

## CANADA RAIL VACATIONS

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### Christmas in the Canadian Rockies Winter Rail Vacations | Via Rail

2024/2025 Winter

Canadian Rockies One-Way Itinerary

7 Days / 6 Nights Vancouver to Calgary

Priced at USD \$5,031 per person

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

### INTRODUCTION

This 7-day Christmas in the Canadian Rockies Winter Rail Vacation is everything you love about the holidays in one vacation! Stay at Canada's 'Castle in the Rockies', the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, and enjoy a delicious Christmas feast prepared by the hotel chefs. Embark on a guided Icewalk together through a frozen canyon, snowshoe through a sparkling landscape at Paint Pots, watch for wildlife like moose, elk and bighorn sheep and cozy up on a horse drawn sleigh ride. The memories made on this holiday are sure to last through the ages.

#### 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 4 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: Dog Sledding Tour
- DAY 4** Jasper to Lake Louise | Coach

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Evening Sleigh Ride

Christmas Dinner at the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise

**DAY 5** Lake Louise to Banff | Coach

**DAY 6** Banff | Freedom of Choice - Choose 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. 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 4 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. 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.

Depending on the excursion you choose either the morning or afternoon is free to relax at the lodge.

**Day 4 Jasper to Lake Louise | Coach | Evening Sleigh Ride + Christmas Dinner**

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**

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*

Afternoon snowshoe tour on an easy trail winding through a forest of pine trees to the Paint Pots with its ochre-colored mineral pools.

*Option 3. Johnston Canyon Icewalk*

This morning Johnston Canyon Icewalk tour is an unforgettable experience that will introduce you to stunning frozen waterfalls and amazing views within the canyon.

Depending on the excursion you choose either the morning or afternoon is free to relax in your 'Castle in the Rockies'

**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 4 Excursions
- Maligne Canyon Ice Walk
- Discover Jasper & Its Wildlife Tour
- Jasper Dark Sky Planetarium & Telescope Experience
- Upgrade Option: Dog Sledding Tour
- 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 3 Excursions
- Discover Banff & its Wildlife Tour + Gondola
- Snowshoeing at Paint Pots Tour
- Johnson Canyon Icewalk
- Scheduled express coach between Banff & Calgary
- Christmas Dinner on December 25th
- National Park fees
- Meals as per Itinerary

### 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

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**Not Included**

- Gratuities
- Activities other than specified
- Meals other than specified
- Portage fees

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## DATES & PRICING

Departing from Vancouver: Friday & Monday

(Tour Code: TR168) Dec 20, 23

Departing from Calgary: Monday

(Tour Code: TR169) Dec 23

DATE	TWIN	SINGLE	TRIPLE	CHILD
<b>Deluxe Grade with Private Cabin on-board VIA Rail</b>				
20 Dec 24 - 24 Dec 24	\$5,045	\$7,862	\$4,240	\$1,762
<b>Upgrade available to Prestige Class onboard VIA Rail   Between Vancouver &amp; Jasper</b>	-	-	-	-
2024/ 2025 Winter Season	\$1,288	\$3,411	-	-
<b>Jasper   Freedom of Choice Upgrade Option</b>	-	-	-	-
Dog Sledding Tour   Shared Small Group Tour with Private Transfer	\$466	\$753	\$371	\$113
<b>Deluxe Upgrade Deluxe Grade with Private Cabin on-board VIA Rail</b>				
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