



CANADA

WINTER VIEWS AND COLOURFUL HUES (TOUR CODE: 12649)

STARTS AND ENDS

Yellowknife to
Calgary

TRAVEL PERIODS

11 Dec 23 - 24 Mar 24

EXPERIENCE

Winter

TRAVEL STYLE

Independent Holiday Packages

Experience the breathtaking natural phenomenon of the northern lights in Yellowknife, coupled with stunning views in the Canadian Rockies on this 13-day winter adventure.

Highlights

- Embark on an exciting dog sled ride through Yellowknife's wooded trails
- Explore Banff National Park and the beauty of the Rockies by snowshoe
- Venture to the top of Sulphur Mountain on the Banff Gondola
- Overnight at the iconic Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise
- Encounter frozen waterfalls & ice caves on the Maligne Canyon Ice Walk

Yellowknife is one of the best places in the world to view the aurora borealis, also known as the Northern Lights. Aurora Village is a place for visitors to experience the magic and wonder of the North. Commence your package in Yellowknife with three nights Aurora viewing in Teepee Village and watch in comfort as the brilliantly beautiful Aurora dance across the northern sky. While in Yellowknife, you will also experience a thrilling dogsledding ride on a traditional sled for an exciting journey through the wooded trails surrounding Aurora Village.

Fly from Yellowknife to Edmonton, where you will spend one night in the vibrant urban centre in the heart of the wilderness. You will then travel west towards the mountain resort town of Jasper. Spending three nights in Jasper taking in a magical ice walk through Maligne Canyon in Jasper and an afternoon wildlife discovery tour. Head on down the Icefields Parkway to Lake Louise, where you will spend a night soaking up the serenity of the winter landscape from the iconic Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise. Enjoy a sleigh ride in Lake Louise before continuing to the town at the heart of the Canadian Rockies, Banff.

Spend four nights in the alpine town of Banff, where there is a wealth of winter activities to explore! Keep your eyes peeled for deer, elk, and bighorn sheep on a morning tour of Banff, enjoy an afternoon snowshoe to Paint Pots and take part in an unforgettable experience on an ice walk to Johnston Canyon.

After spending time in Banff and exploring all that the winter wonderland has to offer, you travel on to Calgary where your journey ends.



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

INCLUSIONS

- 3 nights in Yellowknife at The Explorer Hotel
- 1 night in Edmonton at the Sandman Signature
- 3 nights in Jasper at The Crimson Jasper Hotel
- 1 night in Lake Louise at the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise
- 4 nights in Banff at The Mount Royal Hotel
- Economy Class flight between Yellowknife and Edmonton
- Arrival and departure transfers in Yellowknife
- All transfers to and from Aurora Village
- Scheduled Coach from Edmonton to Jasper
- Scheduled Coach from Jasper to Lake Louise
- Scheduled Coach from Lake Louise to Banff
- Scheduled Coach from Banff to Calgary Airport
- Nightly Aurora viewing at Aurora Village
- Dog Sledding in Yellowknife
- Guided Tour of Yellowknife
- Discover Jasper and its wildlife tour
- Maligne Canyon Icewalk Tour in Jasper
- Sleigh Ride in Lake Louise
- Discover Banff & its Wildlife with Gondola Tour
- Snowshoeing Tour to the Paint Pots
- Johnston Canyon Icewalk
- Winter clothing rental in Yellowknife

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Day **1**

Yellowknife

Arrive at Yellowknife Airport and transfer to your hotel. After getting settled and fitted into your winter weather clothes , depart with your guide to Aurora Village for your first evening of Aurora viewing! Warm up in a picturesque teepee glowing in the night, wood fire stove burning and choose from a delicious selection of hot beverages. Situated around the village on high ground and away from the lights of the city, the view of the Aurora is unsurpassed. Restaurant services are also available at Aurora Village. After your viewing, you are transferred back to your Yellowknife hotel.

Overnight stay in Yellowknife at **The Explorer Hotel** in a Superior room.



Day 2 - 3 Yellowknife

Begin your northern adventure! Embark on one of several excursions over the next two days that highlight the remote landscape and fascinating ancient and modern cultures that are the heart of the local communities.

