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SAMPLE ITINERARY 22 DAYS, ABOUT 3.735 KM

EDMONTON WHITEHORSE WILDLIFE, WATERFALLS & WILDERNESS

It still exists: untamed wilderness! On this route "the journey is the destination" - it is completely remote from the stress and hustle and bustle of civilization and leads you through Canada's wild northwest, past magnificent natural sites and secrets from days gone by. On well-maintained highways and uncrowded gravel roads, follow the routes of the traders and pioneers who explored the north of Canada centuries ago.

DAY 1 – ARRIVAL IN EDMONTON

Transfer to your hotel. Welcome to the capital of Alberta! Enjoy your first day in Canada in comfort. Anyone who still has energy in spite of the jetlag can learn about the history of Alberta's nature and Aboriginals at the Royal Alberta Museum, or shop 'til you drop at the giant West Edmonton Mall.

DAY 2 – ELK ISLAND NATIONAL PARK (about 50 KM)

Pick up your RV in Edmonton and stock your supplies. Now the adventure begins: in less than an hour you will reach Elk Island National Park and experience your first Canadian wildlife: bison, deer and elk live here. The park offers an extensive network of hiking trails and is a paradise for birdwatchers with more than 250 bird species. Overnight: Elk Island National Park.

DAY 3 – LESSER SLAVE LAKE PROVINCIAL PARK (about 315 KM)

The endless, white sandy beaches make this park one of the best summer-sun destinations in Alberta. Stroll through the cozy seaside resorts along the lake or enjoy water activities of all kinds: whether swimming, fishing, water skiing, sailing, windsurfing or paddling - there is something for every taste. Overnight: Marten River Campground

DAY 4 – GRIMSHAW (about 290 KM)

South of Peace River, you can enjoy the views of the Peace River Valley and the confluence of Peace, Smoky and Hert River along the Sagitawa Lookout. In the Peace River Museum, Archives and Mackenzie Center, there is ample information about the local history of the fur trade and the explorer Alexander Mackenzie. Übernachtung: Queen Elizabeth Provincial Park Campground

DAY 5 – NOTIKEWIN PROVINCIAL PARK (about 140 KM)

In the morning, enjoy a little sand beach, bird watching or smaller hiking trails in the Queen Elizabeth Provincial Park. Do not miss an opportunity to shoot a photo of the Mighty Moose statue on Manning's main street. The giant moose is the landmark of the city. Explore the Battle River Pioneer Museum, located approximately 1km east of Manning on Highway 691. Overnight: Notikewin Provincial Park Campground

DAY 6 – HIGH LEVEL (about 190 KM)

On your way you will reach Keg River, a trading post from the Hudson's Bay Company from 1896. The Tompkins Landing ferry

will take you to the Mennonite community of La Crête. Keep on the road to the Buffalo Head Hills, which rise up to about 600m above the surrounding farmland. Keep driving and stop at Fort Vermilion, a village that is over 200 years old. Many of the original buildings are still preserved. Your day's destination is High Level, where the Mackenzie Crossroads Museum and Visitor Center is a must see.

Overnight: Aspen Ridge Campground in High Level

DAY 7 – HAY RIVER (about 310 KM)

Be sure to get your "North of 60" certificate at the border between Alberta and the NWT at the 60th Parallel Visitor Information Center. At the Twin Falls Gorge Territorial Park take a short hike between Alexandra and Louise Falls – great views from above both of the falls. Louise Falls have carved their way through 400 million year old rock. The Dene Indians of this area call Alexandra Falls "Hatto deh Naili", the "Holy Place of Power".

Be sure to stop and stroll along the beach at the Hay River Territorial Campground on Vale Island, explore the Kiwanis Nature Trail or rent a canoe to paddle along the Hay River.

Overnight: Louise Falls or Hay River Territorial Park Campground

DAY 8 – FORT SMITH (about 270 KM)

Today, take a detour to Wood Buffalo National Park and see nature on an awesome scale. Wood bison, the largest land mammals in North America, can often be seen along the park roads. Wood Buffalo is the nesting place for the endangered whooping crane. Shy and elusive, the cranes are sometimes seen by visitors as they leave or return to their nests. The welcoming community of Fort Smith is your gateway for excursions to and in the park.

Overnight: Queen Elizabeth Territorial Park Campground (2 nights)

DAY 9: FORT SMITH / WOOD BUFFALO NATIONAL PARK

In the park a variety of experiences await you - from short walks along secluded forest paths to wild canoe trips through the wilderness along broad, meandering rivers.

Visit the Salt Plains, which stretch over 200 square kilometers.

These salt flats are extremely rare and very accessible. Across this area salt bubbles from underground springs, creating hills of up to two meters in some places. In the spring the salt spreads across the surface and is visible as a white crust and patterns on the ground.

