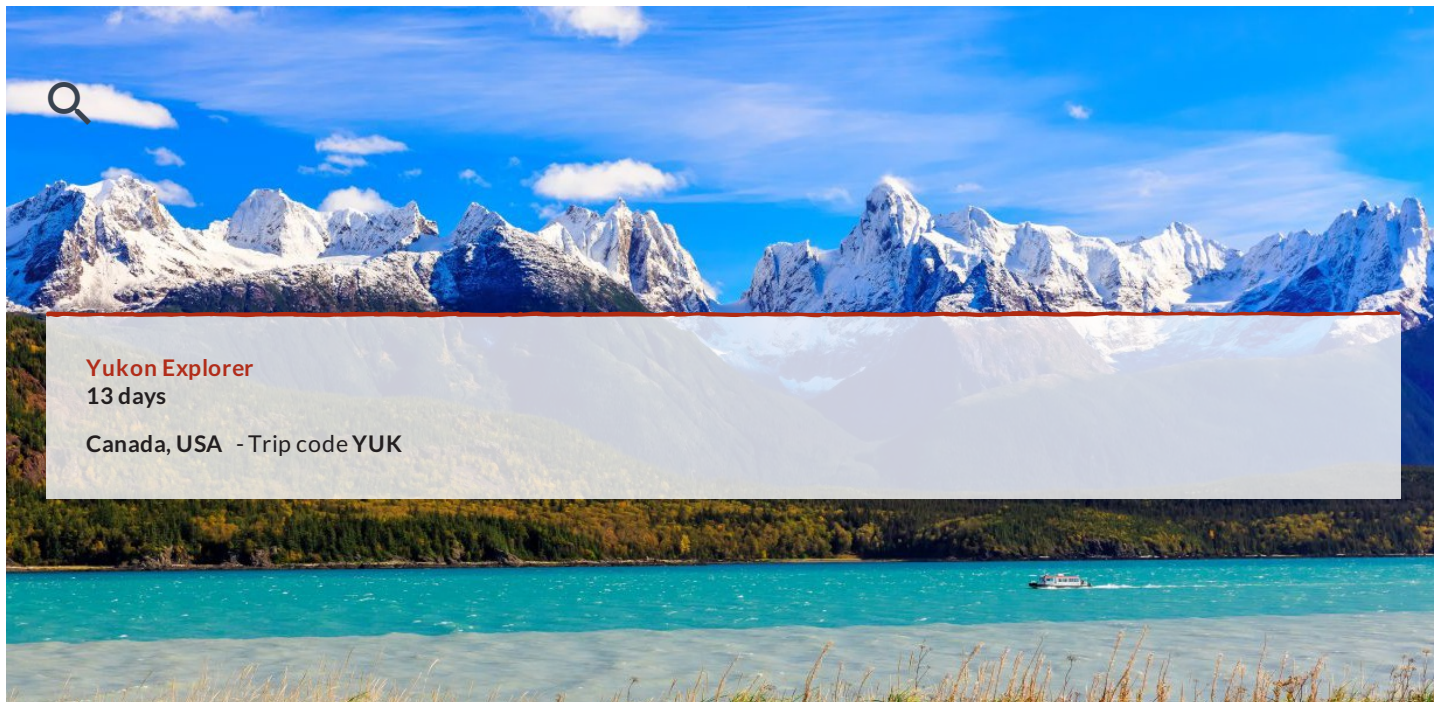


EXPLORE!



Yukon Explorer

13 days

Canada, USA - Trip code YUK

Yukon Explorer

Surrounded by wildlife and spectacular scenery in Yukon's awe-inspiring national parks, this trip is an immersion into one of Canada's wildest landscapes. We follow part of the epic journey of the Klondike Stampeders, a journey that began in 1896 upon the discovery of gold in the Yukon river. We explore the historic towns of Dawson and Whitehorse; take the spectacular mountain railway from Carcross to Skagway, and spot eagles and grizzly bears in Kluane National Park before traversing the 'top of the World' Highway, one of Canada's greatest drives.

