

HOTEL INTEL

Raven Inn adds trendy touch to Whitehorse



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Visitors to Yukon are currently required to quarantine for 14 days upon arrival, but when restrictions ease, travellers can explore the wide open spaces and the fresh air of Canada's North.

“The biggest compliment that anyone can give us,” said Sarah Stuecker, general manager of the new Raven Inn and Railwork Bar and Lounge in Whitehorse, Yukon, “is that we are totally different than almost anywhere else in Whitehorse.

“The Raven Inn is contemporary, and we think of it as hip — the fashionable place to be,” said Stuecker, who is a native of Switzerland.

The first new hotel in Whitehorse in a long time, the Raven Inn opened in 2020, introducing a trendy, urban style to the small-town vibe. Railwork dishes up uncomplicated cuisine with a northern flavour and a modern twist. The bistro-bar has accessible prices, hearty meals and good wines and beer, and is in action all day and all evening.

Around town: Nearby must-sees include the MacBride Museum of Yukon History, which has a fine collection of artifacts and also presents events, music and storytelling; and the Kwanlin Dün Cultural Centre, which showcases First Nations tra-

ditions and art. First Nations people account for about 25 per cent of Yukon's 44,000 residents, and Whitehorse is in the heart of Kwanlin Dün and Ta'an Kwäch'än territory.

In normal times, tourists visit from as far away as Asia and Australia for the No. 1 attraction, the northern lights (aurora borealis). The magical phenomenon, in which the sky lights up in bands of colours, is best seen from September to May. June to August is Midnight Sun season; it peaks June 21, when it is daylight for 24 hours.

Lodging: The Raven Inn is high on conveniences such as up-to-date bathrooms, some with both baths and showers, plus mini-fridges, espresso machines and high-speed Wi-Fi.

The 34 rooms and deluxe king suites are minimalist modern, with a few rustic accents like gingham blankets and forest murals. The 19 one- and two-bedroom apartments and the eye-catching penthouse are the hotel's “wow” factors. The apartments, some with views of the Yukon River and surrounding mountains, are handsomely furnished and have private balconies and attractive kitchens that suit a family stay or executive visit.

Some of the Raven Inn's facilities are currently closed: a lobby convenience store for snacks, drinks and souvenirs; and the outdoor hot tub on an upper deck.

Cuisine: Railwork chef Wesley Jacques has crafted a menu of what he calls “elevated comfort food that people understand.” He has attracted a varied clientele —



The contemporary Raven Inn is a new boutique hotel in Whitehorse, offering guests a hip, contemporary vibe. PHOTOS: MARTIN KNOWLES



The Railwork Bar and Lounge serves upscale comfort food.

blue- and white-collar workers, a bar crowd and couples out for date-night dinners.

Ingredients are locally sourced when possible. Lunch features brisket panini and French onion soup with bison broth. Sunday brunch favourites include eggs Benedict, prime rib steak salad, and Jacques' irresistible sweet crêpes with custard, whipped

cream, chocolate and fruit. Sundays also sparkle with pomegranate mimosas and cranberry sangria.

Dinner is a modern take on casual classics: bison pot pie, steak salad, Arctic char, pulled pork poutine and portobello burgers, with sides like sweet potato fries or mac and cheese, and starters such as tempura

IF YOU GO

Flight schedules change frequently. Air Canada, WestJet and Air North fly to Whitehorse from Calgary, Ottawa, Vancouver and other cities. Air North, Yukon's Airline, was named TripAdvisor's Travelers' Choice Best Airline in Canada 2020, and Travellers' Choice Specialty Airline in North America 2020.

Raven Inn: 866-246-6620, 867-466-7777, raveninn.com; 150 Keish St. (at 2nd Ave.), Whitehorse, Yukon.

Price: Rooms start at \$245, May-Oct.; apartments start at \$305. Minimum three nights. Packages available with brunch, local attractions. Prices slightly lower Nov.-April.

Yukon tourism: 800-661-0494, travel yukon.com.

green beans and pepperoni chips. For dessert, Jacques goes retro with sundaes, crème brûlée and his signature cheesecake.

Backstory: Let's recap our Canadian geography. North of British Columbia, Yukon Territory is one of Canada's three northern regions, along with the Northwest Territories and Nunavut. Whitehorse, with a population of about 33,000, is the capital.

Whitehorse had a big moment during the frantic Klondike Gold Rush of the 1890s. Now things are happening again. The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge (Prince William and Kate Middleton) visited in 2016, and new lodgings and attractions have opened since. This year marks the 125th anniversary of the discovery of gold in the Yukon, so there is a festive air in town.

