



# Volunteer Flight Crew Opportunities

**GIVE HOPE WINGS:  
BOUNDARY BAY TO HUDSON BAY EXPEDITION 2021**

Another epic flight to launch thousands of others



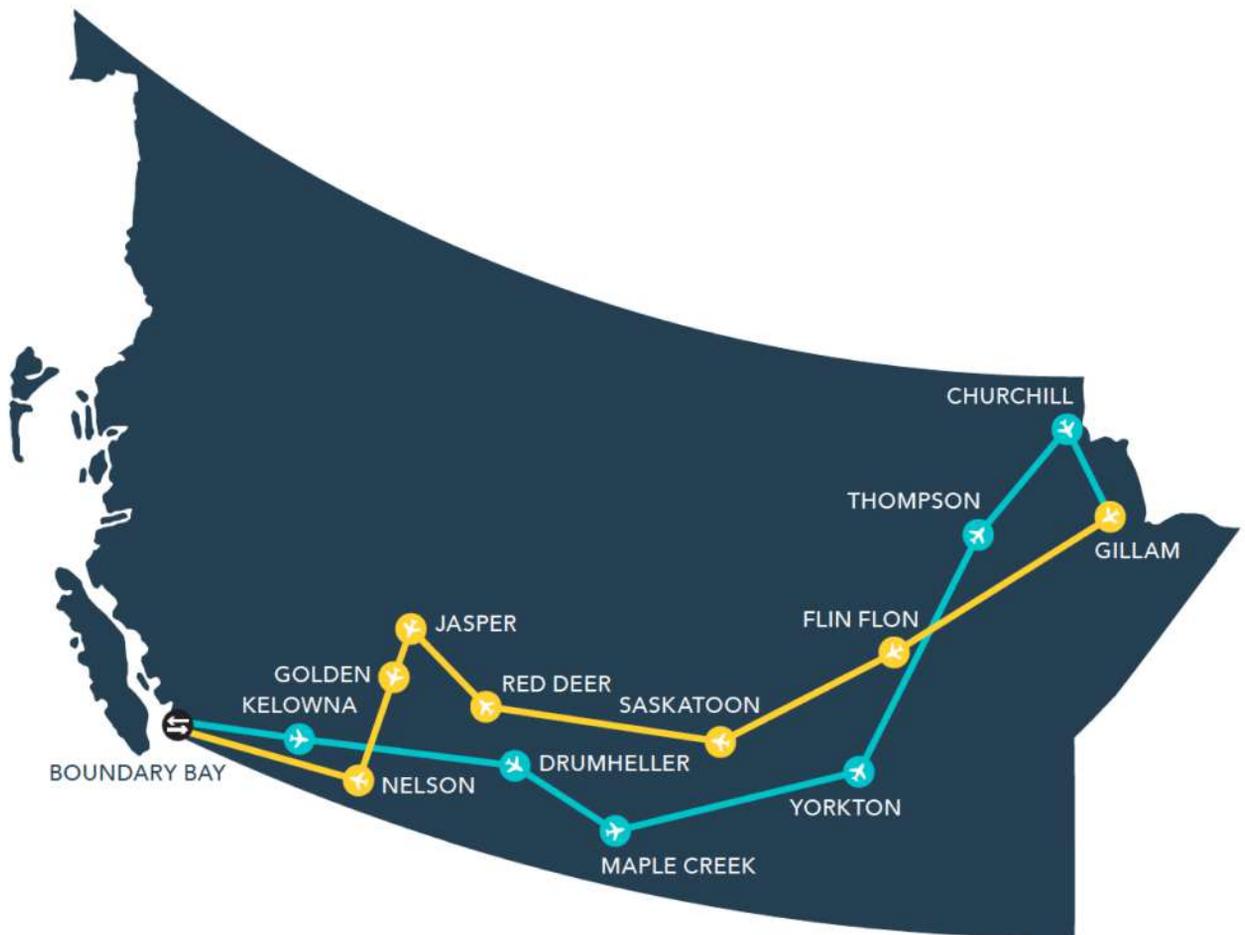
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## Give Hope Wings: Boundary Bay to Hudson Bay Expedition Route Map



Hope Air is Canada's only national charity providing free travel and accommodations for Canadians in financial need who must access medical care far from home. Since its inception in 1986, Hope Air has provided over 155,000 travel arrangements for patients regardless of age or medical need.

