



Rockies Winter Wonderland by Train

Winter train trip through the Canadian Rockies

Enjoy a magical Canadian winter adventure. Settle into your cozy train cabin in Vancouver, sleeping onboard as snow falls outside. Wake in a Rockies winter wonderland for a week of discovery, fun, and indulgence.

-  **Suggested length**
9 days / 8 nights
-  **Price**
From 3,990 USD per person
-  **When to go**
December – March
-  **Time on train**
1 day / 1 night



Highlights of your trip

- ✓ Overnight journey on VIA Rail from Vancouver to Jasper
- ✓ Stay at the majestic Chateau Lake Louise
- ✓ Choose from dog sledding, ice walks, snow shoeing, wildlife spotting and more
- ✓ Splendour of Banff and Jasper National Parks in winter
- ✓ Winter adventures at your own pace

Trip Experiences

Discover some of this trip's top destinations and exciting activities.



Admire the panoramic views from the upper level of VIA Rail's Park Car



Enjoy delicious meals in VIA Rail's classic dining car



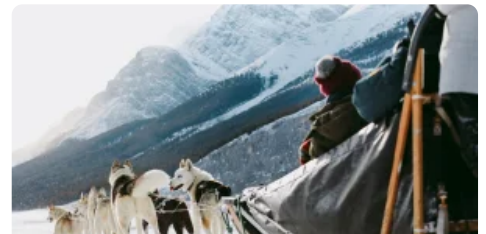
Rest easy in a sleeper cabin on VIA Rail



Explore a frozen canyon on a guided ice walk



Take photos of frozen Lake Louise



Go dogsledding in the Canadian Rockies

Day-by-Day Itinerary

Speak to one of our Canadian Insiders about personalizing this trip. Some of our trips can be done in the reverse direction.



Indicates featured inclusions



Day 01

Begin your Canadian Winter Vacation

The cool, fresh air is invigorating as you start your Canadian winter train vacation. Vancouver's relatively mild weather is a great introduction, but look to the north and discover the winter scene you've been dreaming of — Vancouver's coastal mountains stand before you covered in pure white snow.



Private Transfer from Vancouver Airport

Bypass the crowds and start making the most of your vacation. A friendly driver welcomes you to the city.



Day 02

Discover Vancouver

With a mild climate and so much to do, it's no wonder people flock to this west coast city! Take the day to explore Vancouver.

You have **2 options** to choose from today:



Vancouver City Tour and Flyover Canada

Discover what makes Vancouver so special on a guided sightseeing tour, then see Canada from coast to coast at Flyover Canada, one of Vancouver's top attractions. Take a seat in front of a 20-metre-wide spherical screen, and enjoy a breathtaking, all-ages flight simulation.



Gastown Afternoon Food Tour

Explore the enigmatic streets of Gastown, the historic heart of Vancouver. Hear uplifting stories about the locals who flourish here and feel the connection between the past, present, and future of this vibrant neighborhood while enjoying the flavours of renowned restaurants celebrated for their culinary excellence.



Dinner in Vancouver

Dine at one of our favourite harbourside restaurants. Watch seaplanes land and enjoy views of the North Shore Mountains.

**Day 03****VIA Rail - Depart Vancouver**

Board The Canadian train in Vancouver and begin your eastward journey to Jasper. Pass through the varied landscape of British Columbia's Fraser Valley. See farmer's fields, winding river canyons, and icy forests.

**Private Transfer to Train Station****The Canadian Train - Onboard Service**

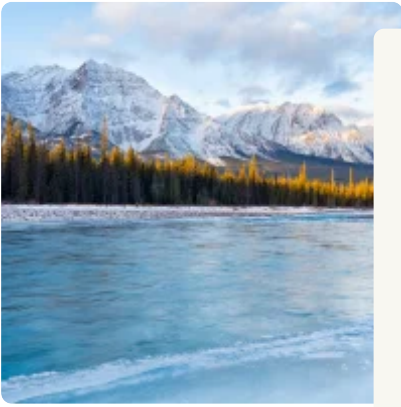
Watch the changing scenery from the train's viewing cars and enjoy hot meals in the dining car. Ask your Vacation Advisor about the differences between Sleeper Plus Class and Prestige Class.

