

# Rockies Winter Wonderland

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## 8 Day VIA Rail Winter Train with Jasper, Lake Louise & Banff

from Vancouver to Calgary



Step back in time and board “The Canadian” winter train to Jasper through the snowy Canadian Rocky Mountains. At night, nestle into bed aboard this 50s-era train and be rocked to sleep as you travel through canyons and along riversides. This tour gives you time and comfort as you maximize your time in the Rocky Mountain national parks with lots of free time for the winter activities of your choice in order to make this the perfect romantic getaway or adventure tour. Spend five total nights in the Rockies with stays in Jasper, Lake Louise, and Banff.

# Travel Dates in 2023 & 2024

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## 2023 Start Dates

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November    2   5   9   12   16   19   23   26   30

December    3   7   10   14   17   21   24   28   31

Starting on Sundays and Thursdays

## 2024 Start Dates

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January        4   7   11   14   18   21   25   28

February      1   4   8   11   15   18   22   25   29

March          3   7   10   14   17   21   24   28

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November    3   7   10   14   17   21   24   28

December    1   5   8   12   15   19   22   26   29

Starting on Sundays and Thursday

## Travel Summary

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- **Day 1:** Vancouver Arrival - overnight in Vancouver
- **Day 2:** Free morning in Vancouver. "The Canadian" Winter Train Departure - overnight aboard the train
- **Day 3:** "The Canadian" Winter Train to Jasper. Free afternoon in Jasper - overnight in Jasper
- **Day 4:** Maligne Canyon Icewalk tour - overnight in Jasper
- **Day 5:** Scenic transfer from Jasper to Lake Louise. Free afternoon in Lake Louise - overnight in Lake Louise
- **Day 6:** Transfer from Lake Louise to Banff - overnight in Banff
- **Day 7:** Banff Tour including Banff Gondola - overnight in Banff
- **Day 8:** Transfer from Banff to Calgary

## Route Map

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## What's Included

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- 6 nights hotel accommodation
- VIA Rail from Vancouver to Jasper, Sleeper Plus Class
- 1 night sleeping car accommodation onboard VIA Rail train
- Dinner and breakfast on board the train
- Maligne Canyon Icewalk Tour
- Icefields Parkway motorcoach transfer from Jasper to Lake Louise
- Motorcoach transfer from Lake Louise to Banff
- Banff tour including Banff Gondola
- Transfer from Banff to Calgary Airport
- Independent Tour

## Not Included

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- Meals, other than onboard the train
- Gratuities/tip for hotel and transfer staff
- Optional activities during free time
- Canadian 5% sales tax

## Daily Itinerary

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### Day 1 - Vancouver Arrival

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Vancouver has a temperate climate that doesn't generally get as cold as other Canadian cities. It is a lively and diverse city with no shortage of attractions to explore including; Stanley Park, Granville Island or the Vancouver Art Gallery. Spend tonight in your downtown Vancouver hotel room.



### Day 2 - Free morning & Board "The Canadian" Winter Train to Jasper

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Depart Vancouver aboard VIA Rail's The Canadian train in the afternoon.

Travel through the lush Fraser Valley and along the salmon-rich waters of the Fraser River. Meals will be included on board and you are free to roam about the train as you wish. During the day you'll pass beside river canyons and natural wonders like Hell's Gate. By nightfall you've reached the interior of British Columbia and the sound of the train is rocking you to sleep. Spend tonight onboard the train in your private cabin.





## Day 3 - "The Canadian" Winter Train - Arrival in Jasper

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You'll wake up to a Rocky Mountain sunrise and head to the dining car for breakfast. Mount Robson - the highest point in the Canadian Rockies - greets you on your approach to Jasper. The charming little mountain resort town of Jasper is home for the next couple of days and you'll have the afternoon free to ice skate, take in some mountain scenery or go skiing or snowshoeing. Spend the next two nights in your Jasper hotel room.