Trip highlights

- ★ Scenic train ride from Carcross to Skagway - Follow the journey of the Gold Rush stampeders
- ★ Driving the 'Top of the World' Highway - Experience breathtaking scenery and visit the historic gold dredges near the village of Chicken
- ★ Klondike Gold Rush National Park - Spot brown and black bear, caribou, eagles and more!
- ★ Dawson - Relax in the 'Paris of the North', now a living museum of Gold Rush history set on the banks of the Yukon River
- ★ Optional scenic flight over Kluane National Park - Take a birds eye view of the world's largest nonpolar ice fields and Canada's highest peak

ACCOMMODATION GRADE:

Standard

Our standard, mid-range accommodation offers a good level of service, often with other amenities such as a restaurant, bar, garden or swimming pool. Generally rooms will be comfortable with en suite facilities.

TRIP PACE:**Moderate**

Moderate pace tours are ideal if you want a holiday which combines exciting activities and experiences with plenty of time to relax and unwind. Typically you'll be active and busy for part of the day but then also have time to rest and recharge your batteries.

GROUP SIZE:**8 - 13**

Maximum group size ranges from between 6 to 20 people, depending on the type of trip, the transport and accommodation used and activities included. We rarely have groups that are smaller than five or six people and the average is 12 people plus an Explore leader.

Itinerary

Itineraries on some departure dates may differ, please select the itinerary that you wish to explore.

DAY 1 - Join trip in Whitehorse

Our trip begins today in Whitehorse. On arrival we have time to relax or explore the town.



Accommodation: Best Western Gold Rush Inn (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Single room available



Meals Provided: None

DAY 2 - Explore Whitehorse on foot; visit Miles Canyon and the SS Klondike

The discovery of gold in the Klondike (a tributary of the Yukon River) in 1896 changed the course of history for Whitehorse, now the capital of the Yukon territory. Previously inhabited by First Nations people, the area around the Yukon River's treacherous White Horse rapids was settled by crowds of prospectors, all hoping to make their fortunes through prospecting for gold. The area became known colloquially as Whitehorse, and although the river was dammed in the 1950s and the rapids were submerged, the name has stuck. Today we immerse ourselves in Gold Rush history as we visit the MacBride Museum and its collection of artefacts and pictures, depicting life as it was at the turn of the century, along with profiles of the town's colourful characters, many of whom made or lost their fortunes in Whitehorse. We also discover the SS Klondike, a magnificently restored sternwheeler boat that represents a time when riverboats and rail were the Yukon's only links to the outside world. After spending time amid the old restored buildings and the Gold Rush sites, we head to Miles Canyon, just a short way from the city. Walking across the suspension bridge we will see the emerald river carving its way through the mountains; before a dam was erected, this river would be peppered with rapids, through which daring stampeders would make their way as they travelled to Whitehorse.



Accommodation: Best Western Gold Rush Inn (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Single room available



Meals Provided: None

DAY 3 - Walk in Carcross desert; train ride to Skagway (Alaska, USA) over the old White Pass and Yukon Railroad

This morning we drive to Carcross, home to the Carcross Desert. We spend a short time walking across the sand dunes that make up this tiny area, and take in the views of the surrounding mountains - it's bizarre to think that during winter the sand is covered over by snow, and the area is used for cross-country skiing and snowboarding. We then head to the railway depot to board our train across the mountains to Skagway in Alaska. The railroad was built in 1898 to connect Skagway with Carcross to ease the passage of the stampeders - prior to this, the trail was attempted on foot, earning the nickname 'The Dead Horse Trail' for the estimated 3,000 horses that died in just 2 years. Today we can appreciate the spectacular panoramas of mountains, glaciers, gorges and waterfalls from the comfort of our vintage train carriages, as we wind up through the Yukon mountain range. We break our journey at Bennett to stretch our legs and admire the mountainous scenery around this lakeside village. This remote outpost is accessible only by this train or a 50km hike, and after a short visit we continue on the train to summit the White Pass and descend into Skagway.



