra, mountains, roaring rivers, and ice-blue lakes. Here, in the world’s toughest proving ground, a rare adventure awaits you.

Expert Inuit instructors at the Nunavik Arctic Survival Training Centre (NASTC) provide world-class outdoor survival training classes as well as guided adventure and eco-travel tours combining authentic Arctic adventure with the sharing of traditional Arctic living skills.

Join thrilling expeditions by dogsled, snowmobile, kayak, or canoe. Enjoy scenic tours and experience dramatic sightseeing excursions. You’ll get closer to the Inuit people and their cultural heritage.

www.nastc.ca
New Brunswick
1 Metepenagiag Heritage Park

Nova Scotia
2 Kejimkujik National Park and National Historic Site of Canada

Newfoundland & Labrador
3 Miawpukek Annual Pow wow

*Map locations are approximate only*
Tour the Village of Thirty Centuries and be forever changed

New Brunswick’s oldest village is found where Little Southwest and the Northwest Miramichi River meet. In ancient times, Aboriginal ancestors established a village called ‘Metepenagiag’ and here, for more than 3000 years, generations flourished.

Known as the Village of Thirty Centuries, today the community celebrates and preserves Mi’kmaq culture at the Metepenagiag Heritage Park. Here you’ll find two National Historic Sites—an ancient Aboriginal burial ground known as the Augustine Mound National Historic Site and the Oxbow National Historic Site, serving as a Mi’kmaq fishing village for over 2500 years.

Listen to the stories of Mi’kmaq Elders, see historic Mi’kmaq ceramic pottery, follow interpretive trails, tour exhibits, view the multimedia presentation, go camping or visit the Mi’kmaq boutique.

www.metepenagiag.com
Escape to a land of portages, paddling and ancient petroglyphs

Lush forest and island-studded lakes greet visitors to this imposing inland wilderness. For over 4500 years, Aboriginal people have canoed these rivers and lakes, hunting, fishing and camping along the shores.

Today, you can paddle these historic waterways to experience some of the best canoeing in Eastern Canada. Kejimkujik lies in the centre of traditional canoe routes between the Bay of Fundy and the Atlantic Coast.

Maritime Archaic Indians inhabited the area 4,500 years ago. Mi’kmaq are descendants of these first peoples and remain proud caretakers of their ancestral home. Join a Mi’kmaq guide on an interpretive walk to a petroglyph site that depicts Mi’kmaq hunting, spiritual legends, people and ancient beliefs.

Mi’kmaq spiritual leaders welcome you to a sacred celebration

Located on Newfoundland’s southern coast, the Miawpukek First Nation in Conne River is the only recognized Reserve on the island of Newfoundland.

Miawpukek mi’kwamawey mawi’omi is the traditional Mi’kmaw name given to the Conne River once a great salmon fishing river. Centuries ago the area was a seasonal camping site for nomadic Mi’kmaq peoples. Today, Miawpukek is a proud community hosting the world during the annual Pow wow celebrations.

Spiritual leaders and elders welcome you to three invigorating days of drumming, chanting, traditional dancing, sacred ceremonies, feasts, traditional foods and fine displays of handmade Mi’kmaq arts and crafts. While exploring the region’s vast wilderness, guests may choose to stay one of two fully equipped wilderness lodges.

www.mfngov.ca/powwow.html
Northern Canada

Yukon
1 Great River Journey Inc.

Northwest Territories
2 Aurora Village

Nunavut
3 Bathurst Inlet Lodge

*Map locations are approximate only
Journey along a heritage river that shaped the course of Yukon history

For thousands of years, the Yukon River has shaped First Nations culture and history. Over your seven-night, eight-day adventure, these legendary waters will shape you, too. The Great River Journey is a unique geotour—a river safari—that takes visitors deep into Yukon wilderness and provides contact with First Nations culture and heritage.

Setting off from Whitehorse, you’ll travel on a piloted riverboat with a trained local guide through 600 kilometres (373 miles) of stunning landscape, passing though traditional First Nations lands. Tour a historic trading post, visit a fishing camp, listen to First Nations stories, and even kayak or canoe in the remote backcountry. Unwind by night in remote wilderness lodges, each of which offers rustic tented sleeping cabins with first-class comforts.

www.greatriverjourney.com

Experience
Great River Journey Inc.

Destination
Whitehorse, YK

Season
Departures run June through September

Aboriginal peoples
Ta’an Kwäch’än Council, Kwanlin Dün First Nation, Tr’ondëk Hwëch’in and Selkirk First Nation
View the world’s greatest light show from the best seat on earth

To the Inuit of Hudson Bay, they were heavenly torches guiding spirits through the domed sky to the heavens. What will you see when the magnificent midnight skies shimmer?

Located 20 minutes east of Yellowknife, Aurora Village is nestled under the Aurora Oval, one of the best places on earth to view the Northern Lights (Aurora Borealis).

During the tour, from your heated tepee, you’ll see curtains of colour glow and flicker, vanish then reappear. Your panoramic view offers no distractions from city lights—just the eerie dance of brilliant yellow-green, violet and blue to dazzle you.

Village guests can also enjoy ice fishing, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, dog sledding and caribou viewing.

www.auroravillage.com
Let your spirit wander across the great wild tundra

Beyond the reach of all roads, world famous Bathurst Inlet Lodge is found 48 kms north of the Arctic Circle in the untouched Arctic tundra.

The area is home to the Kingaunmiut, the “people of Kingaun” or ‘Nose Mountain.’ Although some modern ways have crept into their lives, Bathurst Inlet Inuit still live in the old ways, hunting caribou, fishing and trapping. Meet these gentle people and explore their traditional lifestyle.

Your lodge stay is in a former Hudson’s Bay Trading Post and Oblate mission transformed into a haven for naturalists. Discover a tapestry of wildflowers from lupin to mountain avens. Spot foxes, seals, caribou, arctic char, Arctic wolf, grizzly bears, wolverines and muskox. Visit waterfalls and glacier-carved cliffs during the brief but beautiful Arctic summer.

www.bathurstinletlodge.com