



CANADA

EXCLUSIVE ESCORTED CANADIAN WINTER WONDERLAND

(TOUR CODE: 13834)

STARTS AND ENDS	TRAVEL PERIODS	EXPERIENCE	TRAVEL STYLE
Vancouver to Calgary	19 Mar 25	Escorted Luxury Winter Rail City Stays	Escorted Group Tour

Embark on the ultimate escorted winter escape through Vancouver and the Canadian Rockies, featuring luxurious stays at Fairmont properties and a magical overnight journey on VIA Rail's Canadian Snow Train.

Highlights

- Explore Vancouver, the jewel of the West Coast of Canada
- Travel from Vancouver to Jasper onboard VIA Rail's Canadian Train and experience the Rockies like never before!
- Experience the pinnacle of luxury with stays at iconic Fairmont properties in Vancouver, Jasper, Banff and Lake Louise
- Embark on guided ice walks to frozen Maligne and Johnston Canyons
- Special Event Reception: An Insider View To Carols In The Domain
- Take a magical sleigh ride at Lake Louise

Experience the enchanting allure of a magical Canadian winter wonderland like never before! This extraordinary once-in-a-lifetime journey, comes to life through a collaboration with Carols in the Domain and Destination Canada. Prepare to be swept off your feet on an unforgettable escorted adventure through the breathtaking beauty of Vancouver and the majestic Canadian Rockies.

Get ready to be captivated by the awe-inspiring sights of towering snow-covered peaks, shimmering frozen lakes, and sparkling ice-covered waterfalls as you journey through the wintery wonders of Banff and Jasper National Parks.

Your tour begins in the vibrant city of Vancouver, where you'll discover a perfect blend of urban sophistication and natural beauty. Then, board

the VIA Rail train for a magical overnight journey from Vancouver to Jasper, surrounded by breathtaking winter landscapes. Along the way, indulge in the renowned hospitality and luxurious amenities of Fairmont properties, nestled in the heart of the Canadian Rockies.

This tour is a celebration of winter in its most enchanting form. From the exhilarating ice walks through frozen canyons to skating on the world-renowned Lake Louise, and from cosy sleigh rides to snowshoeing adventures, every moment promises to awaken your sense of wonder and awe.

INCLUSIONS

- 1 night onboard VIA Rail in a Sleeper Plus Cabin
- 2 nights in Vancouver at Fairmont Hotel Vancouver
- 2 nights in Jasper at Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge
- 3 nights in Banff at Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel
- 1 night in Lake Louise at Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise
- Dinner & breakfast onboard The Canadian VIA Rail train
- 8 breakfasts (Plated or buffet style)
- 2 dinners (Plated or buffet style)
- Special Carols in the Domain event reception
- All transportation and transfers
- Baggage handling at the hotels
- Private Highlights Sightseeing Tours of Vancouver, Jasper, Banff and Lake Louise
- Capilano Suspension Bridge Park
- Maligne Canyon Ice Walk & Jasper Wildlife Tour
- Johnston Canyon Ice Walk Banff
- Banff Gondola
- Lake Louise Sleigh Ride
- National Park Fees
- Services of English-speaking Guide/Tour Director
- Gratuities for guides and drivers

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Day 1 **Vancouver**

Welcome to Canada! Upon arrival at Vancouver International Airport, you will be met and transferred to your downtown Vancouver hotel. After check-in, the remainder of the day is free to explore the streets of this dynamic city. In the afternoon, you will meet with the Tour Director and your fellow travellers.

Overnight in Vancouver at **Fairmont Hotel Vancouver**



Day **2**

Vancouver

This morning, enjoy a sightseeing tour of Vancouver featuring such highlights as, Stanley Park to see the collection of totem poles, English Bay, trendy Robson Street, Canada Place and the Cruise Ship Pier, Gastown, Chinatown, and many other points of interest.