Accommodation: Westmark Inn Skagway (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Single room available



Meals Provided: Lunch

DAY 4 - Walking tour of Skagway; explore Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park

Today we explore the Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park on foot, beginning with Dyea, an old abandoned village that has now been taken over by the forest. We continue our exploration in the Gold Rush Cemetery, the site of many stampeders' graves and a ramshackle array of old tombstones, haphazardly scattered around the site. From the cemetery, it is a short uphill walk to the scenic Lower Reid Falls where the waters have carved out their descent through the forest, falling onto the rocks below. We should arrive back into Skagway late afternoon so can enjoy some free time before dinner taking in the restored buildings, visiting the national park museum or perhaps stopping to try a locally brewed ale at the Skagway brewing company.



Accommodation: Westmark Inn Skagway (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Single room available



Meals Provided: None

DAY 5 - Ferry to Haines; visit Tlingit Village

The itinerary for the next two days depends on the ferry schedule, which is usually released in spring. If the ferry is in the morning, we jump on board and take our 45 min journey towards Haines through the Taiya inlet, flanked by mountains on either side. On arrival we have the privilege of visiting a Tlingit indigenous village, home to the Tlingit community who were the first settlers in the area around the Chilkat Valley many hundreds of years ago. Their traditions still flourish today in the songs, dances, languages and stories passed on from generation to generation, and we will learn a little about their lives during our visit. We will also visit the Whale House and Jilkaat Kwaan Cultural Heritage & Bald Eagle Preserve Visitor Center, where we can discover local life and modern and historical culture in Klukwan. We have the afternoon free for optional activities, including a rafting excursion (not white water) on the Chilkat River, through the Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve and either a kayaking excursion or nature and bear watching on the Chilkoot Lake. All activities will be in locations where bears, wolves, moose and eagles are frequently spotted, surrounded by towering mountains, hanging glaciers and lush forests.

If the ferry is in the afternoon, we will do a morning hike in the Klondike Gold Rush National Historical park before our departure for Haines. We will visit the Tlingit community in the afternoon and catch up on the optional activities tomorrow.



Accommodation: Hotel Halsingland (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Single room available



Meals Provided: None

DAY 6 - Drive to Haines Junction (Yukon, Canada); views of the Kluane mountains

Depending on the ferry schedule yesterday, we may catch up on any missed optional activities this morning before heading off on our four hour drive to Haines Junction, crossing back into Canada en route. On the way, we visit the Chilkat Bald Eagle Preserve, a state park and wildlife refuge home to the world's largest concentration of bald eagles, where we may see these majestic birds in the flesh. The Haines Highway is noted for the grand views of the Kluane mountain range with its magnificent glaciers, and the variety of scenery from coastal forest near Haines to alpine tundra at the highest point, before descending to Haines Junction. During the drive we will stretch our legs on some of the trails, one of which is an easy 45min walk to Kathleen Lake, a beautiful blue lake at the base of the mountains, surrounded by alpine forest. Arriving at the cabins south of Haines Junction in the late afternoon, we spend the next two nights in a simple cabin in the wilderness of Kluane National Park, with shared shower facilities.



Accommodation: The Raven Hotel (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Single room available



Meals Provided: None

DAY 7 - Walks in Kluane National Park; optional scenic flight

Kluane National Park is dominated by North America's highest mountain range, the Saint-Elias range. There are many hiking trails

here of varying difficulties, lasting between 2-5 hours, and our Explore Leader will take us on a trail that suits our abilities. Whichever trail we do, we will have the feeling of being truly in the wilderness, surrounded by spectacular mountains and hiking through forest up to barren tundra. In the afternoon we are free to enjoy this paradise. There is the opportunity to take a scenic flight over the national park, flying over the most spectacular sections of the mighty Kaskawulsh and South Arm Glaciers, with the mountains of the Kluane Range spreading endlessly before us.



