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Best of the Canadian Rockies Winter Train Trip

2025/2026 Winter

Canadian Rockies One-Way Itinerary

7 Days / 6 Nights Vancouver to Calgary

Priced at USD \$2,120 per person

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

INTRODUCTION

Embark on our best-selling Canadian Rockies Winter Train Trip, a breathtaking journey through the snow-covered landscapes of Banff, Jasper, and Lake Louise. Travel in comfort aboard VIA Rail's Sleeper Plus Class, where you'll wake up to stunning mountain vistas. Spend your days exploring frozen canyons on guided ice walks, spotting wildlife, dog sledding through pristine forests, and enjoying horse-drawn sleigh rides. In Jasper, choose from three exciting excursions, while Banff offers a full day of leisure to explore at your own pace. Personalize your adventure with thrilling add-ons like snowshoe helicopter tours, ice climbing, or even more winter magic. At night, unwind in cozy Canadian mountain resorts, soaking in the warmth of crackling fireplaces and alpine hospitality. This unforgettable winter escape combines the romance of train travel with the adventure of the Rockies—perfect for nature lovers and thrill-seekers alike!

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

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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

DAY 4 Jasper to Banff | Coach

DAY 5 Winter Wonderland | Lake Louise & Johnston Canyon | Coach

DAY 6 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 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.

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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 Banff | Coach

Today, travel the spectacular Icefield Parkway and experience a breathtaking winter wonderland. Towering snow-capped peaks, frozen waterfalls, and vast glaciers create a mesmerizing landscape. Wildlife sightings, from elk to bighorn sheep, add to the adventure. Enjoy the serenity of this scenic route, where icy blue lakes and pristine forests make for unforgettable photo opportunities in the heart of the Canadian Rockies.

Day 5 Winter Wonderland | Lake Louise & Johnston Canyon | Coach

Today's excursion takes in the breathtaking beauty of Lake Louise and the icy wonders of Johnston Canyon in winter. Marvel at the frozen turquoise lake surrounded by snow-draped peaks, a true postcard-perfect scene. Then, journey through Johnston Canyon's stunning ice-covered waterfalls and towering limestone walls, where frozen cascades glisten in the crisp air. This unforgettable adventure offers a magical mix of serene landscapes and thrilling winter exploration in the Canadian Rockies.

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Day 6 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 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.



INCLUDED

Package Includes:

- Sleeping berth onboard VIA Rail Sleeper Touring service for 1 night
- 2 nights accommodation in Jasper
- 3 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
- Upgrade Option: Dog Sledding Tour | Operates 01 Dec - 31 Mar

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- Scheduled express coach between Jasper & Banff
- Full Day Tour of Lake Louise & Johnston Canyon
- 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
- Banff - Elk + Avenue Hotel | Standard Room

Hotel & Rail Information | Superior Grade

- VIA Rail | Private Cabin
- Jasper - Forest Park Hotel | Woodland Balcony / Alpine Standard
- Banff - Banff Caribou Lodge | Superior Room

Hotel & Rail Information | Deluxe Grade

- VIA Rail | Private Cabin
- Jasper - Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge | Deluxe Room
- 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
- 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: TR74)

Departing from Calgary: Monday, Friday

(Tour Code: TR75)

DATE	DOUBLE	SINGLE	TRIPLE	CHILD
Moderate Grade with Upper/Lower Semi Private Sleeper Berth on-board VIA Rail				
01 Dec 25 - 14 Dec 25	\$2,120	\$2,603	\$2,007	\$1,446
15 Dec 25 - 04 Jan 26	\$2,448	\$3,260	\$2,227	\$1,446
05 Jan 26 - 10 Apr 26	\$2,169	\$2,701	\$2,048	\$1,446
Upgrade available to a Private bedroom onboard VIA Rail Between				
Vancouver & Jasper	-	-	-	-
2025/ 2026 Winter Season	\$308	\$308	\$308	\$308
Jasper Freedom of Choice Upgrade Option	-	-	-	-
Jasper Foodie Tour Shared Small Group	\$65	\$65	\$65	\$65
Dog Sledding Tour Shared Small Group Tour with Private Transfer	\$529	\$847	\$423	\$144
Superior Grade with Private Cabin on-board VIA Rail				
01 Dec 25 - 14 Dec 25	\$2,608	\$3,196	\$2,462	\$1,831
15 Dec 25 - 04 Jan 26	\$2,997	\$3,974	\$2,729	\$1,831
05 Jan 26 - 10 Apr 26	\$2,731	\$3,440	\$2,551	\$1,831
Upgrade available to Prestige Class onboard VIA Rail Between				
Vancouver & Jasper	-	-	-	-
2025/ 2026 Winter Season	\$2,201	\$3,116	-	-
Jasper Freedom of Choice Upgrade Option	-	-	-	-
Jasper Foodie Tour Shared Small Group	\$65	\$65	\$65	\$65
Dog Sledding Tour Shared Small Group Tour with Private Transfer	\$529	\$847	\$423	\$144
Deluxe Grade with Private Cabin on-board VIA Rail				
01 Dec 25 - 14 Dec 25	\$3,267	\$4,512	\$2,974	\$1,831
15 Dec 25 - 04 Jan 26	\$4,497	\$6,973	\$3,794	\$1,831
05 Jan 26 - 10 Apr 26	\$3,738	\$5,455	\$3,288	\$1,831
Upgrade available to Prestige Class onboard VIA Rail Between				
Vancouver & Jasper	-	-	-	-
2025/ 2026 Winter Season	\$2,201	\$3,116	-	-
Jasper Freedom of Choice Upgrade Option	-	-	-	-
Jasper Foodie Tour Shared Small Group	\$65	\$65	\$65	\$65
Dog Sledding Tour Shared Small Group Tour with Private Transfer	\$529	\$847	\$423	\$144
Deluxe plus with Private Cabin onboard VIA Rail				

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BEST OF THE CANADIAN ROCKIES WINTER TRAIN TRIP

DATE	DOUBLE	SINGLE	TRIPLE	CHILD
01 Dec 25 - 14 Dec 25	\$3,421	\$4,823	\$3,078	\$1,831
15 Dec 25 - 04 Jan 26	\$4,659	\$7,297	\$3,903	\$1,831
05 Jan 26 - 10 Apr 26	\$3,977	\$5,934	\$3,448	\$1,831
Upgrade available to Prestige Class onboard VIA Rail Between				
Vancouver & Jasper	-	-	-	-
2025/ 2026 Winter Season	\$2,201	\$3,116	-	-
Jasper Freedom of Choice Upgrade Option	-	-	-	-
Jasper Foodie Tour Shared Small Group	\$65	\$65	\$65	\$65
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