**Day 04****VIA Rail – Arrive in Jasper**

Awake to see the glistening snow-capped peaks of the Canadian Rockies all around you, including Mount Robson, the highest peak in the Rockies. After breakfast, step off the train in the charming mountain town of Jasper and get ready to explore Jasper National Park.

**Jasper Orientation Tour and Transfer**

As you step off the train, a friendly local guide meets you at the station. Enjoy an introductory tour of Jasper before arriving at your hotel.

**Day 05****Explore Jasper**

Jasper is a great base for exploring Jasper National Park, the largest park in the Canadian Rockies. The small town of Jasper offers visitors a laid-back mountain experience with equal opportunities for adventure, discovery and relaxation.

You have **3 options** to choose from today:

**Morning Wildlife Discovery Tour of Jasper**

Take in the beautiful winter landscape and spot wildlife around Jasper on a sightseeing bus tour.

**Maligne Valley Tour with Pleckaitis Canyon Icewalk**

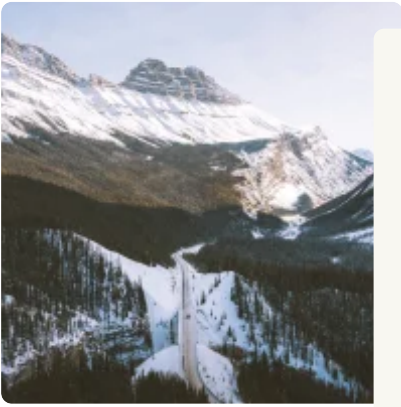
Travel deep into the heart of the Maligne Valley on a guided tour, with stops highlighting the ecology of fire as well as untouched scenic landscapes. You'll have the opportunity to walk on ice at the bottom of one of Jasper's deepest accessible canyons, surrounded by towering rock walls.

**Jasper Snowshoe Tour**

Explore Jasper National Park's serene, snow-covered landscapes on a guided snowshoe tour. Journey through evergreen forests, frozen lakes and tranquil meadows while learning about the park's history, geology and ecology.

**Suggested Add-On: Jasper Walking Food Tour**

Warm up after your outdoor winter activity on an afternoon tasting tour of Jasper's best eateries. Sample Canadian classics, locally brewed beers, and globally inspired cuisine.

**Day 06****Travel the Icefields Parkway to Lake Louise**

Breathe in the fresh mountain air and sip a warm cup of coffee before you travel to Lake Louise today. Once you arrive, explore this world-famous frozen lake and the ancient glacier and mountains that surround it.

**Interpretive Transfer to Lake Louise**

Enjoy a small-group transfer along the world-famous Icefields Parkway between Jasper and Lake Louise. With your driver-guide, stop to admire views of ancient glaciers, winding rivers, and frozen waterfalls.

**Suggested Upgrade: Winter Heli Safari (Extra Cost)**

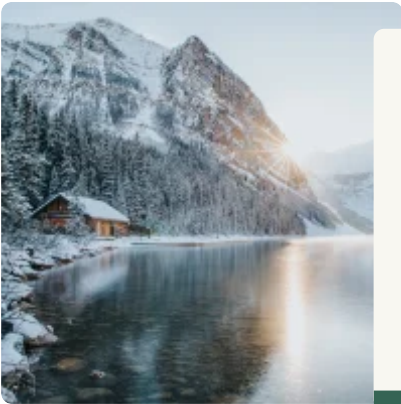
Travel along the Icefields Parkway with a private guide. Stop at Abraham Lake to soar above the mountains by helicopter, then see beautiful bubble formations trapped in ice.

**Lake Louise Sleigh Ride**

Take a horse-drawn sleigh ride through the sparkling snow. Enjoy views of the Chateau Lake Louise and spectacular mountain scenery.

