

2012 CANOE TRIPS

Please contact us for full details (17 – 21 pages/trip) on any trips outlined below. We will be happy to send these to you by email or via the postal service.

- (1) **June 13 – 20 (8 days).** A treeline canoe trip primarily on small and narrow lakes but with some river paddling. A few easy rapids. No portages. Eskers and miles of spectacular, white, sandy beaches. Superb campsites. Muskoxen, moose, wolves (3 wolf dens), black bear, waterfowl (ducks, geese, loons), bald eagles, boreal and tundra birds. Fabulous fishing for 10 to 30 lb. lake trout and northern pike. Guiding-outfitting fees \$2160; air charter fees \$2092. Total cost: \$4252 CDN (\$4295 US)* per person from Fort Smith, N.W.T. return.
- (2) **June 25 – July 5 (11 days).** 170 miles (max.) on the Thelon River and a tributary in the Thelon Wildlife Sanctuary. 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, caribou, 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 \$2970; air charter fees \$3879. Total cost: \$6849 CDN (\$6918 US)* per person from Fort Smith, N.W.T. return.
- (3) **July 10 – 21 (12 days).** A 155 mile long tundra canoe trip on the Thelon River. 75% river paddling. Some small lakes and rapids. Four short portages. Spectacular variety of scenery, vegetation and wildlife. The largest sandy eskers in North America. Rich wildlife including muskoxen, caribou, wolves (4 wolf dens), moose and grizzlies. Also geese, ducks, loons (4 species), peregrines (active eyries), gyrfalcons, bald eagles, arctic terns, jaegers, ptarmigan, etc. Good fishing in places for lake trout and grayling. Guiding-outfitting fees \$3240; air charter fees \$3071. Total cost: \$6311 CDN (\$6375 US)* per person from Fort Smith, N.W.T. return.
- (4) **July 26 – August 5 (11 days).** A tundra canoe trip on the Thelon River with both lake and river paddling. A few rapids. Five short portages. Spectacular variety of scenery, vegetation and wildlife. Magnificent treed eskers and sand beaches. Best swimming of the summer. Muskoxen, caribou, wolves, moose and grizzly. Also geese, ducks, loons (4 species), peregrines, bald eagles, arctic terns, jaegers, ptarmigan, etc. Good fishing in places for lake trout and grayling. Guiding-outfitting fees \$2970; air charter fees \$2883. Total cost: \$5853 CDN (\$5912 US)* per person from Fort Smith, N.W.T. return.
- (5) **August 10 – 20 (11 days).** A tundra river canoe trip on a Thelon River tributary. Scattered lakes and many canoeable shallow rapids. Five or six short portages. Wide variety of tundra scenery with many spectacular sandy eskers and beaches. Muskoxen, wolves, moose, black and grizzly bears, geese, eagles and many other tundra birds. Our best trip for caribou. Excellent fishing for grayling. Lake trout in some places. Guiding-outfitting fees \$2970; air charter fees \$2817. Total cost: \$5787 CDN (\$5845 US)* per person from Fort Smith, N.W.T. return.
- (6) **August 25 – September 3 (10 days).** A flat-water canoe trip 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. Very hilly terrain, sandy eskers and spectacular hiking. Superb campsites fronted by sand beaches. Our best trip for muskoxen and northern lights. Also caribou, wolves, moose, grizzly, loons, ducks, geese, bald eagles. Good fishing for lake trout and grayling. Guiding-outfitting fees \$2700; air charter fees \$2331. Total cost: \$5031 CDN (\$5082 US)* per person from Fort Smith, N.W.T. return.

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- (1) **June 12 – 20 (9 days).** Same route as June 13 – 20, 2012.
- (2) **June 25 – July 6 (12 days).** Same route as June 25 – July 5, 2012.
- (3) **July 11 – 21 (11 days).** Either same route as July 10 - 21, 2012 or same route as August 25 – September 3, 2012.
- (4) **July 26 – August 5 (11 days).** Same route as July 26 – August 5, 2012.
- (5) **August 10 – 21 (12 days).** Same route as August 10 – 20, 2012.
- (6) **August 26 – September 5 (11 days).** Same route as August 25 – September 3, 2012.

***NOTE:** The total cost for each trip quoted above is subject to an additional 5% federal "Goods and Services Tax" (GST). Above US dollar costs are approximate and were calculated from November, 2011 bank rates of \$1.00 US equals \$.99 CDN. Costs of 2013 canoe trips are subject to increase as of November, 2012. However, anyone booking space on a trip for 2013 by October 31, 2012 will be guaranteed the 2012 guiding-outfitting rates.

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FEES

Fees are based on our grouping our clients (who usually approach Canoe Arctic Inc. as singles or pairs) into parties of nine persons. 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) – 2012

- \$270 CDN (\$273 US) per person per day.
- The above US price is approximate and was calculated from November, 2011 bank rates of \$1.00 US equals \$.99 CDN.
- All trips operated by Canoe Arctic Inc. are guided by Alex Hall. All food and equipment is supplied.

Air Charter Rates (Air Charter Cost) – 2012

All of the canoe trips outlined in our schedules for the years 2012 and 2013 (see other side of this page) 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 airplanes. Air charter rates and fuel costs for the types and combinations of aircraft we use (de Havilland Turbo Otter, Cessna 185 and 206) are summarized in the detailed descriptions that are available for each of our trips. All of our trips are located between 200 and 416 air miles northeast of Fort Smith. Total miles flown on the two round trip flights required for each canoe trip range from 875 air miles for our trips near treeline to 1,576 air miles for our trips furthest out on the tundra. This results in air charter fees ranging from \$2092 to \$3879 CDN (\$2113 – \$3918 US) per person for our canoe trips in the year 2012.

Early Booking Discount

Anyone who reserves space on a trip for 2013 by October 31, 2012 will be guaranteed the guiding-outfitting rate we charged for the summer of 2012.

Frequency Discount

Repeat clients begin to earn a 10% discount on guiding-outfitting fees upon booking their third trip with Canoe Arctic Inc.

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.

Payments and Cancellations

To book your reservation, Canoe Arctic Inc. requires a deposit of \$600 CDN (\$606 US) 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 CDN. 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 travel agents. For our clients who reside in Canada, all-inclusive cancellation insurance (covering trip cancellation, trip interruption and emergency medical evacuation) is available through us from Uniglobe Custom Travel.

Payments in US Dollars

All prices are in Canadian dollars. US prices shown in brackets are approximate and were calculated from November, 2011 bank rates. Exchange rates on US cheques (checks) are determined by our bank at the time of deposit in our bank account. Currently \$1.00 US equals \$ CDN.

AIR FARES & CONNECTIONS

Fort Smith, N.W.T. is served by direct flights from Edmonton, Alberta. Edmonton, in turn, enjoys direct daily jet services from Toronto, Chicago, Minneapolis, Denver, San Francisco, Calgary and Vancouver, and is easily accessed via one of these seven 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 \$810 to \$1082 CDN for the round trip).

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