



Trip Policies & Information

Each trip has a detailed itinerary and description of activities, but some general policies and standards apply to all trips.

INCLUSIVE SERVICE

SLE tries to include all the essential elements in your trip fee with only a few exceptions, which are noted below. Once we pick you up and the trip starts, we include:

- All travel by land or water.
- Hotel accommodation listed in the trip itinerary.
- All camp gear such as tents, sleeping bags and pads, tarps, chairs and the like.
- General camp tools, navigation and communication equipment.
- All meals, whether cooked in camp or purchased at a restaurant.
- Snacks, beverages and goodies.
- Cooking and clean-up gear.
- Group hygiene equipment such as portable toilets, hand washbasins and showers.
- First aid and safety equipment.
- Interpretative gear such as binoculars and guidebooks.
- Equipment for multi-activity trips, including fishing rods, canoes or the like.
- Some personal-use equipment such as trekking poles.
- Expert guides.

We do not include:

- Personal clothing and effects. Please refer to our *Personal Equipment Checklist* and *Gear Tips* for items you should consider bringing.
- If it's a paddling trip, see also the *Personal Paddling Gear Checklist* for some additional items.
- Fishing licences, park fees or other permit costs.
- Personal alcoholic beverages for the evening meal.
- Pre- and post-trip costs such as airfare to Whitehorse or accommodation and meals before and after the trip.
- Personal discretionary spending such as souvenirs.
- Unexpected additional costs as explained in the *Trip Terms & Conditions*.
- Items specifically identified in the itinerary for a particular trip.
- Clothing and equipment packages are available to rent for some trips.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

We respect the natural world around us, and some of the measures we take to preserve it are:

- If traveling by road, we stay on existing trails.
- If traveling by powerboat, we rely on four-stroke engines that are fuel-efficient and pollute less.
- Our policy is to view wildlife from a respectful distance, so we provide spotting scopes and our guides advise on appropriate behaviour.



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- We carry out all garbage, including other people's.
- We use portable toilets (and they're more comfortable!).
- For campfires, we bring a fire pan, and will sometimes use established fire rings. Some nights there may be no fire, as it allows us to be more aware of the surrounding world (and it won't be dark in the Yukon summer).
Note: There may also be times when campfires are banned in our location if the fire hazard is extremely high.
- Our packing considers waste reduction and recycling when planning a trip.
- We try to adapt our environmental measures to each particular locale. What's suitable in a desert may not be acceptable in a forest.

SLE EQUIPMENT

We provide what we feel is the most appropriate equipment available in each category. Typically, this means newer gear of top quality. We are fanatics about gear maintenance; update our stock often, and like trying out new products. As a major adventure equipment rental operation in the Yukon, we also have a lot of inventory, so we won't run short of gear.

The one exception is our off-highway 4x4 vehicles, where we have chosen durability over newness. Competitors' 4x4 trips are often on terrain that doesn't actually need four-wheel drive capability. Our trips keep going where the others end.

As a result we have selected tough vehicles with big mud tires, winches, and simple enough mechanicals that we can do some field repairs. Compared to what you might be driving, expect some wind noise, a rougher ride, and some creaks and rattles. Also expect to come back from your trip.

THE TRIP PACE

We try to plan trips so that a relaxed pace is possible that allows participants to admire the view, take photos, and indulge their senses in the surrounding world. Trip itineraries give more detail, but we usually expect to get under way by 10:00 a.m. each day and start to set up camp between 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Some days may have more activities in the middle, and stretch into the evening with the midnight sun to help. Certain trips may have longer travel days, with layover days at spots of particular interest or beauty.

Our pace allows time for both group activity and individual investigation and contemplation.