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## Winter Escapades | Canadian Rockies Winter Rail Trip

2024/2025 Winter

Canadian Rockies One-Way Itinerary

8 Days / 7 Nights Vancouver to Calgary

Priced at CAD \$3,068 per person

### INTRODUCTION

This 8-day itinerary is one of our most magical Canadian Rockies winter rail trips through the snow covered mountains of Western Canada. Imagine climbing aboard a train in Vancouver, sharing a glass of wine with fellow travelers and being lulled to sleep by the gentle rocking of the train as snow falls outside. Waking to a Rockies winter wonderland for 7 days of winter escapades, you'll have your choice of tours in Jasper and Banff from walking through Maligne Canyon, wildlife viewing, dog sledding, snowshoeing at Paint Pots or taking an Icewalk through Johnston Canyon.

#### Itinerary at a Glance

- DAY 1** Vancouver to Jasper | Via Rail
- DAY 2** Jasper | Arrival VIA Rail
- DAY 3** Jasper Freedom of Choice | 1 of 4 Excursions
  - Option 1. Maligne Canyon Ice Walk
  - Option 2. Discover Jasper & its Wildlife Tour
  - Option 3. Jasper Dark Sky Planetarium & Telescope Experience
  - Option 4. Upgrade Option: Dog Sledding Tour
- DAY 4** Jasper to Lake Louise | Coach | Evening Sleigh Ride
- DAY 5** Lake Louise | Day at Leisure

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- DAY 6** Lake Louise to Banff | Coach
- DAY 7** Banff | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 3 Excursions
- Option 1. Discover Banff & Its Wildlife Tour + Gondola
- Option 2. Snowshoeing at Paint Pots
- Option 3. Johnston Canyon Icewalk
- DAY 8** Banff to Calgary | Coach



## MAP



## DETAILED ITINERARY

*The below itinerary reflects our recommendations for this specific trip. This itinerary is also available in the reverse direction.*

### Day 1 Vancouver to Jasper | Via Rail

This afternoon, board VIA Rail's 'Canadian' train for the famous rail journey to the majestic Canadian Rockies. Pass through the rich fields of the Fraser Valley and the towering peaks of the Coastal Mountains before entering the Fraser Canyon. Follow the Thompson River through spectacular landscapes as you enjoy dinner (included), then retreat to your private quarters that have been converted into a bedroom.

### Day 2 Jasper | Arrival VIA Rail

Rise to the snowy peaks of the Canadian Rockies today as you arrive in Jasper and transfer to your hotel. The day is free to explore this unique alpine community. (breakfast included today onboard VIA Rail)

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**Day 3 Jasper Freedom of Choice | 1 of 4 Excursions**

Personalize your stay in Jasper by choosing one of these excursions

*Option 1. Maligne Canyon Ice Walk*

Experience the wonders of Maligne Canyon from the ground up! The canyon has withstood 10,000 years of erosion and has created a 50 metre gorge.

*Option 2. Discover Jasper & its Wildlife Tour*

Travel through the Athabasca Valley to some of the park's most beautiful Canadian Rocky Mountain scenery to seek out all the park's most iconic creatures.

*Option 3. Jasper Dark Sky Planetarium & Telescope Experience*

Join LIVE astronomy guides for a full evening of cosmic exploration, starting inside with a world-exclusive domed theatre experience, then outside with the largest telescope in the Rockies. In the climate-controlled 40-seat dome theatre, take a LIVE virtual tour of Jasper's 11,000 sq km Dark Sky Preserve.

*Option 4. Upgrade Option: Dog Sledding Tour*

Travel by dog sled along 22 km (13 mi) of pristine winter scenery in the heart of the Canadian Rockies. Learn the history of the area and the people amongst the crisp mountain air and the beautiful scenery that surrounds you. Enjoy lunch cooked over an open campfire, hot apple cider, and homemade treats.

**Day 4 Jasper to Lake Louise | Coach | Evening Sleigh Ride**

Travel southward along the Icefields Parkway to Lake Louise. This spectacular drive through glacier country features massive snow covered mountains, frozen waterfalls and broad-reaching valleys. Included this evening is a wonderful 40 minute sleigh ride that takes place beside the lake.

**Day 5 Lake Louise | Day at Leisure**

Lake Louise transforms into a real-life snow globe in the winter that has to be seen to be believed. To make the most of your stay, rent a pair of ice skates and head onto the frozen lake or snowshoes and explore the many trails, wander the shoreline and take in the iconic views – both are authentic Canadian experience. For skiing or snowboarding visit Lake Louise Ski Resort, known for its spectacular scenery and versatile terrain. With over 4,200 acres spread across four mountain faces.

**Day 6 Lake Louise to Banff | Coach**

Depart Lake Louise mid-morning for a short drive to Banff via the scenic Bow Valley.

**Day 7 Banff | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 3 Excursions**

Today you can personalize your day by choosing one of these excursions

*Option 1. Discover Banff & Its Wildlife Tour + Gondola*

Keep your eyes peeled for deer, elk, and bighorn sheep on this morning tour of Banff. Scenic highlights include Fairmont Banff Springs, Bow Falls, Surprise Corner Lookout, the Hoodoos Viewpoint & Lake Minnewanka. Then soar up to the summit of Sulphur Mountain on the Banff Gondola for 360-degree views over Banff.

*Option 2. Snowshoeing at Paint Pots*

Afternoon snowshoe tour on an easy trail winding through a forest of pine trees to the Paint Pots with its ochre colors mineral pools.

*Option 3. Johnston Canyon Icewalk*

This morning Johnston Canyon Icewalk tour is an unforgettable experience that will introduce you to stunning frozen waterfalls and amazing views within the canyon.

