Canada Gold Rush Trail Adventure 17 Days
Calgary to Anchorage – Departure in spring

CALGARY
Day 1: Arrive for Group Meeting and Dinner (H)

BANFF
Days 2-3: Day 2 will include a visit to Lake Louise and a hike up to Lake Agnes or Valley of Six Glaciers. Day 3 enjoy the small but vibrant town of Banff, hike Tunnel/Sulphur Mountains or visit the Banff Hot Springs (optional) to soak overlooking the Canadian Rockies. (C)

ICEFIELDS PARKWAY
Day 4: One of the most picturesque drives in all of North America. Make sure your camera batteries are charged because it will be firing non-stop with all the breathtaking views and over 200 glaciers. (C)

JASPER
Day 5-6: Less touristy than Banff, Jasper is no less an entertaining little town. Abundant hiking, mountain biking and other optional activities are available along with wildlife viewing. (C)

YELLOWHEAD HIGHWAY
Day 7: Traverse Alberta into British Columbia along the Yellowhead Highway. Camp along the Fraser Lake and explore this old fur-trading post area. (BC)

FIRST NATION VILLAGE
Day 8: Visit the ‘Ksan or Nisga’a Historical Village where you’ll experience the village and learn of its heritage as it has existed for centuries. (C)

MEZIADIN LAKE
Day 9: We’ll make our way to the start of the Cassiar Highway along with a side trip to the Bear Glacier. (BC)

CASSIAR HIGHWAY
Days 10/11: One of the most scenic and prolific roads to spot black bear. “Into the wild” is an understatement. The Cassiar Highway was part of the Hudson Trading Company, mining, and logging. (BC)

WHITEHORSE
Day 12-13: Whitehorse is located on the Yukon River where you can check out the historic paddleboat, the SS Klondike. An included canoe trip down the Yukon River viewing local eagles and a visit to the hot springs make this capital city a nice relaxing few days back in civilization. (C)

DAWSON CITY
Day 14-15: A visit to this lively and historic Klondike gold rush city perpetually set in 1896 includes checking out Diamond Tooth Gertie’s Gambling Hall, Jack London’s cabin, and trying the Sour Toe Cocktail. Don’t forget free gold panning! (BC)

TOK
Day 16: Cross over the Yukon River on a short ferry ride to drive the Top of the World Highway. See remnants of old mining operations along the way to Chicken, AK. (C)

ANCHORAGE
Day 17: A beautiful drive on our final day surrounded by the Wrangell and Chugach Mountains. There are some spectacular views of the Matanuska glacier on our way to Anchorage (-)

H = Hotel stay C = Camping  BC= Bush Camping

*Itinerary can change due to local circumstances*
*Prices for optional activities are estimated costs and are subject to change*
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ANCHORAGE
Day 1: Meet your group, have a group meal, and explore the nightlife of Anchorage (H)

TOK
Day 2: A beautiful drive surrounded by the Wrangell and Chugach Mountains. There are some spectacular views of the Matanuska glacier on our way to Tok. (C)

DAWSON CITY
Day 3-4: A visit to this lively and historic city perpetually set in 1896, includes checking out Diamond Tooth Gertie’s Gambling Hall, Jack London’s cabin, and trying the Sour Toe Cocktail (C)

WHITEHORSE
Day 5-6: Whitehorse is located on the Yukon River where you can check out the old paddleboat the SS Klondike. Included in the trip is a canoe trip on the Yukon River and a visit to the hot springs (C)

TESLIN/Boya Lake
Day 7: Home of the Tlingit First Nation, whose livelihood is centered around traditional hunting, trapping and fishing. Make sure to get out your creative side for the “Sign Forest.” (BC)

CASSIAR HIGHWAY
Day 8: One of the most scenic and prolific roads to spot black bear or moose. “Into the wild” is an understatement (BC)

