# Peoria Charter Travel presents...

## **Aurora Adventure**

November 8 – 17, 2026







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**Small Group Travel** rewards travelers with new perspectives. With just 12-24 passengers, these are the personal adventures that today's cultural explorers dream of.

10 Days • 14 Meals: 9 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 4 Dinners

**HIGHLIGHTS...** Yamnuska Wolfdog Sanctuary, Lake Louise, Banff National Park, Banff Gondola & *Nightrise* Experience, Northern Lights Searches in Whitehorse, Yukon Wildlife Preserve, Eclipse Nordic Hot Springs, Dog Mushing Excursion, Vancouver

#### **ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

Day 1 Calgary Marriott Downtown, Calgary, Alberta
Day 2 The Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, Lake Louise
Days 3, 4 The Fairmont Banff Springs, Banff, Alberta
Day 5 Calgary Marriott Downtown, Calgary, Alberta
Days 6 – 8 Hyatt Place Whitehorse, Whitehorse, Yukon
Day 9 Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre, Vancouver,
British Columbia

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Day 1: Sunday, November 8, 2026 Calgary, Alberta A winter adventure spanning the soaring majesty of the Canadian Rockies and the brilliance of the Yukon sets the stage for unforgettable encounters with local cultures and the beauty of nature. As you arrive in Calgary, in the province of Alberta, take time to settle in and explore at your own pace. There are no scheduled activities today, giving you time to unwind and get ready for the breathtaking days ahead.

Day 2: Monday, November 9, 2026 Calgary - Cochrane - Canmore - Lake Louise Your journey into the heart of the Canadian Rockies begins with an Impact Moment at the Yamnuska Wolfdog Sanctuary. Here, rescued wolfdogs find safety, care, and fulfilling lives. Learn about the sanctuary's mission to promote understanding of wolfdogs and wild wolf conservation during an up-close experience and viewing of these animals guided by passionate experts. After continuing the day's trek, enjoy free time during a stop in the quaint town of Canmore. This afternoon, arrive at the famous Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, a stunning retreat nestled beside the frozen lake and surrounded by towering mountains — the scenery is nothing short of magical, and perhaps the elusive auroras will even make an appearance after dark. Tonight, enjoy the company of your fellow travelers as you dine at one of the Chateau's acclaimed restaurants. (B, D)

Day 3: Tuesday, November 10, 2026 Lake Louise - Banff Wake up to a postcard-perfect morning in Lake Louise, where the stillness of winter wraps the landscape in quiet beauty. With free time this morning, why not take a walk along the scenic lakeshore? Mid-morning, set off for the charming alpine town of Banff. Enjoy some time in the cozy downtown before learning about a uniquely Albertan treasure. Meet a local ammolite specialist to discover the story behind this rare gemstone found only in Alberta. Later, check into the legendary Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, affectionately known as "Canada's Castle in the Rockies." With its grand architecture and storied past, it's more than a hotel - it's a destination in itself. (B)

Day 4: Wednesday, November 11, 2026 Banff This morning, it's your choice! Lace up your boots for a guided hike through Johnston Canyon, where steel catwalks hug the canyon walls and lead you to frozen waterfalls and dramatic views -OR- enjoy a hands-on bead-working experience led by a member of the Metis community, an Indigenous people with a unique history, culture and language all their own. Enjoy free time on your own surrounded by the snow globe atmosphere of charming Banff. Later today, soar above it all on the Banff Gondola, ascending Sulphur Mountain for panoramic views of snow-covered peaks and valleys. At the summit, enjoy a memorable dinner surrounded by alpine beauty, followed by Nightrise, an interactive art experience created in collaboration with the Stoney Nakoda Nation. (B, D)

Day 5: Thursday, November 12, 2026 Banff - Calgary Back in Calgary after a late morning departure from Banff, dive into the city's vibrant food scene with a guided tasting tour of Calgary Farmers' Market West. With your local foodie guide leading the way, sample regional flavors and discover stories behind the ingredients. It's a delicious way to connect with Alberta's culture — one bite at a time. Enjoy a free evening as you wish. (B, L)

Day 6: Friday, November 13, 2026 Calgary - Whitehorse, the Yukon Today, take a flight to Whitehorse, the capital of the Yukon — a land of vast wilderness, rich Indigenous heritage, and gold rush legends. Though it's Canada's smallest territory by population, the Yukon's spirit is anything but small. Larger than many countries, it's a place where nature reigns and stories run deep. Whitehorse sits directly beneath the aurora oval, making it one of the best places on Earth to witness the northern lights — and tonight, you'll have your first chance to see them dance across the sky. Bundle up, step outside, and look up. The magic of the Yukon night sky awaits. (B)







#### Per Person Rates\*:

Double \$7,099; Single \$7,999

Included in Price: Round Trip Air from OHare Intl Airport, Inter-flights, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel

Transfers

Not included in price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$429 per person

\* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received and booking confirmed by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received and booking confirmed, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. (See registration form for consent.)