**Day 8 Banff to Calgary | Coach**

Today you will leave behind the fresh mountain air and colourful sights of the Rockies. We will schedule a transfer to bring you to downtown Calgary, or to the Calgary Airport to connect with your flight home.

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## INCLUDED

### Package Includes:

- Sleeping berth onboard VIA Rail Sleeper Touring service for 1 night
- 2 nights accommodation in Jasper
- 2 nights accommodation in Lake Louise
- 2 nights accommodation in Banff
- Transfer between rail depot and hotel in Jasper
- Jasper | Freedom of Choice - 1 of 3 Excursions
- Maligne Canyon Ice Walk | Operates between 15 Dec - 31 Mar
- Discover Jasper & Its Wildlife Tour
- Jasper Dark Sky Planetarium & Telescope Experience
- Upgrade Option: Dog Sledding Tour | Operates between 10 Dec - 31 Mar
- Scheduled express coach between Jasper & Lake Louise
- Sleigh ride at Lake Louise | Operates between 13 Dec - 9 Apr
- Scheduled express coach between Lake Louise & Banff
- Banff | Freedom of Choice - 1 of 3 Excursions
- Discover Banff & its Wildlife Tour + Gondola
- Snowshoeing at Paint Pots Tour
- Johnson Canyon Icewalk | Operates between 6 Dec - 13 Apr
- Scheduled express coach between Banff & Calgary
- Meals as per Itinerary
- National Park fees

### Hotel & Rail Information | Moderate Grade

- VIA Rail | Upper / Lower Semi Private Sleeper Berth
- Jasper - The Crimson Hotel | Standard Room
- Lake Louise - Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise | Fairmont Room
- Banff - Elk + Avenue Hotel | Standard Room

### Hotel & Rail Information | Superior Grade

- VIA Rail | Private Cabin
- Jasper - Forest Park Hotel | Woodland Balcony or Alpine Room
- Lake Louise - Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise | Fairmont Room
- Banff - Banff Caribou Lodge | Superior Room

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#### Hotel & Rail Information | Deluxe Grade

- VIA Rail | Private Cabin
- Jasper - Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge | Deluxe Room
- Lake Louise - Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise | Fairmont Lakeview Room
- Banff - Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel | Deluxe Room

#### Hotel & Rail Information | Deluxe Plus Grade

- VIA Rail | Private Cabin
- Jasper - Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge | Junior Suite Lake View + Fireplace
- Lake Louise - Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise | Deluxe Lakeview Room
- Banff - Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel | Deluxe Mountainview Room

#### Not Included

- Gratuities
- Activities other than specified
- Meals other than specified
- Portage fees

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## DATES & PRICING

Departing from Vancouver: Monday, Friday

Tour Code: TR72

Departing from Calgary: Thursday, Sunday

Tour Code TR73

DATE	DOUBLE	SINGLE	TRIPLE	CHILD
<b>Moderate Grade with Upper/Lower Semi Private Sleeper Berth on-board VIA Rail</b>				
01 Dec 24 - 14 Dec 24	\$3,068	\$4,257	\$2,795	\$1,480
15 Dec 24 - 04 Jan 25	\$4,212	\$6,543	\$3,557	\$1,480
05 Jan 25 - 10 Apr 25	\$3,348	\$4,816	\$2,987	\$1,480
<b>Upgrade available to a Private bedroom onboard VIA Rail   Between Vancouver &amp; Jasper</b>				
2024/ 2025 Winter Season	\$410	\$410	\$410	\$410
<b>Jasper   Freedom of Choice Upgrade Option</b>				
Dog Sledding Tour   Shared Small Group Tour with Private Transfer	\$590	\$953	\$469	\$143
<b>Superior Grade with Private Cabin on-board VIA Rail</b>				
01 Dec 24 - 14 Dec 24	\$3,814	\$5,189	\$3,477	\$2,039
15 Dec 24 - 04 Jan 25	\$4,975	\$7,511	\$4,251	\$2,039
05 Jan 25 - 10 Apr 25	\$4,065	\$5,691	\$3,645	\$2,039
<b>Upgrade available to Prestige Class onboard VIA Rail   Between Vancouver &amp; Jasper</b>				
2024/ 2025 Winter Season	\$1,630	\$4,318	-	-
<b>Jasper   Freedom of Choice Upgrade Option</b>				
Dog Sledding Tour   Shared Small Group Tour with Private Transfer	\$590	\$953	\$469	\$143
<b>Deluxe Grade with Private Cabin on-board VIA Rail</b>				
01 Dec 24 - 14 Dec 24	\$4,560	\$6,681	\$4,056	\$2,039
15 Dec 24 - 04 Jan 25	\$6,869	\$11,300	\$5,596	\$2,039
05 Jan 25 - 10 Apr 25	\$5,010	\$7,581	\$4,356	\$2,039
<b>Upgrade available to Prestige Class onboard VIA Rail   Between Vancouver &amp; Jasper</b>				
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<b>Jasper   Freedom of Choice Upgrade Option</b>				
Dog Sledding Tour   Shared Small Group Tour with Private Transfer	\$590	\$953	\$469	\$143
<b>Deluxe Plus Grade with Private Cabin onboard VIA Rail</b>				
01 Dec 24 - 14 Dec 24	\$5,030	\$7,622	\$4,404	\$2,039
15 Dec 24 - 04 Jan 25	\$7,622	\$12,806	\$6,132	\$2,039
05 Jan 25 - 10 Apr 25	\$5,580	\$8,722	\$4,770	\$2,039
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