Volunteer Flight Crew Opportunities

GIVE HOPE WINGS: CANADA COAST TO COAST EXPEDITION 2021

Another epic flight to launch thousands of others

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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 150,000 travel arrangements for patients regardless of age or medical need.

Hope Air was chosen as one of Canada’s best 100 charities for 2020 by Maclean’s magazine, MoneySense magazine and Charity Intelligence based on efficiency, transparency and need.
Imagine you live in a small community and your doctor has told you that your child has a rare cancer. That 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. You can imagine the financial burden and the immense stress of travelling with a sick child.

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 an annual fundraising expedition run by pilots for families like Allie’s. The expeditions have raised $900,000 allowing Hope Air to provide 3,600 flights to medical care far from home. The 4th annual Give Hope Wings: Canada Coast to Coast Expedition will be our most ambitious yet. Your support will fund flights for Canadians in urgent need of this service. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused work shortages and layoffs across the country. As a result, many more families will struggle to get to treatment due to financial hardship.

The 2021 expedition is an epic, month-long, multi-aircraft series of flights from British Columbia to Newfoundland and back. The squadron will stop in many of the communities serviced by Hope Air, as well as Ottawa and all ten provincial capitals. The expedition will boost awareness of Hope Air across the country and is targeted to raise over one million dollars - which will in turn allow Hope Air to fund more than 4,000 patient flights. We invite you to join us and become a key supporter. Please help us bridge the gap between home and hospital for thousands of Canadians in need.

The Volunteer Flight Crew (VFC) program provides an opportunity to give back to others while experiencing the adventure of a lifetime. VFCs will have the opportunity to participate in one of three fabulous Give Hope Wings flight segments. This unique “bucket list” opportunity is open to both pilots and non-pilots.

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Stage I: The Southern Tour
June 8 - 14, 2021

- Nine Flight Legs
- 1,900 Nautical Miles

Victoria, B.C. ➔ Toronto, Ont.

Pilots and Volunteer Flight Crew members will gather in Victoria on the morning of June 7, 2021. The afternoon and evening will be spent visiting airport aviation points of interest and becoming acquainted with other expedition members.

As we leave Vancouver Island, our flight will take us across the Salish Sea and over Washington state before we enter the Fraser Valley region of B.C.’s Lower Mainland near Abbotsford. The Coast Range will be directly ahead of us, with peaks of up to 9,000 feet which will still be snow-covered in mid-June.

Depending on aircraft performance, pilot preference and weather conditions, the participants will either climb high and fly a direct route to Kelowna or stay lower and follow designated VFR routes through beautiful valleys with highways winding through the mountains. Either way, the scenery is spectacular. On the approach into Kelowna, we’ll descend over the blue waters of Okanagan Lake and be treated to the spectacle of hundreds of orchards, vineyards, boats and other scenic elements of this British Columbia tourist paradise. At YLW, Kelowna’s International Airport, we’ll be welcomed by the Kelowna Flying Club at a barbeque served up in our honor in the heart of the sunny Okanagan.

We’ll then embark on an even more breathtaking leg of the journey as we fly across the Rocky Mountains to Calgary’s Springbank Airport. We’ll pass towering peaks of more than 12,000 feet as we traverse the most spectacular mountainous leg of the entire expedition. Alternatively, the Trans-Canada Highway will serve as a lower VFR route. Aircraft taking this route option will fly the Rogers Pass and then the Kicking Horse Pass before passing directly over Banff. Then the vast mountains will shrink to the foothills, then begin to flatten out to Prairies.
Stage I: The Southern Tour
June 8 - 14, 2021

A day of land-based activities awaits us when we visit the Avro Museum and other aviation attractions in the Calgary area while enjoying the western hospitality that makes Calgarians famous.

As we fly east, the vast expanse of the Canadian Prairies rolls out. We’ll make a brief stop at Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan and check in with the RCAF Snowbirds if they’re at home base.

Overnight stops in Regina, Saskatchewan and then Winnipeg, Manitoba allow us to experience these capital cities and visit notable sights and museums.

From Winnipeg we’ll fly across the beautiful “Lake of the Woods” region of Northwestern Ontario and follow the spectacular north shore of Lake Superior to Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario for the night. The next morning, we’ll visit the Canadian Bushplane Museum in “The Soo” before flying down the west side of Georgian Bay to Burlington - the terminus of Stage 1 of this remarkable expedition.
Stage II: The Eastern Tour  
June 15 - 26, 2021

- 21 Flight Legs  
- 3,100 Nautical Miles

Toronto, Ont. ➔ St. John’s, N.L. ➔ Montréal, Que.

During the second stage, we’ll have many interesting stops on our flight from central Canada to Newfoundland and back. Heading east from Burlington, we’ll circle over Niagara Falls, then fly down the St Lawrence River and on to Ottawa, where we’ll spend two nights and a day enjoying museums, entertainment and other National Capital attractions.

