



# THE NAHANNI RIVER

## NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

~ CANADIAN HERITAGE RIVER ~

2005



VIRGINIA FALLS

Considered one of the most spectacular rivers in the Canadian Heritage Rivers System, and one of the premier rivers in all of North America, the South Nahanni River is an icon of the Canadian wilderness.

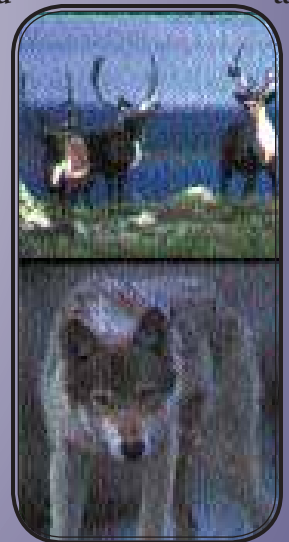
Rising in the Selwyn Mountains, the Nahanni flows through the mountains and gorges of the MacKenzie Mountains. Within Nahanni National Park there are several strikingly different mountainous landscapes, four gorges, and the continent's most spectacular undeveloped waterfall - Virginia Falls - nearly twice the height of Niagara. Numerous rapids, Canada's deepest canyons, and hot springs are among other highlights of

the river. The valley is dominated by geographical features so unique that the Nahanni was declared the first World Heritage Site by the United Nations. Its reputation as a land of mystery and romance is supported by names like Deadmans Valley, Headless Creek, Funeral Range, Hells Gate and Painted Canyon. Inhabited by moose,

caribou, dall sheep, grizzly and black bear and a host of others, the Nahanni also has rich human history with legends and lore inseparable from its physical beauty. Each expedition includes Virginia Falls, the canyons, and a visit to the small isolated First Nation community of Nahanni Butte. There are excellent opportunities for hiking throughout the trip, and for paddling long stretches of Class II -III

whitewater. Overall, a

classic Canadian canoe journey.



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- 8, 10, 12, & 14 Day Trip  
Itineraries are available from  
early June through mid August
- All trips depart from Fort Simpson
- See accompanying logistics for  
details



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## NAHANNI RIVER 2005 TRIP DEPARTURES

### 8 DAY NAHANNI FROM VIRGINIA FALLS

RAFT & TANDEM CANOE

- Mon. June 6 - Mon. June 13
- Thur. July 7 - Thur. July 14
- Wed. July 27 - Wed. Aug 3
- Thu. Aug. 18 - Thu. Aug 25
- Mon. June 20 - Mon. June 27
- Sun. July 17 - Sun. July 24
- Fri. Aug. 12 - Fri. Aug. 19
- Sun. Aug. 28 - Sun. Sept. 4

\$2720 USD + \$125 USD canoe surcharge (park fee incl.)  
Ex. Ft. Simpson NWT



### 10 DAY NAHANNI FROM VIRGINIA FALLS

CANOE ONLY

- Sun. June 26 - Tues. July 5
- Wed. July 20 - Fri. July 29
- Sat. Aug 13 - Mon. Aug 22

\$2800 + \$100 park fee  
Ex. Ft. Simpson NWT



### 12 DAY NAHANNI FROM VIRGINIA FALLS

RAFT & TANDEM CANOE

- Mon. May 30 - Fri. June 10
- Mon. June 27 - Fri. July 8
- Mon. July 25 - Fri. Aug. 5
- Mon. Aug 22 - Fri. Sept. 2
- Mon. June 13 - Fri. June 24
- Mon. July 11 - Fri. July 22
- Fri. Aug. 5 - Tue. Aug 16

\$3230 USD + \$125 USD canoe surcharge (park fee incl.)  
Ex. Ft. Simpson NWT

### 14 DAY NAHANNI CLASSIC FROM RABBITKETTLE LAKE

CANOE ONLY

- Fri. June 17 - Thurs. June 30
- Fri. July 15 - Thurs. July 28
- Fri. Aug. 12 - Thurs. Aug 25
- Fri. July 1 - Thurs. July 14
- Fri. July 29 - Thurs. Aug 11
- Wed. Aug. 17 - Tues. Aug. 3

\$3350 USD + \$100 USD park fee  
Ex. Ft. Simpson NWT



*\*Prices subject to change due to fluctuation in currency exchange.*



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## ~ NAHANNI LOGISTICS ~

### 8 & 12 DAY FROM VIRGINIA FALLS RAFT AND TANDEM CANOE

The 8 and 12 day itineraries start at Virginia Falls where you will begin paddling the Nahanni Canyons. The 8 day is suitable for someone with limited vacation time, while the 12 day itinerary provides a more relaxed pace creating a perfect blend of whitewater paddling with dramatic hikes and adventurous exploration.