TV TIMES TONIGHT - SATURDAY, MAY 15										MOVIES	SPORTS	TALK
	B	W	E	V	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
2 SRC	10	4	4	2	Les enfants de la télé		Pour emporter (N)		Témoïn à charge (N) (P)		Le Téléjournal (N)	Soigner l'esprit (N)
3 CBS	282	21	21	87	Entertainment Tonight Weekend (N)		Magnum P.I.		S.W.A.T.		48 Hours	
5 NBC	280	23	18	84	:15 NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs. Boston Bruins at Washington Capitals. From Capital One Arena - Washington, D.C.						Saturday Night Live	
6 CBC	206	13	13	6	NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs. Boston Bruins at Washington Capitals. From Capital One Arena - Washington, D.C.						Olympic Games Replay	
8 CJOH	229	-	-	10	W5		★ ★ A Bundle of Trouble: An Aurora Teagarden Mystery ('17) Candace Cameron Bure.				Highway Thru Hell Chain Saw	
9 MATV	-	9	9	9	Buvons local	Présence autochtone	Esprit nomade	Ma première Place des Arts	Aller-retour country	Route vers l'ouest		
10 TVA	115	7	7	4	6:30 ★ En pleine tempête ('18)		:25 ★ La vague ('15, Act) Ane Dahl Torp, Kristoffer Joner.					
12 QVC	70	11	11	7	W5		★ ★ A Bundle of Trouble: An Aurora Teagarden Mystery ('17) Candace Cameron Bure.				Highway Thru Hell Chain Saw	
17 TQS	138	8	8	3	6:00 ★ Turbo (v.f.)		:45 Grizzly lemmings		★ ★ ★ L'arriviste ('99, Com/dra) Matthew Broderick, Reese Witherspoon.			
22 ABC	281	22	22	86	Paid Program	Paid Program	Shark Tank	American Idol				
33 PBS	-	57	-	88	Still Open All Hours	My Hero	Death in Paradise	Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries			Shakespeare Hathaway This Promised End	
35 Noovo	114	5	5	5	6:30 ★ ★ ★ La vengeance dans la peau ('07)		Matt Damon.		:45 ★ ★ ★ Le fugitif ('93, Police) Tommy Lee Jones, Harrison Ford.			
44 FOX	283	46	36	85	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The Masked Singer	The Masked Singer	Local 44 News (N)	Big Bang Theory		
48 GBL	234	3	3	8	The New Reality (N)	Border Security	Private Eyes	Private Eyes			Ransom	
57 PBS	-	24	40	89	M.Lake Journal	New York NOW	Masterpiece Classic	Inspector Morse Pt. 1 of 2 cont'd next			Inspector Morse Pt. 2 of 2	
62 CITY	207	14	14	14	Hudson and Rex		★ For Better or Worse ('21, Rom) Greyston Holt, Cristina Rosato.				Hudson and Rex	
A&E	615	39	-	90	6:00 Biography 'Rowdy' Roddy Piper		Biography Booker T				Biography 'Stone Cold' Steve Austin	
AMC	293	-	-	209	5:30 ★ ★ ★ ★ The Goonies ('85) Sean Astin.		★ ★ ★ Tombstone ('93, West) Val Kilmer, Kurt Russell.					
APTN	23	10	58	16	Gespe'gewa'gi	Merchants Wild	Yukon Harvest	Going Native (N)	★ ★ ★ Field of Dreams ('89, Dra) James Earl Jones, Kevin Costner.			
CBCNN	502	48	48	18	The Fifth Estate		The Nature of Things Rebellion	CBC News Live (N)	marketplace	CBCDocs: POV The Killing of Phillip Boudreau		
CD	129	20	20	36	Homards : Pêche à haut risque		Je suis démenageur	Enquêtes incendies	Madame Lebrun (N)		Hôpital Hanté	
CNN	500	36	27	81	CNN Newsroom (N)		CNN Newsroom (N)		CNN Films Race for the Vaccine (N)			
CRVM1	300	-	-	211	:05 ★ ★ ★ The Good Liar ('19, Dra) Ian McKellen, Helen Mirren.				★ Sound of Metal ('19, Dra) Olivia Cooke, Riz Ahmed. (N)			
CTVDR	30	34	-	92	The Closer		The Closer		The Closer		The Closer	
CTVSc	90	32	-	101	4:45 ★ ★ ★ Captain America: Civil War		★ ★ ★ Aquaman ('18, Act) Amber Heard, Jason Momoa.					
CV	135	44	35	44	Le Grand Move	Offre acceptée	Dragnifique!	Bienvenue chez les Derrico			17 ans et maman	
DISC	636	37	37	102	North Woods Law And the Little Ones Too		North Woods Law Truth Be Told	North Woods Law Above and Beyond	North Woods Law Dirty Habits			
FAM	556	-	-	64	5:00 ★ ★ ★ Hook ('91) Robin Williams.		Wayne Brady's Comedy IQ		★ ★ ★ Hook ('91, Fant) Dustin Hoffman, Robin Williams.			
HB01	306	-	-	215	6:50 Meet the Donors: Does Money Talk?		Real Time With Bill Maher		The Nevers		:05 The Nevers	