Accommodation: The Raven Hotel (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Single room available



Meals Provided: None

DAY 8 - Travel to Tok (Alaska, USA); walks in Kluane National Park

We cross the border once again into Alaska during our scenic drive to Tok. During this 6 hour journey we explore one of the ghost towns that sprang up as gold was found in the Kluane Lake area. These villages were transient and the boom of gold prospecting died out as quickly as it began, leaving these smaller settlements to go to ruin. Ruins and graves are now scattered through the forest, and we take the opportunity to visit the ghostly 'Silver City', somewhat ironically named but bearing no relation to any other precious metals found in the area! We have plenty of other opportunities to stretch our legs during the drive as we walk amid the outstanding panoramas of the Kluane range, exploring the rivers and forests that lie beyond trails just off the road. Today's night stop is a typical motel just outside of Tok.



Accommodation: Young's Motel (or similar)



Simple Hotel



Single room available



Meals Provided: None

DAY 9 - Drive to Dawson (Yukon, Canada) along the 'Top of the World' Highway; visit living museum at Chicken Village

Heading out of Tok, our first stop is at Chicken Village, a living museum of Gold Rush and Alaskan frontier history that has a year-round population of only a few dozen inhabitants. We join a daily tour of the town (this visit may include people who are not travelling with our Explore group), which is less of a tour and more of a viewing of the small handful of buildings that make up the settlement. The old wooden houses are fascinating, and we visit the school house, which was home to 'Tisha', the name given to Chicken's most famous inhabitant, the teacher Anne Hobbs Purdy. Anne later co-wrote a book recounting the difficulties of living in this close-set community, where there were many prejudices against the indigenous children whom she was dedicated to educating. Leaving Chicken Village we take a scenic woodland walk to a viewpoint over the Cowden Dredge, a dilapidated Gold Rush dredge on the Mosquito Fork River, abandoned in its wild location in the 1930s. We then continue on our adventure and join the 'Top of the World Highway' towards Dawson, Canada. Meandering over the ridges far above the treeline, the endless views over the rough, lonely landscape are quite spectacular, with rolling hills and barren shrub, perforated by alpine trees. Towards the end of August, the land turns brightly autumnal with a blanket of almost unreal reds, yellows and oranges spreading before us. The road is rough in places and weather can be erratic, but the adventure and feeling of being alone in the wilderness is incredibly

memorable. We return to civilisation in the early evening, as we arrive into Dawson city.



Accommodation: Westmark Inn, Dawson (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Single room available



Meals Provided: None

DAY 10 - Walking tour of Dawson; optional paddleboat cruise on Yukon River

Exploring Dawson on foot, we visit some of the beautifully restored wooden buildings and bustling streets that once gave this city the nickname 'Paris of the North', harking back to a time when it was one of the most wealthy and influential cities in North America. Dawson is an intrinsic part of Gold Rush history, and with the facades and shopfronts of the era still intact, walking around the city seems somehow like stepping back in time. A quirk to our discovery of this historic city is our exploration of the 'Paddlewheel Graveyard' on the banks of the Yukon river, home to the remains of around seven historic paddlewheel boats, abandoned here as land travel became more popular and now heavily overgrown with woodland. The wrecks look almost as if they crashed onto shore and after years of their wooden struts rotting away they have an almost ghostly appearance, their sad remains poking through the trees. The afternoon is free to explore Dawson; we may choose to cruise the Yukon River, discover the SS Keno, a restored vessel now a museum, or visit the Jack London Interpretive Centre. The writer of Call of the Wild and White Fang is one of the region's most famous residents, and set these iconic tales in the Yukon during the time of the Gold Rush itself. This museum is a labour of love by historians, who are obviously fans of his work. We can also discover Dredge Number 4, the best and most well restored old Gold Dredge, dating back to 1912 and now of great historical importance in the area.