The flight will then again follow the broad St. Lawrence River. Our next overnight stop will be in historic Québec City, the provincial capital. From Québec we’ll continue along the blue, picturesque St Lawrence before turning south and flying down the Saint John River into Fredericton, capital of New Brunswick. From there its on to Charlottetown, capital of Prince Edward Island, then to Halifax for a two-night stay in Nova Scotia’s capital, and all it has to offer.
From Halifax, there will be two flight options.

Option 1:

This is open only to instrument-rated pilots, who will fly on to Newfoundland and Labrador for three days. That route will cross the beautiful Cape Breton Highlands, make a brief stop in Sydney, then cross some salty Atlantic water to the shores of Newfoundland. Leaving St. John’s, the flight will depart Newfoundland via the northern tip near St. Anthony, cross the Strait of Belle Isle into Labrador, and fly on to spend a night in Goose Bay / Happy Valley.

Once back in the province of Québec, this squadron will soar over the majestic Saguenay River and the beautiful fjords of the Parc National des Grands Jardins, with an overnight stop in Rivière-du-Loup on the mighty St Lawrence River.

For Option 1, the route will include an optional flight into France (St. Pierre et Miquelon) before flying on to St. John’s, the Newfoundland capital.
Stage II: The Eastern Tour
June 15 - 26, 2021

Option 2:

This option will focus on touring the Maritimes for VFR-rated pilots. From Halifax we’ll take a short flight to Saint John, New Brunswick to explore that city on the river of the same name. Then another short flight over to Summerside, from which we’ll spend a couple of days exploring Prince Edward Island and enjoying summer activities such as deep-sea fishing, golf and sight-seeing.

We’ll then rendezvous with the Option 1 group at Rivière-du-Loup.

The last day will take us back up the St Lawrence to St Jean, just out of Montréal. There, we’ll join the COPA (Canadian Owners and Pilots Association) Annual Convention and attend the highlight of that event – the Saturday Night Dinner.

This will bring us to the end of Stage II. Volunteer Flight Crew members will leave the expedition after having enjoyed a good deal of the spectacular scenery – and history - that is Eastern Canada. What a rush!
Stage III: The Northern Tour
June 27 - July 3, 2021
- 14 Flight Legs
- 2,800 Nautical Miles

Montréal, Que. ➔ Victoria, B.C.

Pilots and Volunteer Flight Crew members will gather in Montréal / St Jean on the morning of June 26, 2021. The rest of the day will be spent enjoying the COPA Convention, and visiting with the dozens of visiting aircraft and pilot-attendees at this annual event, culminating with the Saturday night COPA Annual Dinner. On Sunday, we will be departing Montréal with all the COPA pilots. What a sight to behold!

Departing St Jean airport, our flight will take us northwest to Timmins, flying over Ontario’s beautiful Cottage Country with its myriad waterways and forests, before continuing on to Wawa for a night on the northern shore of Lake Superior.

We will then fly all the way to Gimli, Manitoba, with a lunch stop in Sioux Lookout, Ontario. Gimli, of course, is the spot where the infamous Gimli Glider, a fuel-starved Air Canada 767 glided to safety without power. We’ll visit the Museum which commemorates that remarkable incident, spending the night at a lakeside hotel.
The next day takes us all the way to Edmonton/Villeneuve airport in Alberta, with a lunch stop at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. We’ll visit the Alberta Aviation Museum on the grounds of what was once the bustling City Centre Airport - historic Blatchford Field.

Muncho Lake in the Rocky Mountains is our next day’s final destination, with fuel and meal stops in Grande Prairie, Alberta and Fort Nelson, British Columbia. We’ll park our aircraft at Toad River (Mile 422 of the Alaska Highway) where a shuttle bus will take us to the Northern Rockies Lodge on Muncho Lake. With two nights at the Lodge, there will be plenty of time to go on a floatplane excursion, visit a hot springs spa, or go fishing / canoeing on the pristine lake.

After leaving Toad River, we’ll head south to Prince George, overflying the WAC Bennett Dam and Williston Lake, then following the Rocky Mountain Trench to bustling Prince George, the largest city in northern British Columbia. Our last day will take us south across the Cariboo Region and the Central BC Plateau to Kamloops, where we’ll have lunch and top off our fuel tanks before flying southwest to Victoria – our final leg of the trip. Depending on weather conditions and pilot preferences, participants will choose to either fly directly over the Coast Mountains, or through them via the Fraser Canyon, a designated VFR route. Skirting around Vancouver’s magnificent metropolitan area, we’ll then fly across the Georgia Strait, descend over the exquisite Gulf Islands, and land at Victoria’s International Airport.

We’ll be at the end of a 12,000-mile odyssey, one which none of the participants will forget for the rest of their lives. We’ll have seen sights that most Canadians will never get the chance to see. We’ll have been blessed – just having concluded a mission which will help more than 4,000 Canadian families. Recent research confirms that for each patient helped, seven people are positively and directly impacted. This means that your participation in this thrilling expedition will help 28,000 Canadians.