



# Yukon Territory

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## Why Go?

The name Yukon is evocative as well as descriptive: adventure, the far north, wilderness, moose. How can you even hear 'Yukon' and not feel a stirring within? This vast and thinly populated wilderness – most four-legged 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. 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.

## Best Places to Eat

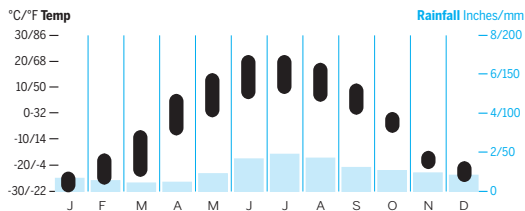
- » Drunken Goat Taverna (p782)
- » Klondike Kate's (p783)
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- » Giorgio's Cucina (p768)

## Best Places to Stay

- » High Country Inn (p768)
- » Edgewater Hotel (p768)
- » Bombay Peggy's (p782)
- » Klondike Kate's (p782)

## When to Go

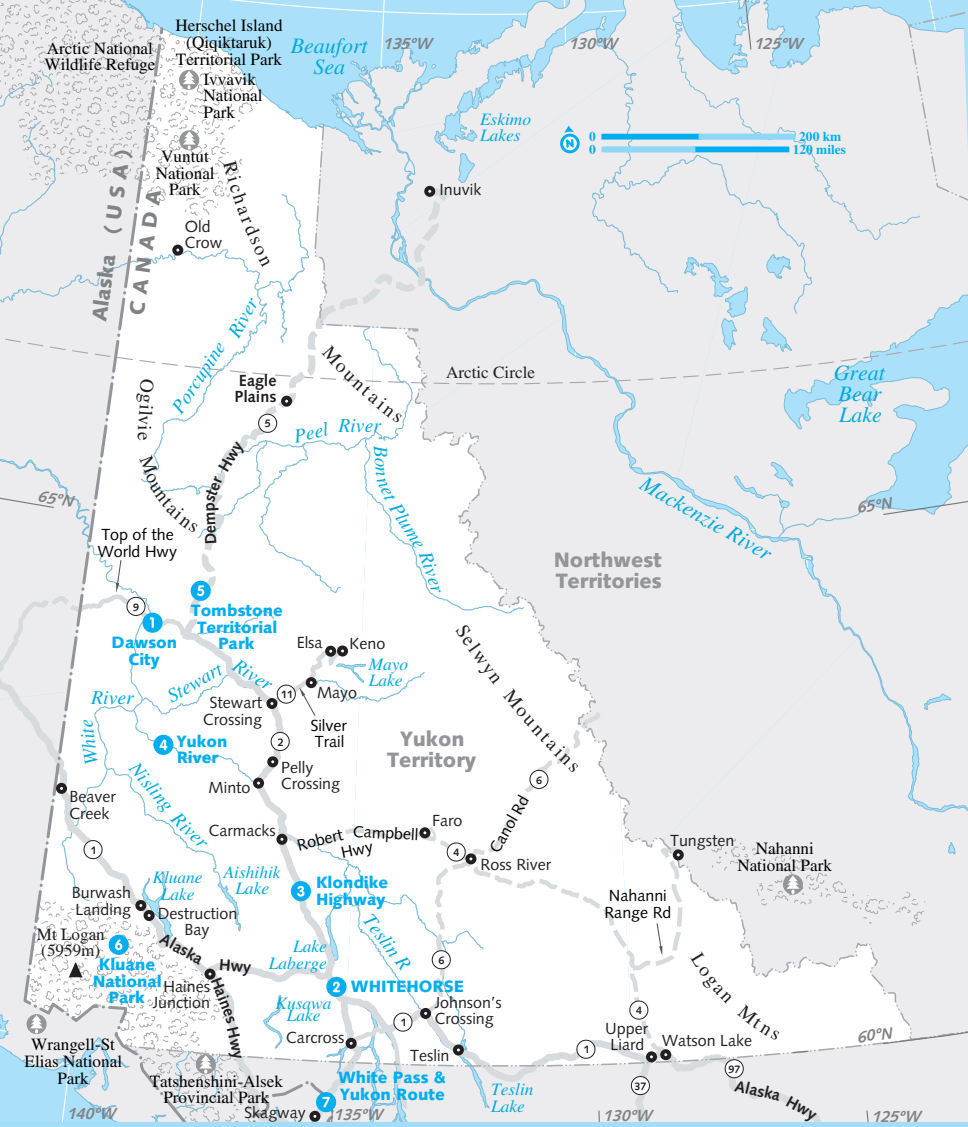
### Dawson City



**Winter** Days of snowy solitude from November to April end when the river ice breaks up.

**Summer** Summers, spanning June to August, are short but warm, even hot.

**September** You can feel the north winds coming. Trees erupt in color, crowds thin, things close.



## Highlights

- 1** Get caught up in the modern vibe of **Dawson City** (p778), Canada's funkier historic town
- 2** Spend an extra day in surprising **Whitehorse** (p764), where culture abounds
- 3** Count moose on the **Klondike Highway** (p775) – they may outnumber cars

- 4** Live the dream of kayakers and canoeists by paddling the legendary **Yukon River** (p766)
- 5** Lose yourself – not literally! – in **Tombstone Territorial Park** (p785), where the grandeur of the north envelops you
- 6** Find one of the 100 unnamed glaciers in **Kluane**

**National Park** (p772) and give it a name

- 7** Sit back and enjoy the ride on the fabled **White Pass & Yukon Route** (p776)