

Guided Back-Country Nordic Skiing and Winter Camping Adventure

Boreal Dreams Outdoor Adventure Company

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Join us for a 7-day guided wilderness adventure in northwestern Ontario's *Superior Country*. This is the perfect place to experience the outstanding natural beauty of Canada's vast boreal forests. Winters typically bring cold temperatures, plenty of snow and endless opportunities for winter fun.

The Anishinaabeg, the first peoples, have called northwestern Ontario home for millennia. Since the late 19th century, large numbers of newcomers from all over the world have come here to live and work. This has created a vibrant contemporary culture that places a strong relationship with the land at the core of its collective identity.

During your time with us, you will travel in the forest using skin-based backcountry skis while practicing wilderness navigation and winter camping skills. You will learn about our local traditions, stories, and values, and get an authentic taste of life in Ontario's north.

Is This Adventure Right for You?

This adventure is designed for people 18 and over (14 if accompanied by an adult) that may be new to winter backcountry travel and camping, want to learn new skills, and are looking for active and unique winter adventure. If you already have some experience, don't let that discourage you. There will still be plenty of things for you to see, do, and learn!

To get the most enjoyment from your time with us you should come prepared with a reasonable level of fitness (i.e. can hike in mixed terrain for at least 3 hours), an abundance of curiosity, and willingness to try new things. Don't worry if you have never been on cross-country skis; we will teach you the basics in no time.

Itinerary

Our adventure begins at our base camp in Greenstone, a frontier municipality made up of several smaller communities roughly 270 km from the City of Thunder Bay.

There are daily flights from Toronto to Thunder Bay. We will pick you up in the city in the afternoon of day one of your adventure, depending on where you are coming from there may be other direct flight options as well.

You should arrive the day before so we can meet you at your hotel rested, relaxed and ready to enjoy your week. Arriving a day early will also help you avoid a missed pick-up as a result of any flight delays.

We can help you figure out your travel schedule to Thunder Bay and assist you with finding overnight accommodation in the city if you need assistance. Contact us if you require help.

February 16 (Day 1): Overnight at basecamp (cabin accommodations)

After we arrive at our basecamp we will get settled in for the evening, relax and take some time to get to know our fellow adventurers. A sauna should be available for those that wish to use it after a day of travelling.

February 17 (Day 2): After breakfast we will take a relaxed morning for an overview of the week, do some ski fitting, gain basic familiarity with equipment, and go over some safety considerations. After lunch, we will make a short excursion on skis (2 hrs), with basic instruction for those that need it. The skis are designed to be used in deep snow and ungroomed terrain so there are many places we can explore. The emphasis will be on having fun, soaking in the natural environment, and getting used to moving on snow. We can have a snack and tea/coffee on the trail. **Overnight at basecamp (cabin accommodations)**

February 18 (Day 3): After breakfast, we will then pack up, and after a short drive, we will ski into our wilderness camp. We have several great locations for our wilderness camp and where we go exactly will depend on a number of factors including snow conditions and weather. Normally we expect the ski in to be about 3 hours, but this varies depending on the location of our camp. We should expect to ski over frozen lakes, in the forest, over more open terrain.

Upon arrival at camp, we will get set-up and go over important topics like camp hygiene, safety, and comfort. This will ensure we will be warm in any weather, can dry our clothes, and cook meals sheltered from inclement weather. The evening will be devoted to good cheer and a perhaps a campfire under the stars. This is big sky country and stargazing on a clear, cold night is an experience not to be missed. If the weather is challenging -- for example heavy snow and wind -- we can gather around the wood stove in our tent to enjoy the evening. **Overnight in canvas tents heated by woodstoves.**



February 19-20 (Days 4 & 5): We will spend two days exploring our surroundings on skis and practicing our bush skills. Lunch both days will be “on the trail.” How far we go on these days

will be determined by the group and take weather, and snow conditions into consideration. Adaptability and good decision-making are key skills when traveling in the northern bush. In the evening, we will enjoy a warm fire and some storytelling. Ontario's north is rich in myths, legends, and tall tales. **Overnight in canvas tents heated by woodstoves.**

February 21 (Day 6): After breakfast we can pack-up camp and head out of the bush. We can either have lunch on the trail or after we arrive back at basecamp. There should be time for sauna before the evening meal. The evening will be time to review the week and enjoy the company of our fellow travelers. For those that want it, there may even be a glass of wine or two. **Overnight at basecamp (cabin accommodations).**

February 22 (Day 7): We will depart from our basecamp early in the morning so we can arrive in Thunder Bay around noon. Most flights depart from Thunder Bay in the morning so you should plan to stay in the city that night, although depending on your destination an afternoon flight out may be possible. For those staying another night, we offer an excursion to Kakabeka Falls, the famous "Niagara of the North" and/or an opportunity to shop for some local crafts and souvenirs.

What's Included

- Complimentary transportation from Thunder Bay to our base camp and back to the city after your adventure. Let us know if you plan to drive up and we can send you exact directions.
- Delicious, healthy meals from the evening of Day One to breakfast on Day Seven.
- Skin-based skis and poles. We use Hok (Altai) skis with a built-in skin and a universal binding that can be used with any flexible winter boot. This is a great setup if you have never skied before, and learning is easy!
- A winter sleeping bag and sleeping mat.
- Most other gear needed, including tents, stoves, cooking equipment, maps and compasses.
- An experienced guide that will not only make your safety and well-being a priority but will share with you their extensive skills and knowledge.

What's Not Included

- Transportation from your home to Thunder Bay and the cost of any accommodation you may need before we pick you up on Day One or after we drop you off on Day Seven. If

you to forgo a complimentary Thunder Bay pick-up and choose to take another mode of transportation to Geraldton or directly to our base camp, this will be at your expense.

- The cost of any meals before we arrive at our base camp on Day One or after departure on Day Seven.
- Travel insurance, including medical insurance.
- Your outdoor clothing, winter boots, a backpack, headlamp and other personal items. We will provide you with a full list of the clothing and personal items you will need. We are happy to advise on any items you need and can purchase something for you if you let us know in advance. We understand that some items on our packing list may be difficult to find where you live.

Group Size

Our maximum group size is 5 people. This ensures that everyone gets to fully participate in group activities and can benefit fully from the knowledge and experience of our guide.