MEZIADIN LAKE
Day 9: A frequent hotspot for bears, we’ll make our way to the start of the Cassiar Highway. A visit to the Bear Glacier is not to be missed. (BC)

‘KSAN VILLAGE
Day 10: Visit the K’san Historical Village where you’ll experience the village as it has existed for centuries (C)

YELLOWHEAD HIGHWAY
Day 11: Traverse British Columbia to Alberta along the Yellowhead Highway. Camp along the Fraser Lake or Mount Robson and explore the beginning of the Rockies. (BC)

JASPER
Day 12-13: This is a hub for some serious adventure activities whether you’re hiking, mountain biking, or whitewater rafting. (C)

ICEFIELDS PARKWAY
Day 14: One of the most picturesque drives in all of North America. Make sure batteries are charged because your camera will be firing non-stop with all the breathtaking views. (C)

BANFF/LAKE LOUISE
Days 15-16: Enjoy the small but vibrant town of Banff. Hike Tunnel or Sulphur Mountains or visit the Banff Hot Springs (optional) to soak your weary bones. Day 2 will include a visit to Lake Louise with another round of Rockies hiking. (C)

CALGARY
Day 17: No rush to leave Banff, it’s only a short drive to Calgary. It’s the last day but we’ll still find some fun. (-)
Included in Trip Price

✓ 17-day tour in overland vehicle
✓ Accommodations outlined for nights in Hostel/Campsites
✓ All meals cooked off the truck (16xBreakfast, 13xLunch, 13xDinner)
✓ Visit K’san Historical Village
✓ Canoe trip on the Yukon River in Whitehorse
✓ Visit Whitehorse Takhini Hot Springs
✓ Gold Panning Dawson City
✓ Entrance into Diamond Tooth Gertie’s Gambling Hall Dawson City
✓ Hiking Tunnel or Sulphur Mountains
✓ Hiking near Lake Louise and walks around Icefields Parkway
✓ Hike near Maligne Lake or similar
✓ Admission to National Parks and Monuments
✓ Pre-departure meeting to welcome and provide you with a good understanding of the trip ahead
✓ Services of two trained/commercially certified leaders/drivers
✓ Fully equipped Overland vehicle
✓ High quality four person tents (sleeping only two), camp chairs and cooking equipment
✓ Information regarding places to be visited, history, flora and fauna

Not included in Trip Price

✗ Flights to Calgary and Anchorage
✗ Airport Transfer
✗ ESTA-Fee/Visa Fee for USA
✗ Snacks and Drinks
✗ Optional activities
✗ Tips
CALGARY

Situated along the Bow and Elbow Rivers, Calgary is a perfect gateway to the Canadian Rockies. Arrive in Calgary for your group meeting at 6 pm and follow that up with a group meal to get to know your fellow travellers.

Included: Pre Departure Meeting, Hostel Calgary

BANFF/LAKE LOUISE

A short drive from Calgary will take us into the Canadian Rockies. Banff is a popular tourist destination, and for good reason. Hike up Sulphur or Tunnel Mountains or/and have a soak afterwards in the local Hot Springs (optional). Day 2 will take us to explore the famous Lake Louise preceded or followed by a drive down the Bow Valley Parkway.

Included Activities: Visit and Hike near/around Lake Louise, Banff National Park
Optional Activities: Hiking Sulphur or Tunnel Mountain, Banff Hot Springs, Banff Gondola, Rock Climbing, Canoe Rentals, & More

JASPER

Located in the heart of the Canadian Rockies, Jasper gives the adventure traveler ample opportunities at exploring wilderness or adrenaline pumping activities. One day is set aside for you to choose from the many outdoor adventures, the other day we will explore the surroundings of Jasper hiking around / at Maligne Lake and looking out for some wildlife to find!