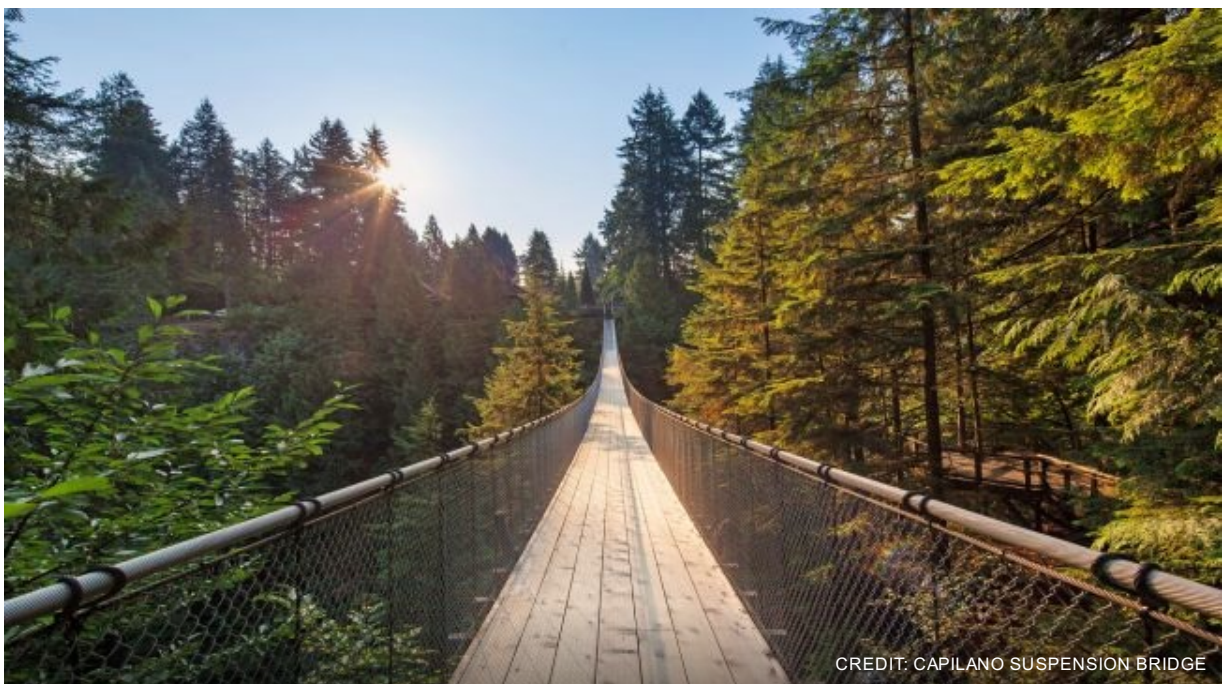
In the afternoon, visit the Capilano Suspension Bridge Park, which offers a mix of natural beauty, fresh air, and the serenity of Vancouver's temperate rainforest. The afternoon light softens the landscape, casting gentle shadows through the towering Douglas firs and evergreens.

The Treetops Adventure offers an immersive walk through a series of smaller bridges suspended high above the forest floor, giving you a unique perspective on the ecosystem. On the Cliffwalk, a cantilevered walkway hugs the granite cliffs, allowing for breathtaking panoramic views of the canyon and forest below.

Dinner is at leisure tonight.

Overnight in Vancouver at **Fairmont Hotel Vancouver**

Breakfast



Vancouver Jasper

Morning is at leisure in Vancouver. In the afternoon, you will head to Vancouver Pacific Central station to board The Canadian train for the rail journey to Jasper. The Canadian, VIA's flagship train, travels between Vancouver and Toronto across the Canadian Rockies, the wide-open prairies and Northern Lakelands. Experience the romance of the rails and spectacular scenery from the comfort and elegance of the restored art deco surroundings on your overnight journey to Jasper.

Overnight onboard **VIA Rail's The Canadian**

Breakfast, Dinner



Jasper

Arrive mid-morning in Jasper. Upon arrival, depart on a sightseeing tour of Jasper National Park. Jasper National Park is a sweeping expanse of scenic beauty, of awesome mountain peaks and century's old glacial ice. Sightseeing will include visits to Patricia Lake and Pyramid Lake.

Check in at the Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge, setting the stage for an unforgettable evening. Head to the lodge's exquisite dining venue for a group dinner tonight. The restaurant offers a warm and inviting ambience, with a cosy fireplace casting a gentle glow over the room. Immerse yourself in the elegant atmosphere as you get ready for a memorable culinary experience.

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

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **5**

Jasper

Today you will depart on a full day sightseeing tour of Jasper. Explore Maligne Canyon before reaching Maligne Lake, the largest lake in the Canadian Rockies and one of the most photographed scenes in Canada. The highlight of the day will be the Maligne Canyon Ice walk and the Jasper wildlife tour (weather permitting).

