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Winter Escapades | Canadian Rockies Winter Rail Trip

2025/2026 Winter

Canadian Rockies One-Way Itinerary

8 Days / 7 Nights Vancouver to Calgary

Priced at CAD \$2,893 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 6 Excursions
- Option 1. Maligne Canyon Ice Walk
 - Option 2. Discover Jasper & its Wildlife Tour
 - Option 3. Jasper Dark Sky Planetarium & Telescope Experience
 - Option 4. Secrets of Jasper Snowshoe Tour
 - Option 5. Upgrade Option: Jasper Foodie Tour
 - Option 6. Upgrade Option: Dog Sledding Tour

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- DAY 4** Jasper to Lake Louise | Coach | Evening Sleigh Ride
- DAY 5** Lake Louise | Day at Leisure
- DAY 6** Lake Louise to Banff | Coach
- DAY 7** Banff | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 4 Excursions
- Option 1. Discover Banff & Its Wildlife Tour + Gondola
- Option 2. Snowshoeing at Paint Pots
- Option 3. Johnston Canyon Frozen Falls Adventure
- Option 4. Electric Fat Biking Banff Adventure
- DAY 8** Banff to Calgary | Coach



MAP



DETAILED ITINERARY

The below itinerary reflects our recommendations for this specific trip. We also offer tailored private excursions, allowing you to personalize the itinerary to match your custom preferences. This itinerary is also available in the reverse direction.

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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. Step back in time to the days of classic rail travel, riding in the original steel 'streamliner' railcars made famous by the 'Canadian' in the 1950s. Each car has been lovingly restored with air conditioning, a dining car, lounge car, and dome car. 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)

Day 3 Jasper Freedom of Choice | 1 of 6 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. Secrets of Jasper Snowshoe Tour

Embark on an unforgettable winter adventure through breathtaking alpine landscapes. Trek across pristine snow-covered trails, surrounded by towering peaks and serene wilderness. Discover hidden gems, local wildlife, and fascinating stories while enjoying a guided experience that blends nature, history, and outdoor excitement in a magical winter wonderland.

Option 5. Upgrade Option: Jasper Foodie Tour

Show your foodie side some love on this walking food tour of Jasper. The mountain town has come a long way from its humble beginnings without losing sight of what makes it special.

Option 6. 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, 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

Begin your day with a relaxed morning, taking in the breathtaking beauty of Lake Louise. With the option of a mid- or late-afternoon transfer to Banff, you have the freedom to immerse yourself in Lake Louise's winter wonderland or indulge in afternoon tea at the iconic Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise before departing on a 45-minute journey along the breathtaking Bow Valley Parkway. Whether you choose the scheduled transfer (included) or a private transfer, both options allow you to customize your time between these two stunning destinations.

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Day 7 Banff | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 4 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

Experience an unforgettable snowshoeing adventure to the historical Paint Pots with its ochre-colored mineral pools. This easy 3-kilometre trail offers a great introduction to snowshoeing for first-timers. Along the way, search for hare, lynx, and wolf tracks in the forest. Snowshoes, hiking poles, and authentic historical props are included. Warm up with hot chocolate and a uniquely Canadian maple taffy treat!

Option 3. Johnston Canyon Frozen Falls Adventure

Explore the icy wonderland of Johnston Canyon with expert guides fitting you with ice-walking gear. Marvel at the stunning Lower Falls, then venture to the Upper Falls, where ice climbers scale frozen towers. En route, discover hidden gems along the Bow Valley Parkway, stopping at exclusive viewpoints for breathtaking, camera-worthy scenery.

Option 4. Electric Fat Biking Banff Adventure

Experience the thrill of Winter Electric Fat Biking in Banff! Ride effortlessly through snow-covered trails with powerful e-fat bikes, soaking in breathtaking mountain views. Perfect for all skill levels, this guided adventure offers an exciting and eco-friendly way to explore Banff's winter wonderland.

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.