Included Activities: Hike at Maligne Lake
Optional Activities: Mountain biking, hiking, Jasper Tram, Whitewater Rafting, Horseback Riding

ICEFIELDS PARKWAY

Hands down this is one of the most picturesque roads in all of North America. Glaciers, lakes, and waterfalls line the road to make even the most basic camera take professional looking pictures. We will be stopping many times throughout the day to take short walks to viewpoints and stop for a multitude of animal sightings.

Included: Scenic Drive Icefields Parkway including Peyto, Bow Lake and Athabaska Glacier

YELLOWHEAD HIGHWAY

With mountains and river valleys abound, we follow the Fraser River through the history of the Cariboo Gold Rush and Fur Trading Post area, traversing Alberta crossing into British Columbia. The dense forest and agricultural lands drive the economy and the Fraser Lake area has been dubbed “White Swan Capital of the World.”
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‘KSAN HISTORICAL VILLAGE

Today we venture out to visit the ‘Ksan Historical Village. The ‘Ksan village is a great example of how the First Nation has continued to survive in harsh environments and keep their culture alive. View original totem poles and Indian history.

Included Activities: ‘Ksan Historic Village and Museum or Nuxalk Tribe

MEZIADIN LAKE

The junction at Meziadin Lake Provincial Park has a large concentration of black and brown bears fishing along the many creeks. Alaska just sits 40 miles away and many on the Canadian side of the border like to argue that this is part of their land. We’ll visit the massive Bear Glacier that once filled the Bear River Pass only 50 years ago.

Included: Bear Glacier, weather dependent: drive into Hyder and visit Alaska for a few hours

CASSIAR HIGHWAY

The Cassiar Highway is one of the most scenic and prolific roads to spot black bears, moose, and stone sheep. The road passes deep canyons, high glaciers, mountains, and can be rough at times and, but the reward of travelling roads like this will truly give you a feel of being out in the wilderness!

Included: Jade City, Scenic Drive

TESLIN

The day will start off with the preparation of our sign to be included at the Sign Post Forest in Watson Lake. There are already of 100,000 signs from around the world! If you want, bring one from home.

We will be camping in one of the Provincial Parks of the Yukon.

Included: Sign Forest at Watson Lake

WHITEHORSE

We’ve crossed over into the Yukon Territory where there are more caribou than there are people! Whitehorse is located on the Yukon River where you can check out the old paddleboat, the SS Klondike. Included in the trip is a worthwhile visit to soak our tired and weary bones in the Takhini Hot Springs.

Included Activity: Yukon River Canoe / Kayak Trip
Optional Activity: Visit SS Klondike Museum, Hike the surroundings of Whitehorse
DAWSON CITY

A visit to this lively and historic city includes checking out Diamond Tooth Gertie’s, Klondike Gold Rush, Midnight Dome, Robert Service Cabin and the Jack London Museum. Some might even dare to try the Sour Toe Cocktail! This small town was once home to over 40,000 gold fevered prospectors and we’ll even try our hand at a little gold panning to try and strike it rich!

Included Activities: Entrance Diamond Tooth Gertie’s Gambling Hall, Gold Panning
Optional Activities: Visit Jack London Museum, Historic town tour, hike Midnight Dome, Paragliding, or gambling the night away!

TOK

Cross over the Yukon River on a short ferry ride to drive the “Top of the World Highway.” As we make our way to Tok, there are many remnants of old mining sites throughout these wooded areas. As we reach the highways apex, Poker Creek border crossing awaits us. The most northerly land border in the USA, it’s an experience few have had the pleasure. Then, it’s down the hill to Chicken, Alaska! Chicken, Alaska?! Why would they call someplace chicken? You’ll just have to visit it to find out.

Included: Ferry Ride Yukon River, Scenic Drive Top of the World Highway

ANCHORAGE

A beautiful drive surrounded by the Wrangell and Chugach Mountains. There are some spectacular views of the Matanuska glacier, taiga forests, and some of the highest peaks in North America. The trip will end by 3pm.

Included: Lunch Stop at Matanuska Glacier