

Northern Lights

What?

Otherwise known as the Aurora Borealis, The Northern Lights are bright, dancing streams of purple, green, red and yellow in the night sky. Canada is one of the best places to view the Northern Lights. The Northern Lights are one of the Seven Wonders of the Natural World.



Where?

The Northern Lights can be found in almost all the provinces and territories, but you are more likely to see them in Yukon, Saskatchewan, British Columbia, Alberta, Nunavut, Northwest Territories, Newfoundland and Labrador. Yellowknife, Northwest Territories is the best place to view the Northern lights in the world. It has to be dark to see them so it's not possible with light pollution in the sky. People sometimes travel out of cities to view them.

When?

The Northern Lights may be seen between 6p.m. – 6a.m. from September to March on dark, clear nights. They are unpredictable, especially in the Arctic when the weather can change quickly.

Why?

The Northern Lights are caused by the sun's charged particles, called solar flares or solar wind, colliding with the gas atoms in the Earth's atmosphere.