## Day 4 - Jasper Maligne Canyon Icewalk

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This tour will take you to the deepest accessible canyon in Jasper National Park – where you will explore frozen waterfalls, ice caves, and incredible ice formations. You will learn about Jasper's Maligne Valley, Karst topography, and the mystery of the "disappearing" Medicine Lake. Spend tonight in your Jasper hotel room.



## Day 5 - Scenic transfer on the Icefields Parkway from Jasper to Lake Louise

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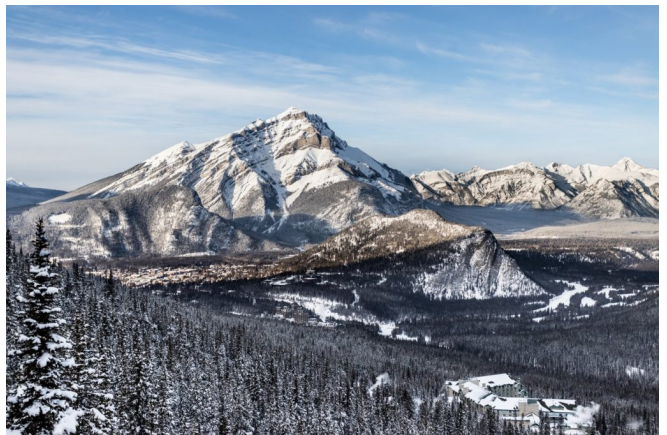
Board the motorcoach as you travel southeast down the Icefields Parkway, often hailed as the most beautiful highway in Canada. You'll travel through the natural splendor of Jasper and Banff National Parks as glaciated peaks tower breathtakingly along the roadside. The panorama of snow-capped peaks and endless mountain ridges occasionally opens up to afford a spectacular view of deep tree-covered valleys stretching to a distant horizon. Crisp blue skies offer unique and fantastic photo opportunities. Your guide will stop for a few photo opportunities at Athabasca Falls, the Columbia Icefield and the pristine Bow Lake, before arriving in at the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise for the night.



## Day 6 - Transfer from Lake Louise to Banff

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Awake to the crisp mountain air of Lake Louise and enjoy a hot breakfast at one of the fantastic restaurants that overlook the breathtaking scenery. Take a walk out on to the lake, or perhaps rent some skates and play some Pond Hockey, a time-honoured Canadian tradition. You will be transferred to Banff by motorcoach mid-day. Spend the night at your Banff hotel.





## Day 7 - Banff Sightseeing Tour including Gondola

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Today you'll be on a 5-hour guided tour through the towering Rundle, Tunnel, Cascade and Norquay Mountains. Learn about the wind-shaped hoodoos and experience Surprise Corner along Tunnel Mountain Drive.

Take a gentle gondola ride up to the top of Sulphur Mountain for fantastic views, interpretive boardwalks and photo opportunities. The rest of the afternoon in Banff is yours to spend walking some local trails, playing golf or relaxing as you choose.



## Day 8 - Transfer Banff to Calgary

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Your journey continues with a two hour transfer to Calgary. Thank you for traveling with Canada Rail Vacations!



## 8 Day Winter Tour Pricing 2023 & 2024

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### 2023 Pricing - Canadian Dollars

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Date Range	Popular Hotels VIA Rail Sleeper Cabin	Superior Hotel Upgrade	Deluxe Hotel Upgrade
Nov 2 - Dec 31:	\$3146	+\$850	+\$1044

### 2024 Pricing - Canadian Dollars

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Date Range	Popular Hotels VIA Rail Sleeper Cabin	Superior Hotel Upgrade	Deluxe Hotel Upgrade
Jan 4 - Mar 28:	\$3468	+\$947	+\$1267
Nov 3 - Dec 29:	\$3468	+\$947	+\$1267

#### Pricing Details:

- Prices are per person in Canadian Dollars and are subject to an additional 5% Canadian sales tax.
- Prices are based on double occupancy. For single and triple sharing, please **request a quote**.
- To qualify for any current **Specials**, please **request a quote**.
- Upgrades to Premium hotel rooms (5 stars) and Private Tours/Transfers are available. Please **request a quote**.