On our June departures we have the chance to experience the midnight sun, on a hike up to the 887m high Midnight Dome at, you guessed it, midnight - the views over Dawson in the changing colours of the sky are quite stunning.



Accommodation: Westmark Inn, Dawson (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Single room available



Meals Provided: None

DAY 11 - Explore the walking trails of Tombstone Territorial Park

Today we head to Tombstone Territorial Park to explore the walking trails and wildlife found in this hiker's paradise. There are many different trails to explore, including the hike up to the Grizzly Lake viewpoint. The region encapsulates the spirit of the Yukon territory - virgin nature, solitude and the habitat of grizzly bears, in a setting of craggy, imposing mountains. After a day in the nature, we head back to Dawson for the evening. Here we can try another of Dawson City's traditions - the Sourtoe Cocktail. Established in 1973, this is exactly what it sounds like - an actual human toe that has been dehydrated and preserved, ready to gruesomely garnish a drink of your choice.



Accommodation: Westmark Inn, Dawson (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Single room available



Meals Provided: None

DAY 12 - Drive to Whitehorse via Five Finger Rapids and Braeburn Roadhouse

On our final full day in the Yukon, we set off back to Whitehorse from Dawson this morning. The drive will take approximately 7 hours and there are several interesting stopping points en route - the Tintina Trench Viewpoint is our first chance to get out of the vehicle, welcomed by a superb view of the Klondike Valley and Ogilvie Mountains. Moose Creek Lodge and the Braeburn Roadhouse are also favourite local stopping points - the Braeburn is famous for its giant cinnamon buns with the nearby airstrip even having the name 'Cinnamon Bun Airport'! We also stop at Five Finger Rapid viewpoint; When gold was discovered in the Klondike in 1896, the Yukon River was thought to be unnavigable above Five Finger Rapid - the rapids were a major obstacle along the route, and more than a few daring Stampeders ended up in the water after choosing the wrong channel, or 'finger'. We arrive in Whitehorse in the early evening.



Accommodation: Best Western Gold Rush Inn (or similar)



Standard Hotel



Single room available



Meals Provided: None

DAY 13 - Trip ends in Whitehorse

Our trip ends in Whitehorse this morning.



Meals Provided: None



Combine your trip

Every thought about seeing the Northern Lights in autumn? Yellowknife, only 400km south of the Arctic Circle, is one of the best places in the world for spotting the Aurora Borealis. We run a four night departure in late-August and September, of which the dates may combine well with your Yukon trip. With three nights of Aurora hunting in cabins off the Great Slave Lake, there is an excellent chance of spotting the lights dancing across the sky on this trip. For more information and to check departure dates, click [here](#).

Why book this trip

The Yukon is an unspoilt wilderness that Explore are privileged to visit. This remote land offers the same dramatic sceneries that the Canadian Rockies and Alaska have in spades - massive snow-covered mountains inhabited by wolves and bears, and emerald lakes flanked by pine forest - but the Yukon's absence of real tourism gives it a sense of isolation like no other. This trip couples outstanding natural beauty with fascinating goldrush history and includes a ride on the historic Whitepass and Yukon Route railway that cuts through the mountains linking the Yukon to Alaska.

What's included?



Included meals

Lunch: 1



Transport

Ferry
Maxiwagon
Train



Trip staff

Explore Tour Leader / Driver



Accommodation

11 nights standard hotel
1 nights simple hotel

Trip information

Country information

Canada

Climate

May-Sep is the best time to visit, when the weather is usually warm, dry and pleasant. Temperatures can be a little cooler on the coast and in the mountains; rain can be expected at any time. Early in the season, there can be snow in some areas which may limit walking possibilities.

