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## **First northern lights flight in Canada to take off from Whitehorse**

Air North, the Yukon Astronomical Society and the Government of Yukon are partnering to bring a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see the northern lights (aurora borealis) from a private, chartered flight.

The high-altitude northern lights experience will take off from Whitehorse on November 24 or 25, weather dependent. The Air North flight will offer 78 seats and the cabin will feature dimmed lighting and other amenities designed to enhance the aurora viewing experience, which is the first of its kind in North America.

After the flight, passengers will receive a certificate from the Royal Astronomical Society and Air North stating they crossed the Arctic Circle during their northern lights flight.

The flight packages range from \$950 to \$1,975 and cover just the flight or a combination of the flight and hotel stays and transportation. Tickets go on sale later this month through Air North.

### **Quotes**

"The partnership between the Government of Yukon, Air North and the Yukon Astronomical Society is an exciting, ground-breaking way to experience one of the world's most incredible natural phenomena and truly authentic Yukon experiences. We are pleased to be part of this initiative which will bring a new product to the market and shine a light on Yukon's growing astronomical sector."

*–Minister of Tourism and Culture Jeanie Dendys*

"The northern lights are a Yukon treasure and as Yukon's airline, we're extremely excited to reward our customers with this new flight offering. Air North is pleased to be the first airline in North America to bring this incredible experience to market."

*–Air North chief commercial officer Ben Ryan*

"One of the best places to see the aurora borealis in the northern hemisphere is right here in Yukon. This flight will allow guests to see the northern lights from within the aurora oval, which covers almost the entire territory above the Earth's dense lower atmosphere."

*–Yukon Astronomical Society president Anthony Gucciardo*

### **Quick facts**

- Pre-flight entertainment will take place at the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre.
- The flight will reach an altitude of approximately 36,000 feet.
- Airtime will be between two and three hours.

### **Learn more:** Air North

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