SPECTACULAR WILDERNESS

We can get you there.
Nahanni National Park is one of Canada’s largest and most magnificent nature reserves. Accessible only by air, it borders on a portion of the Mackenzie Mountain Range. The South Nahanni River (Naha Dehé) flows through the deep canyons, past sulphur hot springs and alpine tundra, and a 30-metre-high mound of fragile carbonate layers of tufa (limestone) at Rabbitkettle. At Virginia Falls—twice the height of Niagara—the river plunges down in a thunderous drop. Planes land on the shores, allowing visitors to step into the scenery while river trippers portage around. The eyes feast on the deep turquoise of Glacier Lake and the towering peaks comprising Cirque of the Unclimbables. Abundant wildlife—including Dall’s sheep—wander the plateaus and diverse terrain.

The mystique surrounding the gold rush holds irresistible allure. Legends of haunted valleys and lost bounty live on in the folklore and in places named Deadman Valley, Funeral Range and Headless Range. A must-do stopover is the Nahanni Mountain Lodge at Little Doctor Lake, nestled at the foot of the Mackenzie Mountains where they rise from the Interior Plains. The original lodge was home to pioneers Mary and Gus Kraus who passed it on to Ted Grant, chief pilot and owner of Simpson Air, to preserve and promote their passion for this majestic land.

As a long-time resident of the area, Ted has built insider knowledge and special insights into his tours. The infectious enthusiasm combined with the piloting expertise of Simpson Air leaves visitors with exhilarating memories. This is the ideal choice for any expedition into the Nahanni wilderness.

"Our flight with Ted Grant into the Nahanni Country by way of Little Doctor Lake, the Ram Canyons, and the Ragged Range is forever impressed upon my mind. It was truly magnificent."
—Robert Bateman, Wildlife Artist
A favourite destination for flight-seeing visitors, canoers and white-water adventurers, Nahanni made history by becoming the world's very first UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1978. It is also a widely acclaimed region, and recognized in the books Unforgettable Canada: 115 Destinations by George Fischer and Noel Hudson, Spectacular Northwest Territories and Canada: The Exotic North by George Fischer.

“The land is the most dramatic I’ve seen yet.”
—Alex Tilley, Tilley Endurables
flight tours & charters

Experience first-hand flight-seeing on a journey into some of Canada’s most breathtaking scenery of untamed rivers and jagged mountains. Simpson Air, the first air charter company in Fort Simpson, offers a number of exciting options:

• fly-in and fly-over day tours
• charters for a “plan your own tour”
• canoe rental
• fly-in fishing gear rental
• extensive knowledge of the area
• always safety first

more adventures

Simpson Air is the region’s leading air charter service. Whatever your dream wilderness experience is, we’ll make it a reality:

• canoeing & kayaking
• rafting
• mountain climbing
• hiking
• the Northern Lights (Aurora Borealis)
• wilderness lodging

Tell us about your unique exploration goals. With their expertise and creativity, our knowledgeable staff will make your adventure come alive. And they can connect you with licensed outfitters who provide guided tours.

“I have flown with Ted several times in the Nahanni area. This is truly Canada’s best-kept secret.”
—Doug Risebrough, New York Rangers, National Hockey League
Relax in comfort in a remote wilderness that captures the hearts of its visitors. Enjoy your own private retreat at Little Doctor Lake, nestled in the Nahanni Mountain Range. Cast off in a motorboat to explore, or grab a canoe and paddle to the river. Throw in a line and fish for dinner. Enjoy the sandy beach and shallow waters or hike up the back of the grand buttresses through “the gap.” This historic homestead is ideal for families, groups, or your own private getaway.

A unique stay with lodging, tour choice and airfare for up to 12 guests! Reserve online at simpsonair.ca or give us a call.

“Ted’s lodge at Little Doctor Lake is a private paradise, one of the most scenic locations in North America.”
—Bud Grant, Minnesota Vikings, NFL
Fort Simpson can be reached by air via Yellowknife, the capital of the Northwest Territories. A favourite scenic driving route is up the Mackenzie Highway from Edmonton, Alberta, or from the Alaska Highway via Fort Nelson along the famous Liard Highway.

Fort Simpson is the oldest established trading post in the Mackenzie Valley. Local services include all the basic amenities to support your journey.

Join us for an unparalleled experience… visit our website for more details or call and talk to us about your wilderness dream at 867-695-2505 or toll free 1-866-995-2505.