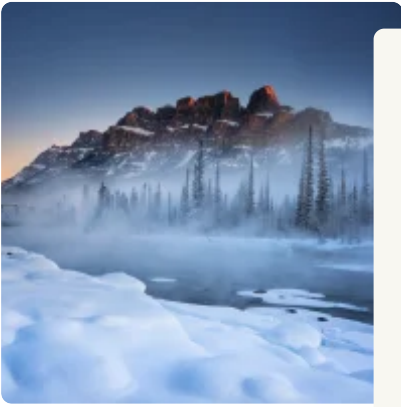
**Feature Dinner: Lake Louise Fondue**

A delicious fondue dinner in a cozy restaurant is the perfect way to spend a winter evening.

**Day 07****Lake Louise to Banff**

Later this morning, travel the short distance from Lake Louise to Banff. Banff is the liveliest of the mountain towns on your Canadian holiday. There are plenty of quaint shops to visit, and the sweet smell of homemade maple fudge will lure you in for a truly delicious experience.

**Transfer to Banff**

**Day 08****Explore Banff**

The town of Banff is nestled amidst the soaring peaks of Banff National Park, Canada's oldest national park. The park is home to some of the most captivating scenery in North America. Banff is small enough to walk around and has plenty of world-class eateries and boutiques.

You have **3 options** to choose from today:

**Dogsledding Tour**

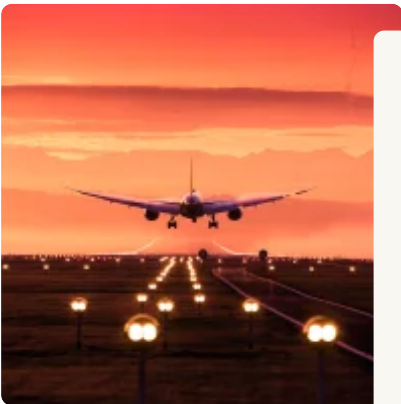
Travel to the Canmore area, where you will meet a team of friendly huskies waiting to whisk you through the snowy wilderness. Harness the dogs and drive the team yourself, or simply enjoy the experience as a passenger.

**Banff Sightseeing Tour and Gondola Ride**

On this small-group bus tour, discover Banff's unique heritage, enchanting folklore, and stunning backdrop in the Canadian Rockies. Stop at some scenic viewpoints before riding a gondola to the summit of Sulphur Mountain.

**Ice Walk plus Nightrise Gondola Admission with Transportation**

Enjoy the beauty of winter while you explore Johnston Canyon. Wander along steel catwalks built into the canyon walls to discover frozen waterfalls, and learn about the wildlife and geology of the area. This evening, take a Gondola ride at dusk to experience a unique 'Nightrise' lights show.

**Day 09****Depart from Calgary**

Your Canadian Rockies winter trip comes to an end. Head home with the great memories you made on this voyage, and look forward to your next adventure in Canada.

**Transfer to Calgary Airport**

On this two-hour journey, watch the landscape change from towering mountains to rolling prairie.

Accommodations

These are examples of the places you can stay on this trip. Please get in touch to discuss your options and to check availability.



Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise

Example of a Deluxe hotel in Lake Louise

Located in Banff National Park, the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise is surrounded by snow-capped mountain peaks, a frozen lake, and the impressive Victoria Glacier. Winter activities include ice skating, skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing and sleigh rides.

Elk + Avenue Hotel

Example of a Comfort hotel in Banff

Conveniently located in downtown Banff, the Elk and Avenue Hotel combines Banff's alpine history with a sleek modern design. After a day of exploring, unwind in the hotel's jacuzzi or dry sauna, then enjoy fresh Canadian cuisine at the on-site restaurant.



Azur Legacy Collection Hotel

Example of a Superior hotel in Vancouver

The Azur Legacy Collection Hotel is the only property in Western Canada to be part of the Leading Hotels of the World (LHW) portfolio. Situated in downtown Vancouver, the Art Deco-inspired hotel offers a boutique experience. Enjoy dinner at the garden-like rooftop restaurant or in the beautiful lobby lounge.



Personalize This Itinerary

Here are some of the most popular ways to personalize this journey.



See the Northern Lights

Did you know that Canada is home to some of the best places in the world to see the Northern Lights? Fly north from Vancouver or Calgary and land in prime aurora viewing territory. We'll arrange it all! Your accommodations, guided lights viewing experience, dogsledding, snowmobiling, ice fishing, and more.