Your package includes a tour of Yellowknife. Your guided experience reveals the city's early beginnings where the "streets were paved with gold", to its deeply rooted Indigenous culture. See the Legislative Assembly, Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Center, as well as a scenic drive through downtown, Old Town, and onto a drive on the frozen Ice Road (ice permitting).

Embark on an exciting dog sledding ride through the wooded trails surrounding Aurora Village. Spend the afternoon at Aurora Village enjoying the most popular daytime activity. Your dog team ride will take you on a traditional sled for an exciting ride through the wooded trails surrounding Aurora Village. Then enjoy the Teepee Village by day. You will find another impression of Aurora Village, different from night ambience.

Every night is capped off with a dazzling Aurora Viewing experience, having the option to include heated seating on one of their evening sessions.

Overnight stay in Yellowknife at **The Explorer Hotel** in a Superior Room.



SLED DOG | CREDIT: NORTHWEST TERRITORIES TOURISM

Day **4** Yellowknife Edmonton

Today you will be transferred to the airport for your flight to Edmonton. Edmonton, the capital city of Alberta, a bustling city full of attractions for the whole family. It boasts a dynamic arts and culture scene, and lives up to its title as the “Festival City”. Spend an afternoon at leisure.

Overnight in Edmonton at **The Sandman Signature Downtown Hotel**.



EDMONTON | CREDIT: SAMEER AHMED / TRAVEL ALBERTA

Day **5** Edmonton Jasper

Today you will take a scheduled coach transfer from Edmonton downtown to Jasper. Enjoy this spectacular drive through glacier country, which features massive snow-covered mountains, frozen waterfalls, and broad-reaching valleys.

Overnight in Jasper at **The Crimson Jasper Hotel**.



CREDIT: TOURISM JASPER

Day 6

Jasper

Admire diverse animal life in the Canadian wilderness on this 3.5-hour wildlife discovery tour from Jasper. Delve into Jasper National Park with your guide. Travel through the mighty Athabasca Valley and marvel at the park's beautiful landscapes. Seek out timid native wildlife such as coyotes, deer, elk, big-horned sheep, moose, mountain goats and wolves. Learn of the steps taken to ensure their safety and survival in the park, and gain insight into the region's rich ecology, history and geology. In the afternoon, stroll through the Jasper town site at leisure.

Overnight in Jaspert at **The Crimson Jasper Hotel**.



JASPER TOWNSITE

Day 7

Jasper

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. On a mostly downhill route, encounter frozen waterfalls, ice caves, and discover the mystery of the disappearing Medicine Lake. All necessary equipment is included on this small-group tour.

Overnight in Jasper at **The Crimson Jasper Hotel**.



MALIGNE CANYON ICEWALK

Day **8** Jasper Lake Louise

Travel along the spine of the Rockies and discover Canada's most scenic mountain roadway "The Icefields Parkway". This spectacular drive through glacier country features massive snow-covered mountains, frozen waterfalls and broad-reaching valleys.

In the afternoon, enjoy a sleigh ride along the shore of beautiful Lake Louise, towards the majestic Victoria Glacier and relive the experience of the original visitors to Lake Louise. On a traditionally styled sleigh, featuring cozy upholstered seats and blankets to keep you warm and comfortable.

Overnight in Lake Louise at **The Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise**.



SLEIGH RIDE LAKE LOUISE | CREDIT: PAUL ZIZKA

Day **9** Lake Louise Banff

The morning is at leisure to explore Lake Louise, then depart Lake Louise and follow the Bow River to Banff. The Bow River was named for the bows that were made by the First Nations People from the shrubs that they collected. Along the way pass by two of the more outstanding landmarks in the region, Castle Mountain (2750m/9022ft) and Mount Temple (3523m/11,558ft).

Overnight in Banff at **The Mount Royal Hotel**



Day 10 Banff

This morning, build a connection to the World Heritage Site as you visit Banff's landmarks and view wildlife in their natural winter habitat. On the comfortable coach, hear how the history of the Bow Valley changed when three railway workers rediscovered a hidden treasure. See and learn about wildlife behaviour, habitat, and their winter survival adaptations. This is Banff's best tour for viewing wildlife which are seen on 95% of the tours.

See the Banff Gondola's new experience Nightrise, as the summit transforms into an immersive evening for the senses. Vibrant lighting, multimedia effects, video projections and music bring the summit to life in a new and unexpected way. At the top, you'll get the chance to explore the many levels of the summit building, as well as the outdoor terraces, discovering mysterious fleeting wonders. This tour includes return transportation back to your hotel.