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## Supporting patients in need across Canada

Imagine you live in a small community and your doctor has told you that your daughter has a rare cancer. This is a shock for any parent, but you're also told that your child's treatments are a 12-hour drive away through winding snow-covered roads and you must travel every couple of months for her life-saving treatment. You can imagine the financial burden and the stress of travelling with a seriously ill child.



Allie, aged 13, and mom Julie.

That's the reality for young people like Allie, but Hope Air helps her, and her mom reach frequent treatments for cancer a 12-hour drive away from their home community.

## Give Hope Wings: Flying for Good

Give Hope Wings is the largest volunteer-led fundraiser in Hope Air history. Championed by Chief Pilot Dave McElroy, a squadron of pilots circumnavigate different parts of the world and raise funds in support of Hope Air patients who need to travel great distances to get to medical care. There have been three Give Hope Wings Expeditions to date – The Americas, The Northwest, and The Sault to Saguenay. The expeditions have raised \$900,000, allowing Hope Air to provide 3,600 flights for patients in financial need who must travel far from home for medical care.

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual Give Hope Wings: Boundary Bay to Hudson Bay Expedition 2021 is an epic, multi-aircraft, series of flights from Boundary Bay, British Columbia to Churchill, Manitoba and back. The squadron will create awareness and visit communities where patients live and travel to for medical care. The expedition will launch on August 23, 2021 and return to Boundary Bay, British Columbia on September 3, 2021. The goal of the expedition is to raise over \$400,000 – enough to provide 1,600 patient flights.

# HOPE AIR'S IMPACT

- Without Hope Air, 32 per cent of Hope Air's patients would cancel or postpone their medical appointments
- Patients travel for appointments such as pediatric, cancer, musculoskeletal, nervous system and cardiovascular
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## By the numbers

- Hope Air has made more than 155,000 travel arrangements across all 10 provinces since 1986
- 30% of Hope Air's travel arrangements are for children and young people's medical care
- 3.2 million Canadians live below the poverty line including 566,000 children
- 3 in 10 Canadians live outside of the larger cities and further from healthcare centres

Now more than ever, Canada's healthcare system is being stretched to its limits. Your support will provide medical care access for patients in urgent need. The pandemic has not stopped cancer, heart disease, diabetes, or any of the other serious illnesses requiring specialized medical care. Layoffs and work shortages have been widespread. As a result, many more families struggle to get to medical care due to financial hardship. Families should not have to choose between medical care, food, and rent, but many can't afford it all without your help.



# FLY WITH GIVE HOPE WINGS: BOUNDARY BAY TO HUDSON BAY EXPEDITION



We invite you to join us. Volunteer Flight Crew will give back to others and have the adventure of a lifetime. This unique “bucket list” opportunity is open to both pilots and non-pilots. Your contribution of \$25,000 will help us bridge the gap between home and hospital for thousands of Canadians in need.

## Boundary Bay, B.C. to Drumheller, Alta. August 23, 2021

- Two Flights
- 760 Kilometres



This year Give Hope Wings, in collaboration with Hope Air, launches its 2021 fundraising expedition from Boundary Bay Airport, located on the shore of British Columbia's Salish Sea, just 20 kilometres southeast of Vancouver International Airport.

After taking off from Boundary Bay, we head northeast to Kelowna, in the heart of the famous Okanagan wine country. Along the way we overfly the Coast Mountain range, with snow-capped peaks reaching over eight thousand feet.