DAY 10: – KAKISA (about 390 KM)

In the morning, head to the Slave River and the Rapids of the Drowned to watch the pelican colony swim and fish. On the way to Kakisa you can take a detour to the McNallie Creek Falls - a picnic area with a beautiful view. Hiking trails lead you to the spectacular waterfalls and a deep ravine. The campground in the Dene village of Kakisa is very close to the picturesque Lady Evelyn Falls. Here it is worthwhile spending some time at the foot of the waterfalls - the fishing possibilities for grayling and pike are best.

Overnight: Lady Evelyn Falls Territorial Park Campground

DAY 11 – SAMBA DEH FALLS TERRITORIAL PARK (about 180 KM)

On the Mackenzie Highway, head west to Sambaa Deh Falls Territorial Park. The dramatic falls are visible from the road. Take a short hike and from a high plateau you can enjoy the wonderful view of the Trout River at Coral Falls. If you are lucky, you might find interesting fossils here.

Overnight: Sambaa Deh Falls Territorial Park Campground

DAY 12 – FORT SIMPSON (about 150 KM)

Drive further north towards Fort Simpson. With 1,200 inhabitants, the town is at the intersection of the Liard and Mackenzie Rivers, and is the starting point for tours into the Nahanni National Park

Reserve. Stop at the visitor center to inquire about tours into the park. Since all flights are highly weather dependent, you should plan a minimum 2 nights in Fort Simpson.

Overnight: Fort Simpson Territorial Park Campground (3 nights)

DAY 13 + 14– FORT SIMPSON

Take a floatplane to the legendary Virginia Falls. Charter companies in Fort Simpson offer a number of different tours. Or paddle on the South Nahanni or the Flat River into the park. You can take a jet boat trip on the Mackenzie and the North Nahanni River. There are numerous mountains and canyons with great hikes (rewarded by fantastic views) are available.

DAY 15 – FORT LIARD (about 285 KM)

The Liard Highway has impressive panoramic views of the Nahanni Mountains and the Liard River, especially in Blackstone Territorial Park. The hamlet of Fort Liard, with a population of just over 500 people, is located in one of the oldest permanently inhabited areas of the north. Lovely birch bark baskets are made here, decorated with traditional patterns of the Dene Indians – they are famous all over the North.

Overnight: Hay Lake Campground

DAY 16 – FORT NELSON (about 210 KM)

On your way to Fort Nelson it will be almost impossible for you to not see any animals. In this almost uninhabited region of British Columbia you can find mountain goats, bison, moose, caribou and deer as well as wolves, coyotes, foxes, grizzlies, black bears and lynxes. Be sure to take pictures along the way.

Fort Nelson, a former fur traders' center, is now mainly focused on the wood and gas industry.

Overnight: Andy Bailey Regional Park Campground

DAY 17 - MUNCHO LAKE PROVINCIAL PARK, BC (about 240 KM)

In the heart of Canada's northern Rocky Mountains, a rich world of wildlife awaits you. Discover the "Serengeti of the North", the Muskwa-Kechika nature reserve. Hike on mountain trails in the Muncho Lake Provincial Park.

Overnight: Muncho Lake Provincial Park / Macdonalds Campground or Strawberry Flats Campground (alternative: Campground at the Northern Rockies Lodge) - 2 nights accommodation

DAY 18 - MUNCHO LAKE PROVINCIAL PARK, BC

Enjoy a canoe trip on the turquoise-coloured Muncho Lake or relax in the nearby hot springs on the Liard River surrounded by lush vegetation. Another day of pure nature.

DAY 19 – WATSON LAKE, YUKON (about 270 KM)

Continue on the Alaska Highway to Watson Lake. The village is known for its signpost forest, which today comprises around 50,000 road, town and other signs from all over the world.

Overnight: Watson Lake Campgrounds

DAY 20 – TESLIN, YUKON (about 275 KM)

You will drive the Alaska Highway to Teslin. In the summer, the idyllic Teslin Lake is ideal for boat trips and fishing trips. With the "Nisutlin Bay Bridge" you cross the longest bridge on the Alaska Highway.

Overnight: Teslin Lake Campground

DAY 21: WHITEHORSE (about 170 KM)

Stroll through the capital of Yukon along the Yukon River. Visit the original SS Klondike paddlewheel steamer and take a trip back in time to the first gold rush.

Another great way to explore Whitehorse is by taking the Whitehorse trolley, a small train that runs along the waterfront and the Yukon River, giving you a fantastic view of Whitehorse.

Overnight Hi Country RV Park or Caribou RV Park

DAY 22: RETURN HOME

Return your truckcamper and return flight home.

Safe trip – we look forward to seeing you again!