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Canada's Yukon

Please find enclosed some tips and information for your Yukon journey.

Packing list and additional information

Provided by Yukon Wide Adventures – on guided tours:

Equipment:

- ✓ Canoe including paddles life jackets, bailer & sponge *
- ✓ Watertight bags for clothing in different sizes *
- ✓ Camping equipment (tent, Therm-A-Rest mats)
- ✓ Outdoor kitchen equipment (waterproof boxes and barrels for food, dishes, cutlery, pots and pan, personal water bottles etc.)
- ✓ Outdoor equipment (ax, saw, shovel, camping grill, etc.)
- ✓ Emergency equipment including Two Way Satellite Communicator or Satellite Phone

* only on canoe tours

Recommendation for your personal luggage:

Documents:

- ✓ Passport (min. 6 month valid)
- ✓ Health Insurance papers
- ✓ international accepted driving license (only RV/Camper or Vehicle rentals)
- ✓ Cash money (approx. \$ 100 CAD as backup, Credit Cards are mostly accepted everywhere)

Equipment you have to bring along:

- ✓ Sleeping bag (minus 5 degrees in comfort zone)
- ✓ Day backpack
- ✓ Trekking backpack only for multiday hiking tours (e.g. Chilkoot Trail, Cottonwood Trail Tour)
- ✓ knife, lighter/matches
- ✓ head lamp/lamp (from mid of August)
- ✓ personell cleaning items

Clothing:

- ✓ Long pants and shorts, outdoor pants (zipper pants)
- ✓ T-Shirts, 1 warm sweater (fleece)
- ✓ Rain gear (jacket and pants, no poncho)
- ✓ Running shoes, sandals with velcro (shoes you can wear wet)
- ✓ Hiking shoes
- ✓ Bathing suit
- ✓ underwear, wool socks for hiking tours
- ✓ hat or cap, 1 pair of light gloves
- ✓ Outdoor jacket
- ✓ From end of August on 1 warmer jacket/pants, woollen hat and mittens

Personal Hygiene:

- ✓ 2 towels
- ✓ Sun screen (high sun protection factor)
- ✓ Bio soap and shampoo
- ✓ Personal hygiene articles (small packages)
- ✓ Lip balm

Miscellaneous:

- ✓ Camera and video equipment
- ✓ Binoculars
- ✓ Sun glasses and lace (people who wear glasses should bring spare glasses along)
- ✓ Writing materials
- ✓ Personal medications

What you should get/buy in the Yukon:

- ✓ Mosquito repellent (Muskol or Off)
- ✓ Spare batteries

Your personal gear is up to you. The above list should only be a recommendation and has to be completed according to your needs. Should you miss something important in our list please let us know.

Insurances

We strongly advise you to have travel/cancellation, theft and luggage insurance. Also we recommend a health insurance valid in Canada, rescue and transportation insurance.

Vaccinations

Vaccination against tetanus is advantageous. Rabies and ticks vaccination are not necessary. To prevent infection with gardia, water should be boiled before usage.

Weather/Climate

The continental climate is easily tolerated because of its low humidity. In the summer time the temperature can be occasionally climb up to 30°C. Rain over long period of time is rare. T-shirt and shorts as well as sunglasses and caps are mandatory. Rivers and lakes invite you to a refreshing bath.

But keep in mind that the weather conditions may change very fast, especially during hikes above the tree line or canoe passages on lakes, be prepared for sudden weather changes. Before you set out, make sure that you check the long term weather forecast for your area.

In the winter time you may have a nice and sunny day with minus 10 °C, followed by an ice cold night with minus 35 °C. Pay attention to weather changes, including wind directions and cloud formation. In case of doubt make your decision in favor of safety.

average	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Temperature in (°C)	-18,7	-13,1	-7,2	0,3	6,6	11,6	14	12,3	7,3	0,7	-10	-15,9
Hours of daylight	6	8	10,5	13,5	16	18	19	17	14	11,5	8,5	5,5

Currency

The national currency is Canadian Dollar
 1 US Dollar (USD) = 1,341 Canadian Dollar (CAD)
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(as of February 28th, 2020)

General Information about the Yukon

Area: 483,450 km²

Population: approx. 40,369

Density: 0,07 resident per 1 km²

Capital: Whitehorse

Languages: english/french

Time-Zone: Pacific – GMT - 9 hours

We wish you a lot of fun on your tour preparations and all the best for your adventure in Canada's "True North" the Yukon Territory.

Best regards and unforgettable days from,

Thomas & Kelly de Jager

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