Day 7: Saturday, November 14, 2026 Whitehorse Today, discover the heart and soul of Whitehorse, a small city with a big personality. Join a local guide for a tour that brings the town's frontier spirit to life. See the SS Klondike, a grand paddle-wheeler that once ruled the Yukon River, and see the Old Log Church, the city's oldest building. Along the way, hear stories of "sourdoughs" — those hardy souls who've braved a Yukon winter and wear it like a badge of honor. This afternoon, get closer to the wild at the Yukon Wildlife Preserve, where you'll have the chance to spot native species like musk-ox, elk, and Dall sheep in their natural habitat. Then, unwind in the steamy, mineral-rich waters of the Eclipse Nordic Hot Springs, surrounded by snow-covered forest. It's a moment of pure Yukon serenity. As night falls, head out once again in search of the aurora borealis. With luck, the sky will come alive in waves of green - an unforgettable spectacle in this land of endless wonder. (B)

**Day 8: Sunday, November 15, 2026 Whitehorse** After a late night seeking the aurora, enjoy a leisurely morning to rest or explore Whitehorse at your own pace, perhaps sipping coffee in a cozy café or strolling along the Yukon River. This afternoon, embrace

the spirit of the North with a thrilling dogsledding adventure. Led by an expert musher, glide through the snow-covered backcountry behind a team of eager huskies. It's an exhilarating, unforgettable way to experience the Yukon wilderness — just as early explorers once did. Tonight, gather at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre, a riverside space that honors the traditions and stories of the Kwanlin Dün First Nation. Share a meaningful meal and connect with the culture of the land through food, art, and storytelling. Later, return to the aurora viewing site for one last chance to witness the northern lights. (*B, D*)

Day 9: Monday, November 16, 2026 Whitehorse - Vancouver, British Columbia Say farewell to the wild beauty of the Yukon as you fly south to the vibrant, coastal city of Vancouver. Nestled between mountains and ocean, Vancouver is a cosmopolitan hub with a laid-back West Coast vibe. This evening, gather with your fellow travelers for a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 10: Tuesday, November 17, 2026 Vancouver - Tour Ends Your tour ends today. As you return home, reflect on your favorite moments from your journey — from the icy stillness of Lake Louise to the electric skies of the Yukon. (B)

#### **Experience It! Whitehorse**

Nestled along the banks of the Yukon River, Whitehorse is a city where history, culture, and natural wonder converge. Once a bustling hub during the Klondike Gold Rush, its frontier spirit still lingers in heritage buildings and tales of fortune-seekers. But long before the gold rush, this land was — and remains — home to the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and the Ta'an Kwäch'än Council, hose deep cultural roots and traditions continue to shape the community. Today, Whitehorse is a vibrant northern capital, offering a unique blend of Indigenous heritage, artistic expression, and outdoor adventure. In winter, it transforms into a world-class destination for aurora viewing, with its dark skies and crisp air providing an unbeatable stage for the northern lights.

For more information visit https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1316733

#### **Important Tour Information:**

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 4. This means you're ready to seize the day, whatever it may bring. You lead an active life at home (walking, biking, and half or full day hikes are things you may enjoy) and 10,000 steps a day is normal for you. You can handle longer walking tours (more than 3 hours covering 3+ miles at a steady clip) and activities that involve traversing uneven terrain, steep slopes, standing for periods of time, and varying altitudes and temperatures. You don't mind being on the go with some early starts, late nights, and full days. You can handle altitudes of 9,000 feet or higher with little to no issue. This level is not appropriate for travelers who use wheelchairs, walkers, and other mobility assistance devices.

#### Travel with an average of 18 people (maximum of 24).

Only physically fit travelers who are used to walking on slippery surfaces or feel confident on ice and snow should take this tour.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

Travelers should expect temperatures from 26° to -1°F and plan on being outdoors for a number of included activities.

