



The Canadian, Prestige Class Cabin | Credit: VIA Rail



CANADA

LUXURY SNOW TRAIN TO THE CANADIAN ROCKIES (TOUR CODE: 12652)

STARTS AND ENDS

Vancouver to
Calgary

TRAVEL PERIODS

01 Dec 24 - 10 Apr 25

EXPERIENCE

Luxury
Winter
Rail

TRAVEL STYLE

Rail Journeys

Travelling in the charming all-inclusive Prestige Sleeper Class on The Canadian and staying in iconic Fairmont hotel properties makes for an unforgettable winter experience!

Highlights

- Experience three iconic Fairmont hotels throughout the Canadian Rockies
- Unparalleled customer service, five-star accommodation, and the finest attention to detail in the Prestige Sleeper class
- Enjoy the magic of winter with a choice of activities in both Jasper and Banff
- Ice skate on the frozen lake beneath snow-covered mountains at Lake Louise

Depart on a luxurious train trip through the Rockies, passing through the stunning winter scenery of Banff, Jasper and Lake Louise. Beginning in Vancouver, spend a night in your own private luxury **Prestige Sleeper** Cabin on VIA Rail, then arrive into the alpine town of Jasper, with a choice of winter activities on offer.

Nestled on the pristine shores of Lac Beauvert, **Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge** offers 700 acres of winter fun. The resort's charming village of cedar chalets and luxury cabins, all connected by picturesque paths, allow guests to easily explore the largest national park in the Canadian Rockies. Located in one of the world's largest dark sky preserves, be sure to take advantage of the resort's on-property planetarium to learn about the constellations and the majestic Northern Lights. Winter activities include ice skating on Lake Mildred, cross country skiing, fat tire biking, snowshoeing and a brand new toboggan park.

Make memories in the unforgettable UNESCO World Heritage Site that is Jasper National Park before transferring down the Icefields Parkway to the iconic Lake Louise. Surrounded by Victoria Glacier, **Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise** is a must-visit on any Canadian Rockies winter package. Travellers can truly embrace the beauty and magic of winter here. From skiing Lake Louise Ski Resort, the second largest ski resort in Canada, to sleigh rides and snow shoeing, this is a cold weather oasis! And no trip to Lake Louise is complete without ice skating on the frozen

lake beneath the snow-covered mountains.

Onward to Banff, located in the heart of Banff National Park, **Fairmont Banff Springs** is the perfect home base for exploring this breathtaking alpine destination. "The Castle in the Rockies" opened in 1888 and has been dazzling visitors since. Enjoy your choice of tours from wildlife viewing, snowshoeing or an Icewalk in Johnston Canyon before ending the trip in Calgary.

INCLUSIONS

- 1 night onboard VIA Rail in a Prestige Sleeper Cabin
- 2 nights in Jasper at the Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge
- 1 night in Lake Louise at Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise
- 2 nights in Banff at the Fairmont Banff Springs
- Transfer between rail depot and hotel in Jasper
- Dinner & breakfast included onboard VIA Rail
- Scheduled express coach between Jasper & Lake Louise
- Scheduled express coach between Lake Louise & Banff
- Scheduled express coach between Banff & Calgary
- Sleigh ride at Lake Louise
- National Park fees

Freedom of Choice Days

Freedom of Choice



Our Freedom of Choice program offers flexibility, by allowing you to choose from different options on pre-selected days.

Our per person price includes one tour on each Freedom of Choice day, as follows:

- One "Freedom of Choice" tour on day 3
- One "Freedom of Choice" tour on day 6

Expand the itinerary below for more details.

Please note, if more than one room is selected during the booking process, our team will contact you afterwards to discuss options.

ITINERARY

Day **1**

Vancouver | 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 Prestige cabin.

Overnight stay aboard **VIA Rail** in a Prestige Sleeper Cabin

Dinner



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Day **2**

Jasper

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.

Overnight stay in Jasper at **Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge**

Breakfast



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Day **3**

Jasper

Today, enjoy your pre-selected tour from our **Freedom of Choice** options below.

Overnight stay in Jasper at **Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge**

Freedom of Choice Options

- **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. (Please note this activity is seasonal)

OR

- **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.



Day **4**

Jasper Lake Louise

Travel southward along the Icefields Parkway to Lake Louise. This spectacular drive through glacier country features massive snow covered mountains, frozen waterfalls, broad-reaching valleys. Included this evening is a wonderful 40-minute sleigh ride that takes place beside the lake. (Please note this activity is seasonal)

Overnight stay in Lake Louise at **Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise**



Day **5**

Lake Louise Banff

Depart Lake Louise mid-morning for a short drive to Banff via the scenic Bow Valley.

Overnight stay in Banff at **Fairmont Banff Springs**



Day **6**

Banff

Today, enjoy your pre-selected tour from our **Freedom of Choice** options below.

Overnight stay in Banff at **Fairmont Banff Springs**

Freedom of Choice Options

- **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.

OR

- **Snowshoeing at Paint Pots Tour:**

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

OR

- **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.



Day **7**

Banff Calgary

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.



ACCOMMODATION

VIA Rail Canadian Train - Prestige Sleeper

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Sleeper Plus offers the added comfort of amenities, great service and your choice of a cosy cabin. The show continues inside the train with wine tastings, presentations, musical acts on certain departures, access to lounges and cars with glass ceilings. Inside the dining car, enjoy freshly cooked meals, regional specialties, Canadian wines and stunning views.

Prestige Car Cabin For Two

Officially launched in spring 2015, it provides an unforgettable rail experience.

- Spacious cabin - 50% larger than our cabin for two in Sleeper Plus class
- Modular L-shaped leather couch by day and a Murphy bed for two by night
- Private washroom with shower
- Flat-screen monitor with video selection
- Mini-fridge stocked with a selection of beverages
- Complimentary bar service
- Electric radiant-heated cabin
- Priority seating in the dining car
- Dedicated Concierge attendant throughout the trip
- Activities such as wine tastings and interactive talks on local history, geography and culture



Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge

Jasper

A village of heritage log cabins connected by picturesque paths, Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge's superbly-appointed guest rooms offer the perfect romantic getaway in Alberta's Jasper National Park. Enjoy homelike comforts and amenities in our Jasper accommodations, surrounded by incredible views of majestic mountains and the emerald green Lac Beauvert.



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.



Fairmont Banff Springs

Banff

Set in a castle-like building in the heart of Banff National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the world-famous Fairmont Banff Springs hotel stands as a landmark in the picturesque alpine town of Banff. Amenities include 7 restaurants and 2 bars. There's also a spa, indoor and outdoor pools, and a golf course, plus a fitness centre.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

French & English

LOCAL CURRENCY

Canadian Dollars

- Please note that some of the activities are seasonal and the price of the package reflects the reduction offered for activities which are non-operational.
- The Lake Louise Sleigh Ride operates from the 15th December to the 10th April, therefore any package travelling outside of this season will not include the Sleigh Ride.
- The Maligne Canyon Ice Walk in Jasper operates from the 15th December to the 31st March, therefore any package travelling outside of this season will include the Discover Jasper & It's Wildlife Tour.

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- 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