Time difference to GMT

-7

Plugs

2 Pin Flat

Religion

Roman Catholic, Protestant

Language

English and French

USA

Climate

There are great variations in the altitude and terrain of the areas visited and this is reflected in the temperatures. Desert areas can be extremely hot in the summer months (49°), though temperatures can drop dramatically at night. The mountains are cooler and wetter especially in the north of the Rockies. At the beginning and end of the season there may still be some snow around in the high passes and it can be cold, whereas in mid-summer the day time temperatures can soar.

Time difference to GMT

-9

Plugs

2 Pin Flat

Religion

Christian

Language

English

Budgeting and packing

Optional activities

The following excursions and/or activities are usually available and may be arranged locally. Estimated costs are provided below for guidance only, are on a per person basis unless shown otherwise, and may depend on the number of participants. Prices quoted are correct as of the date these tour notes were originally issued but may change at any time due to currency fluctuations. Please note: These activities are booked and paid for direct with the supplier and do not form part of your Explore holiday contract.

There are a number of exciting optional excursions you can do on tour. These activities are booked and paid for direct with the supplier and do not form part of your Explore holiday contract.

Haines - Chilkat River Rafting (non white water) USD\$140 pp; Chilkoot Lake Kayaking (4 hours) US\$114 pp; Nature and bear viewing USD\$122 pp (minimum 2 people)
Kluane National Park - Scenic Flight (1 hour) CAN\$ 265 pp
Dawson - Yukon River Cruise CAN\$52.50 pp; Jack London Interpretive Centre CAN\$5 pp; SS Keno \$CAN6.30 pp; Dredge Number 4 CAN\$22 pp

All optional excursion costs are subject to change at the discretion of the local supplier.

Clothing

A waterproof jacket and trousers, a pair of gloves and a hat are essential. Include some long-sleeved shirts and warm clothing. Thermal underwear is advised for chilly nights all through the summer months of June-August. Bring swimwear and a sun hat as well. Be aware that Alaska and the Yukon is home to many biting insects, particularly in the national parks, so you may wish to bring long trousers and long sleeved tops.

Footwear

Good quality waterproof walking boots, trainers and/or sandals for travelling.

Luggage

20kg

Luggage: On tour

Luggage is stored either in the van or a trailer on the back. Please make sure the bag is of a reasonable size and preferably soft nature rather than a hard shell.

You will also need a day pack for walking and personal items as your main luggage cannot be accessed during the day.

Equipment

Bring a water bottle, (head) torch for our stay in Haines Junction, some plastic bags, to keep things dry, sunblock, insect repellent and binoculars. An umbrella, and eye mask for sleeping may also be useful.

Tipping

Explore leader

At your discretion you might also consider tipping your Tour Leader in appreciation of the efficiency and service you receive.

Local crew

In North America tipping 15%-20% is a recognised part of life across the service industry, including restaurants, activity suppliers, taxis and guides. Local staff will look to you for personal recognition of particular services provided.

Unlike other Explore trips, during our trips in North America our Explore leaders will not operate a tips kitty. However, they will be more than happy to provide guidance throughout the trip on who to tip when and to suggest appropriate amounts.

Local fees

Beauty always comes at a price and the wonderful isolation of the Yukon and Alaska is reflected in the price of everyday items which normally have to be imported at great costs. The estimates given for Food and Drink are based on the average across Canada and the USA so when budgeting for your tour you should allow approximately double the amounts stated.

Country Information

Canada

Food and drink

The costs for meals may vary depending upon location, type of restaurant and number of courses eaten and so the prices given are an average guide. Local restaurants located off the beaten track may be less expensive, whereas an upmarket restaurant located in the centre of a major city may charge more.

Lunch price

£13.00

Dinner price

£20.00

Beer price

£3.00

Water price

£1.10

Foreign Exchange

Local currency

Canadian Dollars.

Recommended Currency For Exchange

Bring your money in Canadian Dollars or US Dollars cash which can be used almost everywhere, although local stores are not keen to change anything over \$50.