HGTV	83	29	-	97	Property Brothers: Forever Home		Home Town		Island of Bryan		Bargain Block	
HIST	84	47	-	107	6:00 History's Greatest Mysteries		Ancient Aliens The UFO Pioneers		SEAL Team		SEAL Team	
MAX	142	48	32	32	6:00 ★ Muse ('18) Antonio Cupo, Erin Cahill.		★ ★ ★ ★ Le silence des agneaux ('91) Jodie Foster.		:55 ★ ★ ★ ★ Un weekend à Gosford Park ('01) Michael Gambon.			
MUCH	570	35	-	112	★ ★ Jurassic Park III ('01, Sci-Fi) William H. Macy, Sam Neill.				The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons
OWN	526	-	-	94	The Oprah Winfrey Show		Love & Marriage: Huntsville		Ready to Love		The Oprah Winfrey Show	
PEACH	294	-	-	218	Atlanta Eats		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	People Weekend	Celebrity Page (N)	Modern Family	Modern Family
RDI	126	19	19	19	6:30 Découverte	Le National (N)	Grands rep. Chroniques d'un dictateur	Le Téléjournal (N)	Rêve olympique (N)	Le Téléjournal	Le National (N)	Le National (N)
RDS	123	33	33	25	UFC le décompte		UFC UFC 262 From Centre Toyota - Houston, Texas				Sports 30 (N)	Sports 30 (N)
SC	73	205	205	205	Movie		★ Sometimes Always Never ('18, Dra) Bill Nighy, Tim McInnery.		:05 ★ ★ ★ Who We Are Now ('18, Dra) Helen Beyene, E.J. An.		:45 ★ Euphoria ('17)	
SE	180	-	-	201	5:50 ★ Sibyl ('19)		:35 ★ Sous la surface ('20, Dra) Moa Gammel, Madeleine Martin.		★ Scandale en direct ('20, Com) Mila Kunis, Allison Janney.			
SHOW	616	40	-	105	6:00 ★ ★ X-Men: Apocalypse ('16, Act) Michael Fassbender, Jennifer Lawrence.				★ ★ The Wolverine ('13, Act) Will Yun Lee, Hugh Jackman.			
SLICE	27	-	-	99	6:30 ★ ★ Just My Luck ('06, Com) Chris Pine, Lindsay Lohan.				★ ★ The Heat ('13, Com) Melissa McCarthy, Sandra Bullock.			
SN1	418	-	-	184	Blue Jays Central		MLB Baseball Philadelphia Phillies at Toronto Blue Jays. From TD Ballpark - Dunedin, Fla.				SN Central (N)	
SNE	406	38	38	179	NHL Hockey Stanley Cup Playoffs. Boston Bruins at Washington Capitals. From Capital One Arena - Washington, D.C.						Sportsnet Central (N)	
STARZ1	304	55	-	216	:05 ★ ★ Remember Me ('10, Dra) Robert Pattinson, Caitlyn Rund.				★ ★ ★ Unbroken ('14, Bio) Finn Wittrock, Jack O'Connell.			
TCM	292	-	-	219	5:45 ★ ★ ★ The Manchurian Candidate		★ ★ ★ The Big Heat ('53, Police) Gloria Grahame, Glenn Ford.		:45 ★ ★ ★ Gilda ('46, Susp) Glenn Ford, Rita Hayworth.			
TLC	521	27	39	91	Unexpected		Unexpected		Unexpected		Unexpected	
TLN	700	-	-	250	Billionaire Wonderland		David Rocco's Italia	A Taste of Travel	★ ★ Eat Pray Love ('10, Rom) Richard Jenkins, Julia Roberts.			
TOONE	85	49	-	57	★ Lego Scooby-Doo! Blowout Beach Bash ('17, Ani)				★ Lego Scooby-Doo! Blowout Beach Bash ('17, Ani)			
TOONF	87	45	34	53	Titans/:15 Titans	Titans/:45 Titans	American Dad!	Professeur Zarbi	Les Simpson	Les Simpson	Family Guy	Family Guy
TSN2	401	-	-	187	SC		MLR Rugby Toronto Arrows at Houston SaberCats. From Aveva Stadium - Houston, Texas				Boxing Showtime Championship.	
TSN5	404	28	28	190	5:30 Enshrinement Cerem.		UFC UFC 262 From Toyota Center - Houston, Texas				SportsCentre (N)	NBA Basket.
TV5	145	15	15	29	Vivement dimanche! (N)		Taratata 100% live (N)					
TVAS	193	-	-	23	LMS Soccer CF Montréal c. Atlanta United FC. - Atlanta, Ga.				Après-match	WTA TopLNH Intern..	Avant-match	LNH Hockey Séries ..
TVO	22	-	-	71	Into the Wilderness :50 Ontario Hubs		Digging for Britain		Kusama: Infinity		ONStreet/ Indigen.	Dolphin Man
VISN	65	-	-	159	6:00 ★ Signed, Sealed, Delivered: Higher ...		Sardari		Des Pardes		Aikam	
WGN	295	-	-	222	Friends		Friends		Friends		WGN Weekend News at 9:00 p.m. (N)	
WSBK	296	-	-	223	Big Bang Theory		★ ★ The Three Musketeers ('11, Act) Matthew Macfadyen, Logan Lerman.				Seinfeld	
YTV	25	-	-	65	6:00 ★ ★ ★ ★ The LEGO Batman Movie ('17) Will Arnett.		★ ★ ★ Diary of a Wimpy Kid ('10, Com) Robert Capron, Zachary Gordon.				Make It Pop	