

# Great Northern Circle Tour

*Distance: 2592 km / 1608 miles*

*Recommend 10–12 days*

Combine the lure of the Hart Highway and the legendary Alaska Highway through north eastern BC. Add the spectacular wilderness drive on the Stewart-Cassiar. Top it with the character communities and an abundance of activities along the Yellowhead. What have you got? An out of this world touring vacation! It's all in Northern British Columbia. Plan your visit to include amazing landscapes, historic towns and fabled attractions.

Leaving Prince George, the "Hart" leads north into the mountains through the Pine Pass and arrives in Chetwynd. You've reached "Peace River Country". It's a picturesque drive to Dawson Creek. The engineering marvel the Alaska Highway begins here at Mile "0" in the centre of town. Dawson Creek serves as a hub, overnight here. Consider side trips to Tumbler Ridge or Hudson's Hope.

Next is the town of Taylor and the "Energetic City" of Fort St. John, stop and explore there's plenty to enjoy. The drive north to Fort Nelson has fabulous mountain vistas and beautiful river valleys. Enjoy an evening here. Get use to the "late night" summer sun. Ascend to Steamboat where the road has sharp corners, dramatic scenery and abundant wildlife. The route hugs the shore along Muncho Lake the "jewel of the north". The Liard River Hot Springs are just a bit further north. Combine a day at these two incredible settings. Stop to camp overnight. Set out in the morning for Watson Lake, Yukon. Check out the Northern Lights Centre and leave your "mark" at the Signpost Forest. Overnight here or start your drive on the Stewart-Cassiar.

The Stewart-Cassiar Highway is an acclaimed 721 km wilderness road. It winds through rugged scenery and remote settings. Fascinating Boya Lake Provincial Park is a great place to break or camp overnight. Pass tiny communities along the way to Dease Lake, a full service community. [A side-trip to Telegraph Creek is a spectacular route vehicles only no trailers. Highlights are Mount Edziza and the Lower Grand Canyon of the Stikine. Plan an overnight in Telegraph Creek]. From Dease Lake the road has a series of switchbacks up to Iskut and Tatogga Lake. (The three area parks, Mount Edziza, Stikine River and Spatsizi have no road access). Kinaskan Lake Provincial Park has camping and boat access. The breathtaking scenery continues heading into Bell II. Overnight here or at Stewart. Turn at Meziadin Junction for a trip to Stewart on the Glacier Highway.

The Stewart-Cassiar adventure reaches the final stage at Meziadin Junction. It follows the Nass River to the Cranberry Junction. Soon you will reach the aboriginal communities of Gitanyow and Gitwangak. At the end of the Stewart Cassiar, rejoin Hwy #16.

Follow the Totem Circle Tour for adventures on the Yellowhead Highway. Head west for Terrace and Prince Rupert. Head east to Prince George or even to Mount Robson to drive the entire Yellowhead Highway in BC.