**INCLUDED****Package Includes:**

- Sleeping berth onboard VIA Rail Sleeper Touring service for 1 night
- 2 nights accommodation in Jasper
- 2 night accommodation in Lake Louise
- 2 nights accommodation in Banff
- Transfer between rail depot and hotel in Jasper
- Jasper | Freedom of Choice 1 of 6 Excursions | Shared Small Group
- Maligne Canyon Ice Walk | Operates 15 Dec - 31 Mar
- Discover Jasper & Its Wildlife Tour
- Jasper Dark Sky Planetarium & Telescope Experience
- Secrets of Jasper Snowshoe Tour | Operates 01 Dec - 31 Mar
- Upgrade Option: Jasper Foodie Tour

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- Upgrade Option: Dog Sledding Tour | Operates 01 Dec - 31 Mar
- Scheduled express coach between Jasper & Lake Louise
- Sleigh ride at Lake Louise
- Scheduled express coach between Lake Louise & Banff
- Banff | Freedom of Choice - 1 of 4 Excursions
- Banff Highlights & Wildlife Tour + Gondola
- Snowshoeing at Paint Pots Tour | Operates 01 Dec - 10 Apr
- Johnson Canyon Frozen Falls Adventure
- Electric Fat Biking Banff Adventure
- Scheduled express coach between Banff & Calgary
- National Park fees
- Meals as per Itinerary

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 / Alpine Standard
- Lake Louise - Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise | Fairmont Room
- Banff - Banff Caribou Lodge | Superior Room

Hotel & Rail Information | Deluxe Grade

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

Hotel & Rail Information | Deluxe Plus Grade

- VIA Rail | Private Cabin
- Jasper - Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge | Premier Deluxe Room
- Lake Louise - Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise | Deluxe Mount Temple
- 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

Not Operating: Dec 22, 26 Tour Code: TR72

Departing from Calgary: Thursday, Sunday

Not Operating: Dec 21, 25, 28 Tour Code TR73

DATE	DOUBLE	SINGLE	TRIPLE	CHILD
Moderate Grade with Upper/Lower Semi Private Sleeper Berth on-board VIA Rail				
01 Dec 25 - 14 Dec 25	\$2,893	\$3,859	\$2,683	\$1,651
15 Dec 25 - 04 Jan 26	\$4,006	\$6,086	\$3,425	\$1,651
05 Jan 26 - 10 Apr 26	\$3,413	\$4,898	\$3,035	\$1,651
Upgrade available to a Private bedroom onboard VIA Rail Between Vancouver & Jasper				
2025/ 2026 Winter Season	\$390	\$390	\$390	\$390
Jasper Freedom of Choice Upgrade Option				
Jasper Foodie Tour Shared Small Group	\$82	\$82	\$82	\$82
Dog Sledding Tour Shared Small Group Tour with Private Transfer	\$670	\$1,072	\$536	\$182
Superior Grade with Private Cabin on-board VIA Rail				
01 Dec 25 - 14 Dec 25	\$3,479	\$4,544	\$3,235	\$2,138
15 Dec 25 - 04 Jan 26	\$4,645	\$6,876	\$4,019	\$2,138
05 Jan 26 - 10 Apr 26	\$4,072	\$5,731	\$3,637	\$2,138
Upgrade available to Prestige Class onboard VIA Rail Between Vancouver & Jasper				
2025/ 2026 Winter Season	\$2,786	\$3,944	-	-
Jasper Freedom of Choice Upgrade Option				
Jasper Foodie Tour Shared Small Group	\$82	\$82	\$82	\$82
Dog Sledding Tour Shared Small Group Tour with Private Transfer	\$670	\$1,072	\$536	\$182
Deluxe Grade with Private Cabin on-board VIA Rail				
01 Dec 25 - 14 Dec 25	\$4,301	\$6,189	\$3,858	\$2,138
15 Dec 25 - 04 Jan 26	\$6,550	\$10,686	\$5,357	\$2,138
05 Jan 26 - 10 Apr 26	\$5,322	\$8,231	\$4,539	\$2,138
Upgrade available to Prestige Class onboard VIA Rail Between Vancouver & Jasper				
2025/ 2026 Winter Season	\$2,786	\$3,944	-	-
Jasper Freedom of Choice Upgrade Option				
Jasper Foodie Tour Shared Small Group	\$82	\$82	\$82	\$82
Dog Sledding Tour Shared Small Group Tour with Private Transfer	\$670	\$1,072	\$536	\$182
Deluxe Plus Grade with Private Cabin onboard VIA Rail				

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01 Dec 25 - 14 Dec 25	\$4,471	\$6,529	\$3,972	\$2,138
15 Dec 25 - 04 Jan 26	\$6,718	\$11,022	\$5,469	\$2,138
05 Jan 26 - 10 Apr 26	\$5,599	\$8,785	\$4,724	\$2,138
Upgrade available to Prestige Class onboard VIA Rail Between				
Vancouver & Jasper	-	-	-	-
2025/ 2026 Winter Season	\$2,786	\$3,944	-	-
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