Travelers should be prepared to navigate streets with heavy snow and icy or slippery conditions on the ground.

There are two late nights on this tour where we return to the hotel after midnight because we are hunting for the aurora.

The best time to see the northern lights is from late August through April and are only visible when the sky is clear and free of clouds. As this tour was designed with a multiple-night stay in Whitehorse to enhance this opportunity, this is weather dependent, and sightings of the northern lights are not guaranteed.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

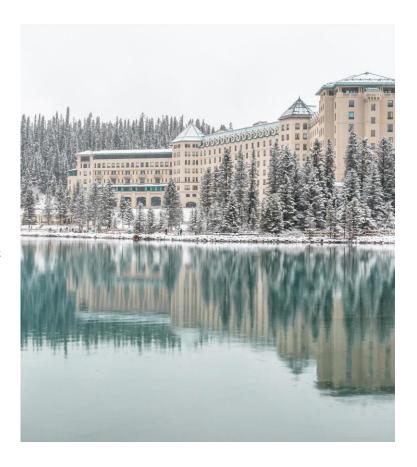
To complete your tour, we <u>include</u> round-trip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your <u>own air</u>, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised, many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Internal flights are required in order to participate on this tour and are included in the final price, quoted at time of booking.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.



#### Travel Requirements:

your emergency contact.

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements. IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of April 01, 2026 are based upon availability. Final payment due by August 10, 2026. Deposits are refundable up until April 08, 2026.

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( ) Discover Banff Tours - Johnston Canyon Icewalk
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 PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Peoria Charter Travel

TRAVEL DATE: 11/08/2026 TERRITORY: M7

RES#: 1316733

# Aurora Adventure Winter in the Canadian Rockies & the Yukon

This form is intended for use by the Group Leaders only. Please note that Collette is unable to process this form

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Clearly print your full name (first/middle/last) as it appears on your government issued travel documentation.

**IMPORTANT**: In order to avoid any unnecessary change fees, it is imperative that all guest names are entered correctly from the start. The information below must be the <u>legal</u> name and be 100% identical to the ID being used to travel passport/driver's license> including middle names or suffixes <Jr, Sr>

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## Special Needs Form

Please complete this form, sign and return it to us within 14 days of receipt.

Email: <u>TravelOperations@collette.com</u>

Fax: 401.727.4745

Mail: Collette: Travel Operations

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#### TRAVELERS NEEDING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

You must report any disability requiring special attention to Collette at the time the reservation is made. \*Collette will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants. Such participants, however, should be aware that the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside of the United States and facilities outside the United States for disabled individuals are limited. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the assistance. Neither Collette nor its personnel, nor its suppliers, may physically lift or assist clients into transportation vehicles. If a traveler thinks he or she might need assistance during a trip, he or she should call Collette to determine what assistance might reasonably be given. Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining, or other routine activities. Internationally, a great deal of walking may be necessary to fully enjoy the destination. Travelers should be in good health and must be able to walk reasonable distances. In some areas, travelers may be required to walk on uneven ground, cobblestone streets or raised thresholds.

\*To request a wheelchair accessible room on a cruise, the traveler or person sharing the room must have a recognized disability that alters a major life function and requires the use of a mobility device and the use of the accessible features provided in the wheelchair accessible stateroom. The cruise company may take appropriate action against someone who has reserved or purchased such a stateroom fraudulently. Action may include but is not limited to removal from the stateroom to a non-accessible accommodation up to denial of boarding.

Reservation #	
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Most hotel rooms that can accommodate the request will be equipped with only 1 bed.

### Do you understand and accept? Yes No

Collette cannot guarantee the availability of such rooms as many hotels have a limited number of rooms that are equipped with the above accommodations.

#### Are you traveling with an oxygen tank? Yes No

If you answer "YES"

I have read and understand the above:

- You must contact the airline directly to arrange transportation of the oxygen on the plane. Oxygen requests vary by airline and location and can take up to 2 weeks to request.
- You are responsible for supplying your own electrical cords, and converters as needed.

This form must be remitted within 14 days of receipt for any special needs accommodation request.

Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining, or other routine activities and motorized scooters are not permitted on tour.

The Americans with Disabilities Act only applies in the United States. Many international destinations cannot accommodate passengers' requests. Collette will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants, but we cannot guarantee that all requests will be honored on international destinations. Collette also regrets that it cannot provide individual assistance to a tour member with special needs for walking, dining, or other special personal needs. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable and totally responsible for the assistance.