



# YUKON, CANADA

## **SUR LA PISTE DE JACK LONDON**

**13 days, 5 horse riding days and 5 canoeing days**

**Guided expedition: pack trip/ canoe expedition**

**Level: moderate**

This expedition to Yukon, last Canadian border before Alaska, is a true experience of wilderness beauty: glacier valleys, pristine rivers and lakes, alpine meadows, forest and tundra. In June, the midnight sun shines over the boreal forest, while later in the summer, the fall colors are a great opportunity for amazing photography. In this pure nature, you follow the paths of wild animals like moose, caribou and wolves, in the footsteps of the last trappers. This land has been famous during the Klondike Gold Rush and old stories of prospectors are still shared around campfires. This 10 days horse pack trip is an adventure of a lifetime for intrepid riders

## ITINEARY

---

### DAY 1: WHITEHORSE - SHINEVALLEY

Flights into Whitehorse generally arrive in the evening. Pierre and Veronique, your hosts for this expedition, will meet and drive you to Yukon Shinevalley camp. This will be your first experience of the midnight sun in the Yukon, overnight in log cabins heated by a wood burning stove.  
Lodging: Wood cabins (2 to 4 per by cabin)

### DAY 2: SHINEVALLEY- WHITEHORSE

After a relaxing breakfast and a briefing from Pierre for the week ahead. After we're going driving to Whitehorse, to discover stories and culture of the town old days, the Gold Rush. Time when the city was a center for many travelling pioneers doing the long trip to the gold mines of Dawson city. Visit of S.S Klondike, Mc Bride museum, Klun dun cultural center, gift shops, galleries and some last minute shopping for the trip. Back to the ranch to share a good meal and a camp fire before a good night rest.  
Lodging: Wood cabins (2 to 4 per by cabin)

### DAY 3: DAY RIDE TRIP

After some breakfast, we get ready for our first exploratory ride. Introduction to the horses, western saddles, packing gears used on the expedition, boxes, hobbles, saddle bags with a quick briefing. You will be introduced to your own horse corresponding to your level and personality, adaptation for some to western riding and time to set up the equipment. This exploratory trail will lead us through the boreal forest on dirt path. This is the perfect terrain to get use to your horse and start discovering the beauty of the nature specific to the Yukon. Little break to the lake before coming back the ranch for a barbecue, relaxation and a nice evening around the fire.  
Lodging: Wood cabins (2 to 4 per by cabin)





### **DAY 3: EXPEDITION RANCH-BONNEVILLE (4H)**

The departure morning, is always full of movements, all the gears have to be set up on the pack horses, luggage are weight and distributed equally in the box and pack saddle; demonstration of the packing technique. Once we're all in the saddle, we're heading out to the Bonneville area. After a little hike up we'll join a high plateau with a beautiful scenic view on Fish Lake and the mountain surrounding us. That will be you first experience of the wild open space that offer Yukon wilderness. Tonight will make camp near a lake, where everyone set up their own tent. A nice diner is cook on the campfire, relaxation near the fire, care of the horses.

Lodging: Tent or under a tree



### **DAY 4: EXPEDITION BONNEVILLE-IBEX (6H)**

After breakfast and packing up camp you'll head towards Ibex Lake and enter the foothills of the mountainous region of the Yukon where snow still lingers on the high peaks. Which pass you take depends on the weather, either on the lake shores surrounded by pine forest or the 1800m high Marmot pass where opportunity to encounter Dall sheep or perhaps a grizzly or a wolf .Today you will cover around 40kms before reaching Ibex Lake and setting up camp.

Lodging: Tent or under a tree



### **DAY 5: EXPEDITION IBEX-ROSE CREEK (6-7 H)**

The morning ride takes you above the tree line, prime viewing position for wildlife, towards Mud Lake - an ancient lake molded by the glaciers. Finding some good grazing for the horses you will stop for lunch and a nap on the shores of Mud Lake. Back on the trail, looking for wolfs dens as you make your way to Rose Creek for your overnight stop. Evening around the camp fire overlooking the large pristine valley.

Lodging: Tent or under a tree

### **DAY 6: EXPEDITION ROSE CREEK- ROSE LAKE (5H)**

Up in the saddle for another day of discovery, will pass from alpine forest to alpine meadows where on the south east rise the mighty coastal mountains. The land is pocketed with lakes created by beaver dams. Our destination a pristine untouched lake at the foothill of the coastal mountains, a good spot for the observation of the rich wildlife. Once to the camp, You'll have to get ready before a float plane is gonna transfert you back to Yukon Shinevalley ranch. Enjoy the ride , the scenery on the way back are breath taking. A good shower and a meal is waiting for you. Tonight you have the comfort of a nice bed.