Where To Exchange

Banks or 'Forex' offices in main towns/cities. Your tour leader will advise you on arrival.

ATM Availability

There are ATMs in the towns.

Credit Card Acceptance

Widely accepted just about everywhere.

USA

Food and drink

The costs for meals may vary depending upon location, type of restaurant and number of courses eaten and so the prices given are an average guide. Local restaurants located off the beaten track may be less expensive, whereas an upmarket restaurant located in the centre of a major city may charge more.

Lunch price

£15

Dinner price

£21

Beer price

£Varies for different towns, average £4.00

Water price

£1.1

Foreign Exchange

Local currency

USDollars.

Recommended Currency For Exchange

Bring your money in US\$ cash.

Where To Exchange

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ATM Availability

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Credit Card Acceptance

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Transport, Accommodation & Meals

Transport Information

Ferry, Maxiwagon, Train

Essential Information

FCO Advice

We strongly recommend that you check your government's travel advisory for up-to-date information and advice about your destination: safety and security, entry requirements, health, local laws and customs. For UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office advice click here.

For more information from Explore about travel advice, click here

Under 18 immigration guidance

Please note that some countries require proof of parental consent when travelling overseas with under 18s. Please check requirements with the relevant embassy or consular office well in advance of travel if this applies to your party.

Price Guarantee

Once your booking has been confirmed we guarantee the price will not increase, whatever the circumstances. Before booking please ensure you have read our important tour pricing information.Booking Conditions

Visa and Passport Information

Canada: Citizens of the UK, New Zealand, Australia and passport holders from several EU countries can enter Canada with an Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA).

An electronic travel authorisation (ETA) is required when flying into Canada or transiting via Canada. For more information and to apply see the official Canadian government website: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/eta.asp>. Other nationalities should consult their local embassy or consular office.

Please note you must also ensure you get an entry stamp when going through immigration on arrival. In most cases the border agents will provide this stamp automatically but if for any reason they do not provide one, please ensure you request one as you are crossing into the USA via land border and stamped entry will be required.

USA: On this trip you will enter the USA by land through an authorised border crossing. Entry requirements are as follows -

ESTA - Citizens of the UK, New Zealand, Australia, and passport holders from several EU countries can apply online for an ESTA (Electronic System for Travel Authorisation), here <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov> no later than 72 hours prior to travel into the USA. Travellers who have not registered before their trip may be refused entry or held up at the border.

You must have an electronic passport with a digital chip containing biometric information about the passport owner. UK passports which are biometric feature a small gold symbol (camera) at the bottom of the front cover.

If you have visited Libya, Iran, Iraq, Somalia, Sudan, Syria or Yemen since 01 March 2011 or are dual nationals of these countries, you cannot travel with an ESTA. If you are a citizen of a country not included in the VWP you cannot apply for an ESTA. In both cases, you will instead need to apply for a visa from the nearest US Embassy or Consulate. If you are unable to provide a valid visa before boarding flights to the US, or entering via another method, you may not be permitted to travel.

Please note for your ESTA application you will be required to supply Point of Contact information. Explore's USA contact information will be listed on your final documentation which you will receive approximately 3-4 weeks before departure. If you are leaving for the USA before this, please call the Explore team to get this information.

I-94 - The i94 is a history of entries and exits to the US. You can get this online here for \$6: <https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/i94/#/home>. Each i94 accessed is only valid for border crossing for 7 days.

Entry requirements for the USA can change regularly, therefore, please ensure you have the most up to date information before you travel by checking the US embassy website.

If you do require assistance in obtaining a visa then you may consider applying through Explore's recommended visa service in the UK, Travcour. See www.travcour.com to download the relevant visa application for your trip, if applicable (UK citizens only), along with details of how to apply for your visa through Travcour. The Team at Travcour will be happy to answer specific questions relating to visa applications, please call them directly on 0208 5431846.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you are in possession of a full passport, with the correct validity for your chosen destination.

