

# **Yukon Territory**

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### **Best Places to Eat**

- Drunken Goat Taverna (p274)
- Klondike Kate's (p274)
- → Klondike Rib & Salmon (p259)
- Burnt Toast (p259)

## **Best Places to Stay**

- → Coast High Country Inn (p258)
- → Robert Service Campground (p258)
- Bombay Peggy's (p273)
- Klondike Kate's (p273)

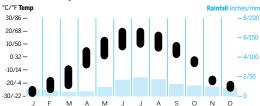
#### Why Go?

This vast and thinly populated wilderness, where most fourlegged species far outnumber humans, has a grandeur and beauty only appreciated by experience. Few places in the world today have been so unchanged over the course of time as has the Yukon. Aboriginal people, having eked out survival for thousands of years, hunt and trap as they always have. The Klondike gold rush of 1898 was the Yukon's high point of population, yet even its heritage is ephemeral, easily erased by time.

Any visit will mean much time outdoors. Canada's five tallest mountains and the world's largest ice fields below the Arctic are all within Kluane National Park. Canoe expeditions down the Yukon River are epic. You'll appreciate the people; join the offbeat vibe of Dawson City and the bustle of Whitehorse.

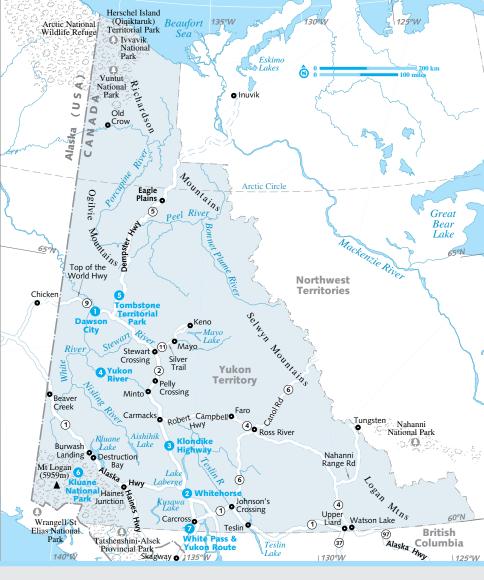
#### When to Go

#### Dawson City



**Nov-Apr** Days of snowy winter solitude end when the river ice breaks up. **Jun-Aug** Summers are short but warm, with long hours of daylight.

**Sep** You can feel the north winds coming. Trees erupt in color, crowds thin and places close.



#### **Yukon Territory Highlights**

- Get caught up in the modern vibe of **Dawson City** (p269), Canada's funkiest historic town.
- 2 Spend an extra day in surprising **Whitehorse** (p255), where culture abounds.
- 3 Count moose on the **Klondike Highway** (p266) they may outnumber cars.
- 4 Live the dream of kayakers and canoeists by paddling the legendary **Yukon River** (p272).
- 5 Lose yourself not literally! in **Tombstone Territorial Park** (p276), where the grandeur of the north envelops you.
- 6 Find and name one of the 100 unnamed glaciers in **Kluane National Park** (p263).
- 7 Sit back and enjoy the ride on the fabled **White Pass & Yukon Route** (p260).