Lodging: Log cabins (2 to 4 per by cabin)



**DAY 7: BREAK PREPARATION -TAKHINI HOT SPRING-WILD LIFE RESERVE**

Today is a full day rest well deserve It's the opportunity to relax at camp of for those who wants, visit of the wildlife preserve where you observe all Yukon animals; Caribou, moose, lynx... et after a quick dip in the Tahkini natural hot springs for a complete relaxation. Located just aside the wildlife. Back to the ranch for the rest of the day, time to get ready for tomorrow departure.

Lodging: Log cabin ( 2 to 4 per cabin)



---

**DAY 8 : DEPARTURE CANOE YUKON RIVER**

Today is the departure for the canoeing expedition on the Yukon River, a nice smooth river in the tranquility of the Yukon wilderness. Introduction to your canoe guide and transportation by boat with all the necessary gear to the end of Lake Laberge. Set up of the camp for the night and initiation to the paddle techniques appropriate for a level I-II river by your expert guide.. Convivial dinner is cook on the camp fire and marshmallow roasted.

Lodging : Tent on the shore of the river

**DAY 9 : EXPEDITION YUKON RIVER**

Second day paddling down this historic river you'll see some beautiful scenery and give you the opportunity to observe a rich wildlife living around the river. Fishing of artic greyling, pike that can be cook right away for the night dinner once to the camp.

Lodging : Tent on the shore of the river

**DAY 10 : EXPEDITION YUKON RIVER**

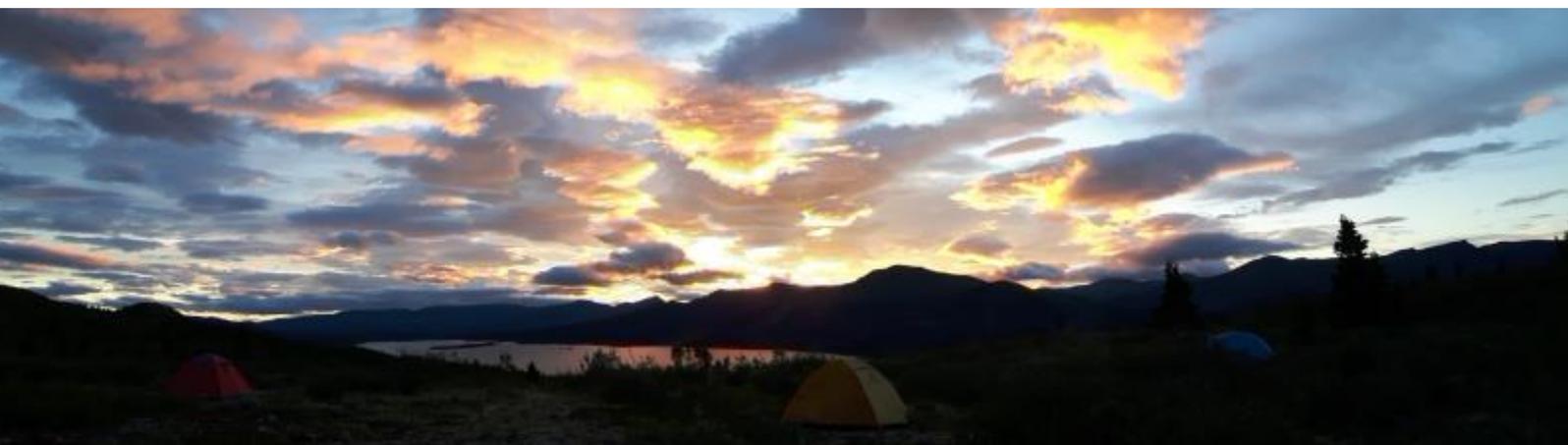
Paddling down the river, you stop visit of the old steam boat from the time of the Gold Rush that was used to go up the stream of the Yukon River before the road exist. Observation of the nature, Some good spot for some fishing. Set up the camp on the shore. Meal cook on the fire

Lodging : Tent on the shore of the river

**DAY 11 : EXPEDITION YUKON RIVER**

Today will meet the Yukon River, the most important river in the Yukon and with a long history. On the way you'll see some historic sites like the old abandoned village of Hootalinqua and the old telegraph line used for communicated between Dawson and Whitehorse in the old days

Lodging : Tent on the shore of the river





**DAY 12 : EXPEDITION YUKON RIVER/ TRANSFERT TO SHINEVALLEY**

This day down the river will lead you to the small abandoned village of Little Salmon, where transportation will be waiting for you. But mean while you enjoy this beautiful day to the rhythm of the flowing river like so many pioneers before you have done. Observation of the nature surrounding you. Back to the ranch by the end of the day, time for a shower and clean up before going out in town for a nice dinner in one of the best restaurant in town all together. Night at the ranch.

