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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 USD \$2,229 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
Moderate Grade with Upper/Lower Semi Private Sleeper Berth on-board VIA Rail				
01 Dec 24 - 14 Dec 24	\$2,229	\$2,974	\$2,051	\$1,169
15 Dec 24 - 04 Jan 25	\$2,799	\$4,113	\$2,431	\$1,169
05 Jan 25 - 10 Apr 25	\$2,362	\$3,239	\$2,145	\$1,169
Upgrade available to a Private bedroom onboard VIA Rail Between Vancouver & Jasper				
2024/ 2025 Winter Season	\$324	\$324	\$324	\$324
Jasper Freedom of Choice Upgrade Option				
Jasper Foodie Tour Shared Small Group	\$51	\$51	\$51	\$51
Dog Sledding Tour Shared Small Group Tour with Private Transfer	\$466	\$753	\$371	\$113
Superior Grade with Private Cabin on-board VIA Rail				
01 Dec 24 - 14 Dec 24	\$2,820	\$3,714	\$2,592	\$1,611
15 Dec 24 - 04 Jan 25	\$3,406	\$4,887	\$2,983	\$1,611
05 Jan 25 - 10 Apr 25	\$2,932	\$3,937	\$2,666	\$1,611
Upgrade available to Prestige Class onboard VIA Rail Between Vancouver & Jasper				
2024/ 2025 Winter Season	\$1,288	\$3,411	-	-
Jasper Freedom of Choice Upgrade Option				
Jasper Foodie Tour Shared Small Group	\$51	\$51	\$51	\$51
Dog Sledding Tour Shared Small Group Tour with Private Transfer	\$466	\$753	\$371	\$113
Deluxe Grade with Private Cabin on-board VIA Rail				
01 Dec 24 - 14 Dec 24	\$3,326	\$4,725	\$2,993	\$1,611
15 Dec 24 - 04 Jan 25	\$4,744	\$7,561	\$3,938	\$1,611
05 Jan 25 - 10 Apr 25	\$3,594	\$5,261	\$3,172	\$1,611
Upgrade available to Prestige Class onboard VIA Rail Between Vancouver & Jasper				
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Jasper Freedom of Choice Upgrade Option				
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Deluxe Upgrade with Private Cabin onboard VIA Rail				

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DATE	DOUBLE	SINGLE	TRIPLE	CHILD
01 Dec 24 - 14 Dec 24	\$3,641	\$5,356	\$3,230	\$1,611
15 Dec 24 - 04 Jan 25	\$5,219	\$8,511	\$4,282	\$1,611
05 Jan 25 - 10 Apr 25	\$3,989	\$6,051	\$3,462	\$1,611
Upgrade available to Prestige Class onboard VIA Rail Between				
Vancouver & Jasper	-	-	-	-
2024/ 2025 Winter Season	\$1,288	\$3,411	-	-
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