Booking conditions

Before booking your Explore trip, please ensure that you read both our Essential Information and Booking Conditions.

Transfers

[Find out more about Trip Transfer Terms and Conditions before you book.](#)

Booking a land only package with Explore

Customers who have chosen to book on the 'Land Only' arrangements of our tour, please ensure that you have checked your tour specific 'Joining Instructions' prior to booking your own travel arrangements. Your joining instructions can be found below in the dates and prices information.

You may also be eligible for the Free Explore Transfer.

Joining Tour Abroad

Customers booked on the 'Land Only' arrangements will now receive a Free Transfer, provided you arrive and depart on the tour only itinerary start and end dates. The transfers will be from the Explore designated airport or train station to the joining point of your tour, and then back from the ending point to the designated airport or train station. The exception to this rule is customers who are booked on a tour where the joining and ending point is at the designated airport or train station.

Free transfers are not available for Self-Guided, Polar, Tailormade or Tours for Churches customers.

If you are not eligible for the Free Transfer then you will need to make your own way through to the joining and ending point. On a majority of our tours Explore will be able to provide a private transfer at an additional cost. Please ask for a quote at the time of booking.

For more information regarding the Explore Free Transfer click [here](#)

Insurance

It is a condition of booking with Explore that you have adequate valid travel insurance. It is your responsibility to arrange appropriate travel insurance and ensure you have read and understood the full terms and conditions of your travel insurance policy to ensure that you are covered for all activities you intend to undertake whilst on the tour, including all optional activities. Your Insurance Policy must fully cover you for medical expenses and emergency repatriation to your home country. Please ensure

your policy includes medical emergency helicopter evacuation in the event of illness or injury and covers the entire duration of your holiday. If you are trekking at altitude please ensure that there is no upper altitude limit which may limit or exclude cover for your trip. The cost of many of our Polar Voyages will exceed the capped amount covered by standard insurance premiums and you will be required to pay an additional premium to cover the full value of your trip. Please ensure that you are covered for the full amount of your holiday cost, as insufficient cover could invalidate a claim under the policy. Medical and repatriation insurance cover is not mandatory for UK residents who are travelling on trips within the United Kingdom. Read more information about what travel insurance is required.

Flight information

Explore offers a wide range of flexible flying options to make joining and leaving our trips easy. Read more about them here.

Flight Information

You are able to book this tour on a 'land only' basis or as a 'flight inclusive' package. Your flight inclusive package will be fully protected by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) ATOL protection scheme.

Booking a flight inclusive package with Explore

We have a good selection of flights not only from London but from many regional airports around the UK allowing us to compare fares between scheduled carriers as well as low cost and charter airlines. Our dedicated flights team will match the best flight options to your arrival and departure airport.

On our website we display a UK flight inclusive package guide price which is generally based on a London departure. To avoid paying supplements or to secure your preferred flight option, we recommend booking as early as possible, especially for peak travel dates.

Non refundable permits

Canada

Vaccinations

Nothing compulsory, but we recommend protection against tetanus, typhoid, infectious hepatitis and polio. Please check the latest requirements with your travel clinic or doctor prior to departure. The above is not an exhaustive list. Further information regarding vaccinations and travel health advice can be found by following the NHS and NaTHNaC links at [Explore Travel Health](#) and from your local healthcare provider. Visa and vaccination requirements are subject to change and should be confirmed by you before travelling.

USA

Vaccinations

Nothing compulsory, we recommend protection against typhoid, tetanus, diphtheria, polio and hepatitis A. Please check the latest requirements with your travel clinic or doctor prior to departure. The above is not an exhaustive list. Further information regarding vaccinations and travel health advice can be found by following the NHS and NaTHNaC links at [Explore Travel Health](#) and from your local healthcare provider. Visa and vaccination requirements are subject to change and should be confirmed by you before travelling.