Lodging : Wood cabins (2 to 4 per cabins)

**DAY 13 : TRANSFERT FROM SHINEVALLEY TO THE AIRPORT**

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS ITINERARY IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE ACCORDING TO CLIMATE CONDITION.

**DATES AND RATES**

From	To	Price/Pers	Seat available
16/07/2017	28/07/2017	3540\$ + 5% GST	open

**\*\*PRICE INCLUDES :** English and French speaking guide, transfers for all the time you're in Yukon, all accommodation (5 nights log cabin, 7 nights camping,), three good healthy meals per day except lunch day 2 and dinner night day 12, riding equipment (western saddle, saddle bags) and camping equipment will be provided (except for tent, sleeping bags and mats), satellite phone.

**\*\*PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE :** International and domestic flights, lunch day 2 and Dinner in town on Day 12, alcohol beverages, items of a personal nature, individual travel insurance, tips.

## MORE ABOUT ...

### **GUIDES** : PIERRE FOURNIER

Founding father, and guide. Born in Québec, Pierre move to Yukon 18 years ago to realize a dreams, explore the wilderness. Fascinated by open spaces and the wildlife around, he travel by himself along the valleys and mountains, packhorse in summer and dog sledding in winter. With the years Pierre have gain an accurate knowledge of the land, bush skills and tradition of trapping. Since 10 years, now he's been guiding visitors around the world into his backcountry to share this amazing scenery. Passionated and caring, it's with enthusiasm that Pierre will share this piece of Yukon.



### **VÉRONIQUE BOILEAU**

Manager and Assistant guide, Born in Québec, after travelling a little everywhere Véronique find is homestead in Yukon, attracted by his big space, possibilities and her love of horses. Since 2 year, she's been assisting Pierre in his expedition, winter like summer. Her bush skills are more then useful and appreciated when time come to cook a tasty meal a camp fire, organize and bring life to the camp. Passionate and enthusiasm she will transmit you her love of this country, her life style and her animals she care.



**HORSES** : Reliable horses well fit for the mountain and rugged terrain, sure footed. They live in the wilderness all year round. Western saddle.

### **SUGGESTED EXPERIENCE** : RIDING AND CAMPING

This expedition is mainly address to family who want to live a wonderful experience in wilderness and share a common passion for horse riding, and camping in some amazing scenery. Youths of 10 years old and over are more than welcome on this trip. It's recommended for this expedition to have a riding level medium and more or be comfortable at different paces, even if the whole trip is at a walking pace to accommodate the packhorses and variation of terrain. You will care for your own horse with our assistance once to the camp. You're help would be more than welcome for any chore in camp like gathering wood, caring for the horse, setting tent.



**LODGING** : Shinevalley ranch is located in the Fish Lake valley used to be call "Sunshine valley" by the first nation. A valley at an altitude of 1600m above the sea. The ranch offer little wood cabins and wall tents all heated by wood stove. Without electricity and running water it's still offer all the comfort needed with a generator, a hot shower and compostable toilet well adapted.

**MEALS:** Breakfast: orange juice, eggs, sausage or bacon, cereals, pancakes, tea and coffee...

Lunch: cold meat, cheese, bread, cereal bar, dry fruits...

Diner: soup, meat or fish barbecue, pasta or rice, vegetables, cookies and fruits...

\*\* If you have any specific need concerning food please advise us prior to departure, so we can accommodate you

**GROUP:** 2 to 9 riders

**EQUIPMENT:** Your personal gears are all going to be transported by pack h(orses). A soft waterproof 60/80 liter bag is provided for each guest for your personal luggage and a saddle bag. A limit of 16-18 kg luggage/per is generally ask. What you'll need to have with you.

- Sleeping mat
- Sleeping bag (temperature rating -5 to -10 celsius)
- Strong rain gear (up and bottom)
- Boots (riding or hiking boots as there some mud)
- Another pair of comfortable shoe or slipper for the camp
- Rain boots
- Riding helmet, (mandatory), hat
- 2 base layer ( up and bottom ) technical layer to keep you warm like merino, wool
- Riding gloves (warm and waterproof)
- 2 warm top ; wool sweater, small down jacket, insulated sweater
- 3 pair of pants
- T-shirt
- warm hat and neck warmer, silk scarf
- bathing suit and small camping towel
- Pocket knife
- Water bottle
- Thermos
- Personal pharmacy kit as we carry a complete first aid kit
- Wet ones
- Book

