# 1 | YELLOWKNIFE, NWT

Welcome to the north! Upon arrival at Yellowknife Airport, your host – a member of the Dene First Nation – will take you to the hotel to check-in and relax. The afternoon is at your leisure, though we highly recommend popping into NWT Brewing Co. for a flight of local craft beer. Accommodations are at The Explorer Hotel in a Deluxe King Room.

## 2-4 | EAST ARM OF GREAT SLAVE LAKE, NWT

Today, you'll take a wheel plane to Lutselk'e, then a five-minute boat ride to the Indigenous-owned Frontier Lodge (accommodations available starting 2023). Here, at the gateway to Thaidene Nëné – a National Park Reserve sprawling 6.5 million acres – you'll find an unparalleled fishing paradise. Here, in this global mecca for trophy lake trout fishing, you'll embark on guided excursions to Great Slave Lake, where you'll spend several exhilarating hours reeling in gigantic lake trout, arctic grayling and northern pike. When your arms get tired, turn to the lodge's many other nature-based activities – hiking, canoeing, wildlife viewing (including muskox, black bears and moose), and scanning the skies for the northern lights. Accommodations are at Frontier Lodge in a Private Cabin.

#### 5 | FORT SIMPSON, NWT

Today, you'll head to Yellowknife Airport for a scenic flight to Fort Simpson, the gateway to Nahanni National Park – the world's first UNESCO Heritage Site and home to the Dehcho First Nation since time immemorial. Accommodations are at Lady Slipper Lodge in the best available room.

# 6 | FORT SIMPSON, NWT

Good morning! Today, transfer to the local seaplane base for your first attempt into magical Nahanni National Park. If the journey is successful, you'll soar through canyons, watch for wildlife, see thundering Virginia Falls, then land and take a short hike to see the falls up close. In the evening, take part in a traditional land and fire feeding ceremony with a Dene Elder, complete with stew and bannock, drumming and stories of the Dene way of life. Accommodations are at Lady Slipper Lodge in the best available room.

### 7 | FORT SIMPSON, NWT

Today, you'll have another attempt at visiting Nahanni National Park, if required; otherwise, feel free to roam Fort Simpson. Afterward, fly to Fort Providence, situated to the west of Great Slave Lake. From here, your guide will drive you along the lake, where bison are known to wander with their herd. The rest of the evening is yours to enjoy. Accommodations are at The Explorer Hotel in a Deluxe King Room.

#### 8 | FORT SIMPSON, NWT

After breakfast, head straight for the airport to catch your flight home. The trip might be over, but the people and places of the North will stay with you forever.