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Canada's largest and most magnificent nature reserves. Accessible only by air, it borders on a portion of the Mackenzie Mountain Range and the South Nahanni River (Naha Dehé). The river flows through majestic but unclimbable mountain ranges, gorges and deep canyons, sulphur hotsprings 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 straight down in a thunderous drop. Planes land on the shores, allowing visitors to step into the scenery while river trippers portage around the falls. The eyes can feast on the deep turquoise of Glacier Lake and the towering peaks comprising Cirque of the Unclimbables. The diverse terrain offers protection to abundant wildlife—including Dall's sheep that wander the plateaus.

The mystique surrounding gold rush prospectors and adventurers still holds irresistible allure. Legends of haunted valleys and lost gold live on in the folklore and in places named Deadman Valley, Funeral Range, Crash Lake and the 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 Mary and Gus Kraus, pioneers who chose the site. They passed it on to Ted Grant, chief pilot and owner of Simpson Air, to preserve and promote their passion for this majestic land.

Ted's infectious enthusiasm for this region leaves visitors with exhilarating memories. As a long-time resident of the area, he brings insider knowledge and special insights to any tour. Combine this with his piloting expertise, and Simpson Air 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.

—Robert Bateman, Wildlife Artist



A favourite destination for flight-seeing visitors, canoers and white-water adventurers, Nahanni made history by becoming Canada's 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, and *Spectacular Northwest Territories Canada* by George Fischer.



"The land is the most dramatic l've seen yet." -Alex Tilley, Tilley Endurables

"I have flown with Ted several times in the Nahanni area. This is truly Canada's best-kept secret." —Doug Risebrough, GM, Minnesota Wild, NHL



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NAHANNI mountain lodge

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"Ted's lodge at Little Doctor Lake is a private paradise, one of the most scenic locations in North America."

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"Ted Grant opened our eyes to the wondrous and untraveled land beyond Nahanni National Park. He knows the region like his own backyard." —Pat & Rosemarie Keough, Authors: Nahanni Portfolio

