

# CANADA BY DESIGN



## Winter Snow Train to the Canadian Rockies | VIA Rail

2024/2025 Winter

Canadian Rockies One-Way Itinerary

7 Days / 6 Nights Vancouver to Calgary

Priced at CAD \$2,822 per person

Prices are per person and include all taxes. Child age 10 yrs & under

### INTRODUCTION

On our best selling Canadian Rockies winter train trip, journey through the winter scenery of Banff, Jasper and Lake Louise with a night in Sleeper Plus Class on VIA Rail. Spend days in the Canadian Rockies enjoying Ice Walks, wildlife viewing, dog sledding and sleigh rides, and nights tucking into cozy Canadian mountain resorts. In Jasper, we've included your choice of three tours, and in Banff you'll have an entire day at leisure to do as you please. Customize it to include snowshoe helicopter tours, ice climbing and more!

#### Itinerary at a Glance

- DAY 1** Vancouver to Jasper | Via Rail
- DAY 2** Jasper | Arrival VIA Rail
- DAY 3** Jasper | Freedom of Choice Choose 1 of 5 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: Jasper Foodie Tour
  - Option 5. Upgrade Option: Dog Sledding Tour
- DAY 4** Jasper to Lake Louise | Coach | Evening Sleigh Ride

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- DAY 5** Lake Louise to Banff | Coach
- DAY 6** Banff Freedom of Choice | 1 of 3 Excursions
  - Option 1. Discover Banff & Its Wildlife Tour + Gondola
  - Option 2. Snowshoeing at Paint Pots
  - Option 3. Johnston Canyon Icewalk
- DAY 7** 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.*

### 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.

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#### 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 Choose 1 of 5 Excursions

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

*Option 1. Maligne Canyon Ice Walk | Operates between 15 Dec - 31 Mar*

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 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 Jasper's 11,000 sq km Dark Sky Preserve.

*Option 4. 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 it's humble beginnings without losing sight of what makes it special.

*Option 5. Upgrade Option: Dog Sledding Tour | Operates between 10 Dec - 31 Mar*

Travel by dog sled along 22 km (13 mi) of pristine winter scenery in the heart of the Canadian Rockies. 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 to Banff | Coach

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

#### Day 6 Banff | Freedom of Choice - Choose 1 of 3 Excursions

During your stay in Banff you can personalize your stay by choosing two 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 | Operates between 6 Dec - 13 Apr*

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 7 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
- 1 night accommodation in Lake Louise
- 2 nights accommodation in Banff
- Private transfer between rail depot and hotel in Jasper
- Jasper | Freedom of Choice - 1 of 5 Excursions
- Maligne Canyon Ice Walk | Operates between 15 Dec - 31 Mar
- Discover Jasper & Its Wildlife Tour
- Jasper Dark Sky Planetarium & Telescope Experience
- Upgrade Option: Jasper Foodie Tour
- 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
- 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 Lodge | Standard Room
- Lake Louise - Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise | Fairmont Room

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- Banff - Banff Caribou Lodge | Standard Room

**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 with 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: TR70)

Departing from Calgary: Monday, Friday

(Tour Code: TR71)

| 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   |         |         |         |         |
| 15 Dec 24 - 04 Jan 25   | \$2,822 | \$3,764 | \$2,596 | \$1,480 |
| 05 Jan 25 - 10 Apr 25   | \$3,543 | \$5,206 | \$3,077 | \$1,480 |
|   | \$2,990 | \$4,100 | \$2,715 | \$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>  |         |         |         |         |
| Jasper Foodie Tour   Shared Small Group   | -       | -       | -       | -       |
|   | \$64    | \$64    | \$64    | \$64    |
| 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   |         |         |         |         |
| 15 Dec 24 - 04 Jan 25   | \$3,570 | \$4,701 | \$3,281 | \$2,039 |
| 05 Jan 25 - 10 Apr 25   | \$4,312 | \$6,186 | \$3,776 | \$2,039 |
|   | \$3,711 | \$4,983 | \$3,375 | \$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>  |         |         |         |         |
| Jasper Foodie Tour   Shared Small Group   | -       | -       | -       | -       |
|   | \$64    | \$64    | \$64    | \$64    |
| 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   |         |         |         |         |
| 15 Dec 24 - 04 Jan 25   | \$4,210 | \$5,981 | \$3,789 | \$2,039 |
| 05 Jan 25 - 10 Apr 25   | \$6,005 | \$9,571 | \$4,985 | \$2,039 |
|   | \$4,549 | \$6,659 | \$4,015 | \$2,039 |
| <b>Upgrade available to Prestige Class onboard VIA Rail   Between Vancouver &amp; Jasper</b>    |         |         |         |         |
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|   | \$1,630 | \$4,318 | -       | -       |
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| <b>Deluxe Upgrade with Private Cabin onboard VIA Rail</b>                                       |         |         |         |         |

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|---|---------|----------|---------|---------|
| 01 Dec 24 - 14 Dec 24   | \$4,609 | \$6,780  | \$4,089 | \$2,039 |
| 15 Dec 24 - 04 Jan 25   | \$6,606 | \$10,773 | \$5,420 | \$2,039 |
| 05 Jan 25 - 10 Apr 25   | \$5,049 | \$7,659  | \$4,382 | \$2,039 |
| <b>Upgrade available to Prestige Class onboard VIA Rail   Between</b> |         |          |         |         |
| <b>Vancouver &amp; Jasper</b>   | -       | -        | -       | -       |
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