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### Dear Traveler:

Welcome to Carson Tours. We bring you carefree tours in **Alberta's most luxurious 2008 Setra motor coach**, combining professional service with a personal touch. On most tours, Mike, your guide and driver is able to show you nifty little places that will make your travel memories even more special! With your tour family, you'll see new places, meet new faces and share new experiences. You'll return home with photos, memories, and lots of stories to share with those who will wish they'd come along. Please note that we have updated and improved our schedules to make your vacations even more enjoyable.

# Yellowknife

**Depart May 25, 2008**

**Return June 1, 2008**

**Double \$ 1019 + G.S.T.**

**Single \$1499.00 + G.S.T.**

**Day 1:** Our journey begins as we follow the route traversed by fur traders, trappers, prospectors, missionaries and homesteaders. We will see plenty of evidence of the rough-hewn wilderness that greeted our predecessors. We will also find the "new" north to be a vibrant, exciting part of our nation, buoyed by the economic prospects of agriculture, mining, petroleum and forestry. Following Highway #2 north, we cross the watershed - separating waters flowing to Hudson's Bay from those flowing to the Arctic. We will enter the majestic Peace River Valley and spend our first night in one of Alberta's prettiest northern towns; Peace River, at the confluence of the Smoky, Heart & Peace Rivers.

**Day 2:** This morning we begin our day with a stop at Mile Zero on the Mackenzie Highway at Grimshaw. This is Deh Cho or “big river” country – the Aboriginal term for the Mackenzie River region. The system of highways we follow takes us through dense forest, across spongy muskeg, past duck filled sloughs and lakes and over swift flowing waters. This afternoon, we will visit Canada’s most northerly farming area at La Crete, and Fort Vermillion, which vies with Fort Chipewyan as the oldest settlement in Alberta. We travel through the boreal forests of High Level and spend the night here – at the gateway to the Northwest Territories.

**Day 3:** We cross the 60<sup>th</sup> parallel, stopping at the visitors centre. We follow the “Waterfalls Route” and pause to savour two of nature’s beautiful spillways before arriving at the thriving port of Hay River. Located on the south shore of the Great Slave Lake, we will enjoy a guided tour of the city, where cargo is off-loaded from rail cars and trucks to barges and then shipped north to communities along the Mackenzie River. We stay the night in Hay River, lulled to sleep by the soothing sounds of the water.

**Day 4:** We cross the mighty Mackenzie on a ferry and enter the 10,000 acres Mackenzie Bison Sanctuary. Home to the Mackenzie Wood Bison herd, it is also noted as being a major nesting ground for sand hill cranes. We pass through the villages of Rae and Edzo, located on the North Arm of the Great Slave Lake. These villages are a blend of traditional and modern life-styles. Older women still dry and smoke fish, tan moose hides, scrape caribou hides and do decorative handicrafts. Men are still employed as hunters, trappers and fishermen. We arrive in the NWT capital of Yellowknife, in early afternoon, in time to experience a short orientation tour of this modern, bustling northern city. Day 4 and 5 will be spent in Yellowknife.

**Day 5:** We spend a full day in this vibrant northern community where historic tradition blends with the realities of the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We will visit the Legislature, the famous Prince of Wales Northern Heritage centre, and more. Most Inuit and northern Indians hunted and trapped for a living, embroidering their parkas, gloves, and mukluks with intricate designs. Today this is a recognized art form, and you will have time to explore the shops that merchandise these beautiful garments. This evening we’ll enjoy a dinner, which is included in the tour.

**Day 6:** Departing Yellowknife, we’ll likely see more bison as we near Fort Providence. After a brief stop in this historic old fort, we will stop at several interesting sights including the beautiful Lady Evelyn Falls. Tonight we’ll sleep in High Level.

**Day 7:** Back through the forests of northern Alberta, we’ll stop at Manning to visit the outstanding Battle River Museum then we’ll arrive in Girouxville by mid-afternoon. This is one of several towns along the Mighty Peace River whose names reflect a French Canadian heritage. The Girouxville Museum, operated by the Oblate Fathers, displays hundreds of artefacts, including millstones from an early flour mill in the area. A replica of a trapper’s cabin contains pioneer furniture, clothing and tools, and is a “must see”. We’ll then proceed to Valleyview (it’s given this name for a reason....) for the night.

**Day 8:** Homeward bound, we return with some wonderful memories of our visit to this varied and exciting part of our great country!

Included in your holiday is first class transportation on our **new luxurious 2008 Setra motor coach**; standard accommodation and taxes at the hotels, baggage handling (one piece per person), and 8 full days of fun and memories. We hope that you will decide to join us for this exciting and fun-filled tour of Yellowknife.

We look forward to offering you luxury. You deserve it!

## *Welcome Aboard! Luxury Awaits You!*

Questions? Please feel free to call us at **(780) 986-7766** or Toll Free **1-866-522-7766**.

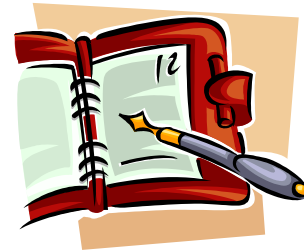
Sincerely,

**Mike & Diane Lorentz**

### **Travel Notes**

To help you enjoy a safe and relaxing holiday, we remind you of the following:

- The medical information and liability waiver must be completed to assist you in the event of an emergency. Bring this form when first boarding the coach.
- We clearly tag your baggage for easy handling and identification. In order to accommodate all passengers, we ask that you restrict luggage to one large suitcase (for hotel staff to handle) and one carry on bag (that is your responsibility) per person.
- In order to keep the coach clean and neat, and for your comfort, we ask that you refrain from eating and drinking (except water!) on the coach. Our frequent stops (every 2-3 hours) allow plenty of opportunity for filling our tummies.
- If you are diabetic, or have a medical condition that requires food more often, let us know. We'll be pleased to meet your needs.
- While your rooms, tours and special events are included, in order to accommodate the variety of individual tastes, meals are your responsibility. We endeavor to arrange suitable eating establishments en route – enjoy!
- If you have questions or concerns, please let us know at once. We look forward to making your holiday a memorable experience.
- Trip cancellation and medical insurance are available, call for details.



- Don't forget your camera!