

Winter Retreat



2 reviews

8 Days / 7 Nights Vancouver to Calgary or Calgary to Vancouver

From USD\$1,412 per person

Winter Train Tours in the Canadian Rockies Highlights: Vancouver | Via Rail Train | Jasper | Lake Louise | Banff | Calgary | Travel through the impressive winter scenery of Banff & Jasper National Parks as well as the majestic Lake Louise. With attentive services aboard Via Rail, you can relax and enjoy this inspiring journey.

- ✓ Snowshoeing to Paint Pots Tour
- ✓ Picturesque Banff with its surrounding snow-capped mountains
- ✓ Enjoy winter magic at stunning Lake Louise
- ✓ Rare walk on a frozen river at Maligne Canyon
- ✓ Accommodation on VIA Rail

Early Booking Bonus

Book by May 30, 2019, receive up to \$400 per couple in added value which can be used for additional hotel nights, city sightseeing tours, activities or private transfers.

[See Terms & Conditions.](#)



Inclusions

Package Includes:

- 6 nights hotel accommodation
- 1 night sleeping accommodation onboard VIA Rail
- Transfers between rail depot and hotel in Jasper
- Maligne Canyon Ice Walk (Dec 15th - Mar 30th, replaced with Maligne Wildlife Tour on days when not operating) (minimum age 6 years)
- Scheduled express coach between Jasper & Banff
- Morning Discover Banff & its Wildlife Tour
- Sleigh Ride in Banff (Dec 13th - Mar 15th, price for non-operating dates will be adjusted at time of booking)
- Lake Louise Tour
- Snowshoeing to Paint Pots Tour (minimum age 8 yrs)
- Scheduled express coach between Banff & Calgary Airport or downtown
- Total # of meals: 1 breakfast, 1 dinner (Vancouver departures)
- Total # of meals: 1 breakfast, 1 brunch, 1 dinner (Calgary departures)
- PDF Travel Documentation (Emailed)-Refer page 2 in Rail & Coach section for documentation printing & courier charges
- National Park fees

Hotel Information (Moderate Grade)

- VIA Rail (Upper/Lower Semi Private Sleeper Berth)
- Jasper - Lobstick Lodge (Superior Room)
- Banff - Brewster's Mountain Lodge (Standard Room)

Hotel Information (Superior Grade)

- VIA Rail (Cabin)
- Jasper - Sawridge Inn (Outside Room with Balcony)
- Banff - Banff Caribou Lodge (Standard Room)

Hotel Information (Deluxe Grade)

- VIA Rail (Cabin)
- Jasper - Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge (Fairmont Room)
- Banff - Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel (Fairmont Room)

Itinerary

The below itinerary is only a suggestion, we offer tailor-made personal service and solutions to help you plan your perfect vacation. This itinerary is also available in the reverse direction

Departs Vancouver

Day 1 Vancouver to Jasper (Rail) This afternoon, check in at Pacific Central Station and board VIA Rail's 'Canadian' for the famous train journey to the majestic Canadian Rockies. Step back in time to the days of classic rail travel, riding in the original stainless steel 'streamliner' railcars made famous by the 'Canadian' in the 1950s. Each has been restored with air conditioning, a café car, lounge car, and access to the dome car. (dinner included today onboard VIA Rail).

Exclusive to Sleeper Plus Class:

By day, sit back in comfortable seating and enjoy the exclusive comfort of your own accommodation. Come evening, attendants will transform your quarters into cozy bunks or a bedroom. Don't forget to visit the Dome Car – the true essence of travelling by train is all in the panoramic views. Some Sleeper Plus Class amenities include towels, pillows, cozy down duvets and a shower kit.

Day 2 Arrive Jasper (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 (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 50m gorge. Certified guides will lead groups of no more than 12 along the frozen canyon floor and its ice-clad limestone walls. Super soles and winter boots will keep you warm and secure as you explore this wonderland of rock and ice. Please note: The ice walk tour normally operates mid-December - mid-March.

Day 4 Jasper to Banff Travel southward along the Icefields Parkway to Banff. This spectacular drive through glacier country features massive snow covered mountains, frozen waterfalls and broad-reaching valleys. Banff is situated in Banff National Park, this charming town has much to offer including winter walks, ice skating, world-class shopping, and unique dining.

Day 5 Morning Discover Banff & Its Wildlife Tour, afternoon Horse Drawn Sleigh Ride A morning tour of the Banff area will take you to many of Banff's landmarks and historical places. This will also be one of your best chances to see wildlife while in the park. Photo opportunities and short walks to viewpoints with your guide are abundant on this tour. This afternoon make your own way to the stables, a short walk away from downtown. Your tour in a horse drawn sleigh will manifest the magic of winter.

Day 6 Winter Adventurer - A guided tour to Lake Louise This is a full day of exploring and activity. You will be led on a guided sightseeing tour to Lake Louise. You will also have free time to explore the lake on foot or on snowshoes, relax in the chateau or rent ice skates on your own. You'll be returned to your hotel late afternoon.

Day 7 Afternoon Snowshoeing to Paint Pots Tour In the afternoon, snowshoe on an easy trail winding through a forest of pine trees to the Paint Pots, a cultural treasure within the National Park. Along the way you will hear stories of Banff's indigenous people, explorers and fur traders who lived in and traveled through the Rockies. After this crisp winter walk, enjoy a uniquely Canadian treat: hot maple taffy poured into snow to make a sweet frozen dessert.