Overnight in Banff at **The Mount Royal Hotel**



ELK IN BANFF NATIONAL PARK | CREDIT: JASON HILL

Day **11** Banff

The Paint Pots is a great introduction to snowshoeing that provides insight into the fur trade and its impact on Western Canada. Along the way, hear stories of Banff's indigenous people, explorers and fur traders who lived in and traveled through the Rockies. Snowshoe on an easy trail through Vermilion River Valley to the Paint Pots, a cultural treasure within the National Parks. This trip is on mostly flat terrain and you will have the chance to search for snowshoe hare, moose and wolf tracks while exploring. Finally, near the Paint Pots you'll be rewarded with a unique Canadian treat - maple taffy!

Overnight in Banff at **The Mount Royal Hotel**



SNOWSHOEING | CREDIT: DESTINATION CANADA

Day **12** Banff

Johnston Canyon is one of the most popular attractions in Banff National Park and a tour not to be missed! Upon arriving at Johnston canyon, you are provided with ice-cleats that make walking on the sometimes icy trail, simple. Hike on a network of steel walkways built into the canyon walls with airy views of the gorge below. You will get to wander through a natural cave to gaze down at the flowing waters of the lower falls. Continue onto the awe-inducing upper falls — a glittering tower of ice that

rises 30 metres above your head. These gigantic pillars of ice are the tour highlight and ice climbers can often be seen scaling the frozen columns.

Overnight in Banff at **The Mount Royal Hotel**



Day 13 Banff Calgary

Today it's time to say goodbye to the fresh mountain air and majestic sights of the Rockies. Following the Trans Canada Highway to Calgary, you'll travel back through the Great Central Plains that roll to the east for 2,000 kilometres and extend south as far as Mexico. In the late 1700's, over 60 million buffalo roamed these plains but by 1900 it took concerted efforts and the establishment of national parks to keep them safe from extinction. Arrive at Calgary Airport in time to connect with your flight.

ACCOMMODATION

The Crimson Jasper Hotel

Jasper

At the heart of town lies Jasper's newest hotel - The Crimson Jasper. Just one block and an easy walk to the downtown shops and restaurants, The Crimson Jasper offers a comfortable and relaxing vantage point to enjoy the splendour of Jasper.



Explorer Hotel Yellowknife

Yellowknife

Escape the cold with your own fireplace and Starbucks coffee, which is provided in select rooms at The Explorer Hotel. Our smoke-free Yellowknife hotel rooms and suites come equipped with HDTV, microwave, free Wi-Fi, and much more to help you relax, work, and stay connected during your stay in Yellowknife.



Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise

Lake Louise

Surrounded by soaring mountain peaks, the majestic Victoria Glacier and a glistening emerald lake, the iconic Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise hotel is located in Alberta's Banff National Park. Discover endless outdoor recreational activities including hiking, canoeing, horseback riding, fishing, mountain biking and river rafting.



Mount Royal Hotel Banff

Banff

Located in the heart of iconic Banff Avenue, surrounded by top restaurants, shops and nightlife. From here, you'll also enjoy effortless access to Banff's world-class natural attractions and year-round adventure activities. Ski, hike, shop or play, then return for après adventure. The hotel's mountain-chic style and relaxed approach to luxury promise to elevate your Canadian Rockies experience. Post-adventure, head to the rooftop for a soak in one of our outdoor hot tubs.



Sandman Signature Edmonton Downtown Hotel

Edmonton

The Sandman Signature Edmonton Downtown Hotel is in the perfect location to marry comfort, style, and convenience, right in the heart of downtown. You'll appreciate the refined aspects, including overstuffed pillow-top beds, fluffy duvets, contemporary furniture, and so many more offerings that are provided for you.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

French & English

LOCAL CURRENCY

Canadian Dollars

- Please note that black-out dates apply, as well as holiday surcharges on specific dates
- If you wish to travel on a date that falls within the Christmas/New Year's holiday periods, please contact our dedicated sales team to provide a quote including seasonal surcharges
- Please note that the order of activities may change depending on seasonality and operational days

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Baggage on domestic airfares, which is to be paid locally upon check-in at the airport
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package