Upgrade to Prestige Class

Prestige Class is a luxury experience. Available on VIA Rail's The Canadian Train between Vancouver and Toronto, this spacious double cabin includes a special concierge service throughout your journey. This is one of our most popular upgrade options.



Add a day of skiing

With some of the world's best snow conditions and its sprawling, scenic resorts, Canada is one of the best places for a day on the slopes - whether you're a seasoned powderhound or a complete newbie. Ask us about ski or snowboard rentals, transport, and even a lesson if you wish.



Trip Inclusions

These are your typical inclusions plus you may also get the chance to choose from experience options on some days.

What's Included

- ✓ Sleeper train experience in a private cabin
- ✓ Hotel accommodation
- ✓ Transportation to and from airports, timed with your flights
- ✓ Feature dining experience at one of our favorite local restaurants
- ✓ Electronic travel documentation package
- ✓ Meals onboard the train
- ✓ Choice of unique guided activities
- ✓ Train station transfers
- ✓ Personalized Fresh Tracks Canada customer service support

Not Included

- Meals and activities unless otherwise mentioned
- Gratuities (unless otherwise indicated)
- Trip Cancellation Insurance (highly recommended – please ask for your personalized quote)
- Airfare (but don't hesitate to ask for help)
- Canadian Sales Taxes

Trip Start Dates

2025

Vancouver to Calgary

December 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27, 31

Calgary to Vancouver

December 12, 15, 19, 22, 26, 29

2026

Vancouver to Calgary

January 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 28, 31

February 4, 7, 11, 14, 18, 21, 25, 28

March 4, 7, 11

Calgary to Vancouver

January 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30

February 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 19, 23, 27

March 2, 6, 9

Trip Prices

Request your personalized quote as prices vary by departure date, train-service level and hotel class. Prices shown are our lowest rates per person, based on double occupancy, and exclude taxes.

Comfort Level



Hotel Accommodation
3 to 3.5 Star



Airport transfer <>
Calgary and Banff
Scheduled bus

From

3,990 USD pp

Superior Level



Hotel Accommodation
4 to 4.5 Star



Airport transfer <>
Calgary and Banff
Scheduled bus

From

4,660 USD pp

Deluxe Level



Hotel Accommodation
5 star



Airport transfer <>
Calgary and Banff
Private driver

From

5,990 USD pp

These prices are based on a sample itinerary. Your personalized quote will reflect your departure date, your choice of activities, your hotel class and train-service level, and availability at the time of booking. (Request your free, no-obligation quote.)

Get a personalized quote

What our customers say about this trip

We learn from every customer journey to make sure the next vacation you take with us is perfect just for you.



Charles and Barbara
OH, USA



We loved having all of our arrangements made for us

Our trip was a wonderful way to see a part of the world we had never experienced before. It was great to be immersed in the culture, and close to nature in its unspoiled state. We loved having all of our arrangements made for us, and that everything went well without any challenges. It was a...



Shanene and Shana-Lee
NSW, Australia



The country was spectacular

The country was spectacular. The adventures were amazing, and the winter weather was like nothing else I've ever experienced. Our mother-daughter holiday exceeded our expectations.



Judith and John
FL, USA



We seriously couldn't have asked for a better trip

We started out at the Wedgwood in Vancouver. Lovely in every respect. Staff, cleanliness, restaurant and lounge, service, location. We were even upgraded to the penthouse! First time ever. The train trip was our first ever. The views from our room and the observation car were breathtakin...



Why book with us

- ✓ Since 1996, we have personalized more than 15,000 Canadian vacations.
- ✓ We are experts in creating **personalized itineraries** in Canada.
- ✓ We promise **friendly and personal service** every step of the way.
- ✓ We're based in Vancouver with **first-hand 'insider' knowledge** of Canada.
- ✓ Consider us **your personal contact in Canada** before and during your trip.
- ✓ We make it really **easy!**



Meet the Canadian Insiders

We're ready to take your call!

By speaking with a Canadian Insider, we promise your Canadian Vacation will be better. Our experienced locals are here to support your journey every step of the way.

Discuss your dream trip with a local insider.

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