The friendly folks at the Kelowna Flying Club will host a great brunch for the crew during our stopover. After fueling up, we continue our flight northeast to Drumheller, Alberta passing over the Monashee, Selkirk and Purcell Mountain ranges before tackling the Rocky Mountains, with peaks surpassing 12 thousand feet.

Weather permitting, pilots will have a choice of VFR routes through the mountains that will allow for spectacularly scenic flights through mountain passes at lower altitudes.



## Drumheller to Yorkton, Sask. August 24 - 26, 2021

- Three Flights
- 800 Kilometres



After crossing into Alberta we'll spend two nights in Drumheller allowing for sightseeing around this area, famous its Hoodoos, unique geological formations, and many dinosaur fossils.

A visit to the world-renowned Royal Tyrrell Museum of Paleontology is a must-do.

On August 24<sup>th</sup> Drumheller Municipal Airport will host an event to raise awareness and funds for patients in need.

Departing Drumheller we'll fly over the unforgettable Canadian badlands to Maple Creek, Saskatchewan where we'll have lunch and take on fuel before continuing northeast to Yorkton.



A number of pilots from COPA (Canadian Owners and Pilots Association) Saskatchewan, along with their friends, will be on hand to give us a welcome reception at Yorkton Airport on our arrival. We're sure to make a number of new friends at this overnight stop.



# Yorkton to Churchill, Man. to Flin Flon, Man. August 26 - 30, 2021

- Four Flights
- 1,700 Kilometres



The next morning we depart Yorkton for Northern Manitoba. We'll stay overnight in Thompson, then fly on to Churchill on the shore of Hudson Bay.

Here, we've reached our expedition's halfway point. This is a rare chance to visit one of the most remote tourist attractions in the world.

A two-night stopover will allow us to venture out to encounter polar bears, maybe some white whales, and the northern lights.

There is so much history to be seen as well. Tour a 300 year-old stone fort created by the Hudson Bay Company and admire beautiful Inuit art and culture at the Itsanitaq Museum.

Churchill is bound to surprise us.



From Churchill we fly southwest to Flin Flon with a stop in Gillam for fuel. Next to the Flin Flon airport is Baker's Narrows Lodge, where we'll spend two nights. Many of us will enjoy northern Manitoba lake fishing; others can choose to stay ashore and spend the day swimming, hiking and relaxing.

## Flin Flon to Jasper, Alta. August 31 - September 1, 2021

- Three Flights
- 1,200 Kilometres



Our next stop is Saskatoon, where an overnight stop will give us time to enjoy the Prairie hospitality Saskatchewan is famous for.

Leaving the province's largest city, we head west into Alberta where we'll stop at Red Deer Airport for fuel and lunch. Former Air Cadets of a certain age may recall having spent time at this facility when it was known as CFB Penhold. The barracks that housed thousands of young cadets over many years are still present.

From Red Deer we fly northwest to Jasper, one of the better-known jewels of the Rocky Mountains. An overnight stop will allow for some incredible sightseeing which may well involve moose and bear sightings.

## Jasper to Nelson, B.C. to Boundary Bay, B.C. September 2 - 3, 2021

- Four Flights
- 900 Kilometres



Leaving Alberta, we re-enter British Columbia, flying the beautiful VFR route past Valemount and down the Rocky Mountain Trench to Golden, where we'll pause for lunch and fuel.

Then it's on to scenic Nelson, Queen City of the Kootenays. The airport here is nestled on the lakefront, just steps from town. Our overnight stop will give us the chance to see enough to want to come back very soon to spend more time in this stunning, historic lakeside city on the West Arm of Kootenay Lake. Before our departure the following morning, the Nelson Pilot's Association will host a breakfast fundraiser for Hope Air.



On the 450 kilometre final leg of this memorable expedition, we fly over beautiful mountain ranges, forests, rivers and lakes before landing back at Boundary Bay Airport on the Pacific Coast.

We will have experienced an unforgettable twelve days of adventure including incredible flying, breathtaking scenery and making friends and memories which will stay with us for the rest of our lives. What a trip!