Day 8 Banff to Calgary Today, transfer to Calgary Airport or downtown Calgary. We will arrange a transfer to suit your flight schedule.

Departs Calgary

Day 1 Calgary to Banff Leave the Stampede City of Calgary on the express service to Banff where you have ample opportunity to take in the sights.

Day 2 Morning Discover Banff & Its Wildlife Tour, afternoon Horse Drawn Sleigh Ride A morning tour of the Banff area will take you to many of Banff's landmarks and historical places. This will also be one of your best chances to see wildlife while in the park. Photo opportunities and short walks to viewpoints with your guide are abundant on this tour. This afternoon make your own way to the stables, a short walk away from downtown. Your tour in a horse drawn sleigh will manifest the magic of winter.

Day 3 Winter Adventurer - A guided tour to Lake Louise This is a full day of exploring and activity. You will be led on a guided sightseeing tour to Lake Louise. You will also have free time to explore the lake on foot or on snowshoes, relax in the chateau or rent ice skates on your own. You'll be returned to your hotel late afternoon.

Day 4 Afternoon Snowshoeing to Paint Pots Tour In the afternoon, snowshoe on an easy trail winding through a forest of pine trees to the Paint Pots, a cultural treasure within the National Park. Along the way you will hear stories of Banff's indigenous people, explorers and fur traders who lived in and traveled through the Rockies. After this crisp winter walk, enjoy a uniquely Canadian treat: hot maple taffy poured into snow to make a sweet frozen dessert.

Day 5 Banff to Jasper Travel northward along the Icefields Parkway to Jasper today. This spectacular drive through glacier country features massive snow covered mountains, frozen waterfalls and broad reaching valleys.

Day 6 Jasper (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 m gorge. Certified guides will lead groups of no more than 12 along the frozen canyon floor and its ice-clad limestone walls. Super soles and winter boots will keep you warm and secure as you explore this wonderland of rock and ice. Please note: The ice walk tour normally operates beginning- December - end- March

Day 7 Jasper to Vancouver onboard VIA Rail This morning, board VIA Rail for Vancouver in Sleeper Plus Class. Leaving Jasper National Park, you'll travel the 'Yellowhead' route past the sprawling grandeur of Mount Robson. Watch the scenery change from mountains to desert as you follow the Thompson River into central British Columbia. (brunch and dinner included today onboard VIA Rail)

Exclusive to Sleeper Plus Class:

By day, sit back in comfortable seating and enjoy the exclusive comfort of your own accommodation. Come evening, attendants will transform your quarters into cozy bunks or a bedroom. Don't forget to visit the Dome Car – the true essence of travelling by train is all in the panoramic views. Some Sleeper Plus Class amenities include towels, pillows, cozy down duvets and a shower kit.

Day 8 Arrive Vancouver Waking to the coastal city of Vancouver today, your tour ends upon arrival. (continental breakfast included today onboard VIA Rail)

Departure dates

(Tour Code: TR74)

Departs from Vancouver: Mondays & Fridays

Nov 29
 Dec 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, 30
 Jan 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24, 27, 31
 Feb 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 28
 Mar 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27, 30
 Apr 3, 6, 10, 13

(Tour Code: TR75)

Departs from Calgary: Sundays & Thursdays

Dec 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26, 29
 Jan 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30
 Feb 2, 6, 9, 13, 16, 20, 23, 27
 Mar 1, 5, 8, 12, 15, 19, 22, 26, 29
 Apr 2, 5, 9, 12, 16

Pricing All pricing is in USD\$

	TWIN	SINGLE	TRIPLE	CHILD
Moderate Grade with Upper/Lower Semi Private Sleeper Berth on-board VIA Rail				
29 Nov - 15 Dec, 2019	\$1,412	\$1,728	\$1,351	\$812
16 Dec, 2019 - 02 Jan, 2020	\$1,692	\$2,260	\$1,547	\$840
03 Jan - 23 Mar, 2020	\$1,502	\$1,881	\$1,420	\$840
26 Mar - 16 Apr, 2020	\$1,551	\$1,888	\$1,484	\$931
Superior Grade with Private Bedroom on-board VIA Rail				
29 Nov - 15 Dec, 2019	\$1,797	\$2,247	\$1,706	\$1,081
16 Dec, 2019 - 02 Jan, 2020	\$2,041	\$2,695	\$1,868	\$1,122
03 Jan - 23 Mar, 2020	\$1,869	\$2,349	\$1,753	\$1,122
26 Mar - 16 Apr, 2020	\$2,003	\$2,484	\$1,888	\$1,257
Deluxe Grade with Private Bedroom on-board VIA Rail				
29 Nov - 13 Dec, 2019	\$2,007	\$2,608	\$1,081	
15 Dec, 2019 - 02 Jan, 2020	\$2,976	\$4,516	\$1,109	
03 Jan - 23 Mar, 2020	\$2,286	\$3,124	\$1,122	
26 Mar - 16 Apr, 2020	\$2,420	\$3,258	\$1,257	

Prices are per person and include all taxes. Child age 10 - 8 yrs (minimum age 8 yrs)



Speak to a consultant



Call 1-800-217-0973

Monday - Friday 7.30am - 5.30pm
 Saturday & Sunday 9am - 5pm
 Pacific time

Suite 1200, 675 West Hastings Street,
 Vancouver, BC, V6B 1N2, Canada

CANADA BY DESIGN