*On these trips there is option to either paddle downriver by raft or by open canoe (nominal surcharge).*



Arrival is in Fort Simpson the morning of Day 1, via Edmonton and Yellowknife, where you will be met by your guides upon arrival at the Airport. Due to the nature of the flight schedules, an overnight in Edmonton is required the night prior to the start date. After a shuttle to basecamp where there will be a trip briefing, gear distribution, and a chance to pack up your gear, you take the first charter in the Nahanni River Valley just above Virginia Falls. Any excess baggage can be left in the at base camp.

Take out is at Blackstone where you will camp for the night. After breakfast the next morning you are shuttled back to Fort Simpson in time to catch your flight. Your flight from Fort Simpson to Edmonton will get you into Edmonton @ 7:00pm where you can catch a "red eye" flight home or stay the night and leave the following day.

### 10 DAY FROM VIRGINIA FALLS & 14 DAY FROM RABBITKETTLE LAKE CANOE ONLY

This 10 day itinerary offers a bit more time for hiking and exploration than the 8 day but less so than the 12 day itinerary. The 10 day also includes a stay at Lindburg's Landing. This itinerary starts at Virginia Falls allowing you access to the Nahanni Canyons on Day 1. This trip is more suitable for the seasoned paddler as there is little time to hone your skills.

The 14 day itinerary starts at Rabbitkettle Lake providing a few days of flatwater paddling before you arrive at Virginia Falls and enter the canyons. This flatwater stretch will enable you to get comfortable with your boat and gear in preparation for the whitewater downriver. This itinerary will include visits to the Tuufa Mounds and Rabbitkettle Hotsprings. There will also be more opportunity for hiking.



Arrival is in Fort Simpson the morning of Day 1, via Edmonton and Yellowknife, where you will be met by your guides upon arrival at the Airport. Due to the nature of the flights schedules, an overnight in Edmonton is required the night prior to the start date. After a shuttle to the Floatplane base, where excess baggage can be left, and an included lunch, you will take the first charter into the Nahanni Valley just above Virginia Falls or Rabbitkettle Lake, depending upon your itinerary.

Take out is at Lindburgh Landing, an original Homestead and trapping site, found on the Liard River two miles below its confluence with the Nahanni. You will be welcomed to comfortable cabins and a home cooked meal.

The last morning you are shuttled back to Fort Simpson via the floatplane base where you can collect any belongings. Your flight from Fort Simpson to Edmonton will get you into Edmonton @ 7:00pm where you can catch a "red eye" flight home or stay the night and leave the following day.

# ~ NAHANNI BUSINESS ~

## AIRLINE RESERVATIONS:

Airfare from Edmonton, Alberta to Fort Simpson, NWT (on **FIRST AIR**, Canada's "Airline of the North") is at participant's own expense. Sunrise International is a tour agent for First Air and can arrange a special discounted fare which, at time of writing is approximately \$875 - 950 USD. If the participant opts to book airfare through Sunrise, we generally take payment for the airfare 30 days in advance of trip departure. Sunrise also operates in conjunction with a full service travel agency and can assist you with obtaining competitive airfares to Edmonton from your local departure city.

## FLIGHT INFO:

East Coast - Edmonton (R.T.): @ \$500 - \$700 USD depending on departure city.

*Air Canada, Northwest, United*

Edmonton - Fort Simpson (R.T.) (via Yellowknife): @ \$875 - \$950 USD

*First Air*

## INCLUDED:

Air charter from Fort Simpson to the river, and return ; all land and/or water transfers ; the services of two guides, (at least one of whom is a senior northern expedition leader); all canoes, camping/ river gear (except sleeping bags), all meals on river; Last nights accommodation at Lindburg's Landing on 10 and 14 day itineraries.

## NOT INCLUDED:

Scheduled airfare from departure city, via Edmonton, to Fort Simpson; hotel accommodations in Edmonton; personal expenses and purchases; gratuities; liquor . Please note that due to unpredictable weather in the NWT flights may be delayed from Fort Simpson into the river because of bad weather. In this event, you may opt to camp in Fort Simpson or stay in a hotel, at your own expense.

## BALANCE OF PAYMENT:

Trip balances are due in our Maine office **30 days prior to trip departure date**. We prefer checks or wire transfer for payment of balances, but will also accept credit cards (Visa/MC/AMEX)

## FORMS & INSURANCE:

Unless already submitted, a trip form is enclosed. **KINDLY FILL OUT ALL THE FORMS PROVIDED AND RETURN THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**. This will enable our guide to prepare for your trip properly.

Also enclosed is an **optional** travel insurance application - should you desire trip and/or personal insurance protection for this excursion.

## FOOD PREFERENCES & ALLERGIES, MEDICAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Most food concerns can be accommodated given notice (*hence our request for timely return of the trip forms.*) We carry both a satellite EPERB and/or satellite phone for evacuation in case of medical emergency, as well as complete major medical kits.

## CANADIAN BORDER, IDENTIFICATION, CURRENCY ISSUES, FISHING LICENSES:

U.S. citizens need only a valid government issued picture I.D.; passports, although not technically required, are recommended.

Please remember to exchange U.S. cash into Canadian cash either at the airport of entry or at a bank enroute.