Embark on an exhilarating adventure through the stunning Maligne Canyon on an ice walk that will leave you in awe of nature's icy masterpiece. This guided tour takes you deep into the heart of the canyon, where frozen waterfalls and towering limestone walls create a breathtaking winter wonderland.

Donning warm winter gear and equipped with ice cleats for traction, you'll follow experienced guides along the frozen canyon floor. As you navigate the icy terrain, you'll witness the beauty of shimmering ice formations, sculpted by the cascading water over time. Marvel at the intricate ice pillars, frozen curtains, and suspended icicles that adorn the canyon walls, creating a mesmerizing spectacle.

You will return to the town of Jasper in the mid-afternoon. Evening is at leisure in Jasper.

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

Breakfast



Day **6**

Jasper Banff

Today depart on a spectacular day of sightseeing on the Icefields Parkway, regarded as perhaps Canada's most scenic drive. Upon arrival to Banff National Park, you will tour the region around Banff. The area became Canada's first national park in 1885 to protect its natural hot springs. We visit the landmark Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, Tunnel Mountain, Hoodoos and Bow Falls. Afterwards, you will ascend Sulphur Mountain with Banff Gondola to experience spectacular views of Banff and surrounding area.

Enjoy a comfortable and scenic drive through the picturesque landscapes of Banff and its surrounding areas. Marvel at the snow-covered mountains, frozen lakes, and enchanting forests as you make your way through this winter paradise.

Banff is home to a diverse range of wildlife, and your tour leader offers the opportunity to spot animals such as elk, deer, bighorn sheep, and even elusive creatures like wolves and cougars. Your guide will share their knowledge about the local fauna and help you spot wildlife in their natural habitats.

Evening is at leisure in Banff.

Overnight in Banff at **Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel**

Breakfast



Day 7

Banff

Banff is the first and most famous of Canada's national parks and is an incomparable combination of towering peaks and high meadows, emerald lakes and keen mountain air. These - and sulphur hot springs - have made Banff National Park one of North America's most spectacular scenic and recreational areas.

Today you will enjoy the Johnston Canyon Ice Walk (weather permitting). Traverse suspended catwalks and witness frozen waterfalls as you explore the icy wonderland. With crampons secured to your boots, you'll experience the exhilaration of walking on ice while being surrounded by stunning natural beauty. Brace yourself for an unforgettable journey into the heart of winter magic at Johnston Canyon.

Evening is at leisure in Banff.

Overnight in Banff at **Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel**

Breakfast



Day 8

Banff

Today is a leisure day in Banff to explore on your own. Optional day tours can be organised (additional cost would apply). The group will reunite in the evening to enjoy a special private reception.

Enjoy a **Carols in the Domain** Special Event Reception at the Fairmont Banff Springs hotel, including an exclusive insider's view to Australia's biggest annual Christmas Event.

Overnight in Banff at **Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel**

Breakfast



Day 9

Banff Lake Louise

Today's highlight is a visit to Lake Louise - the jewel of the Rockies and one of the most photographed scenes in Canada. At every turn of the road, we encounter breathtaking vistas of dramatic mountain ranges, glaciers, blue-green lakes and rivers. Our visit to Lake Louise will include a Sleigh Ride on a trail that follows the lake (weather permitting). Farewell dinner and overnight in Lake Louise. Group farewell dinner at the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise promises to be a delightful experience, offering a combination of exquisite cuisine and breathtaking views.

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

Breakfast, Dinner



SLEIGH RIDE | CREDIT: TRAVEL ALBERTA

Day **10** Lake Louise Calgary

Morning is at leisure until assisted transfer to Calgary International Airport for your return flight home.

Breakfast

ACCOMMODATION

Fairmont Hotel Vancouver

Vancouver

Fairmont Hotel Vancouver is known as the 'Castle in the City', symbolizing timeless elegance and luxury since 1939. Holding a prime downtown location, we are minutes away from Vancouver's biggest attractions including Granville Island, Robson Street shopping, Stanley Park Seawall, Vancouver Aquarium, Gastown, and Science World. Our knowledgeable concierge team is delighted to assist with suggestions, dining reservations and more. Be sure to meet our Labrador canine ambassadors, Elly and Ella.



VIA Rail Canadian Train - Cabin for 2

VIA Rail

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.



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 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

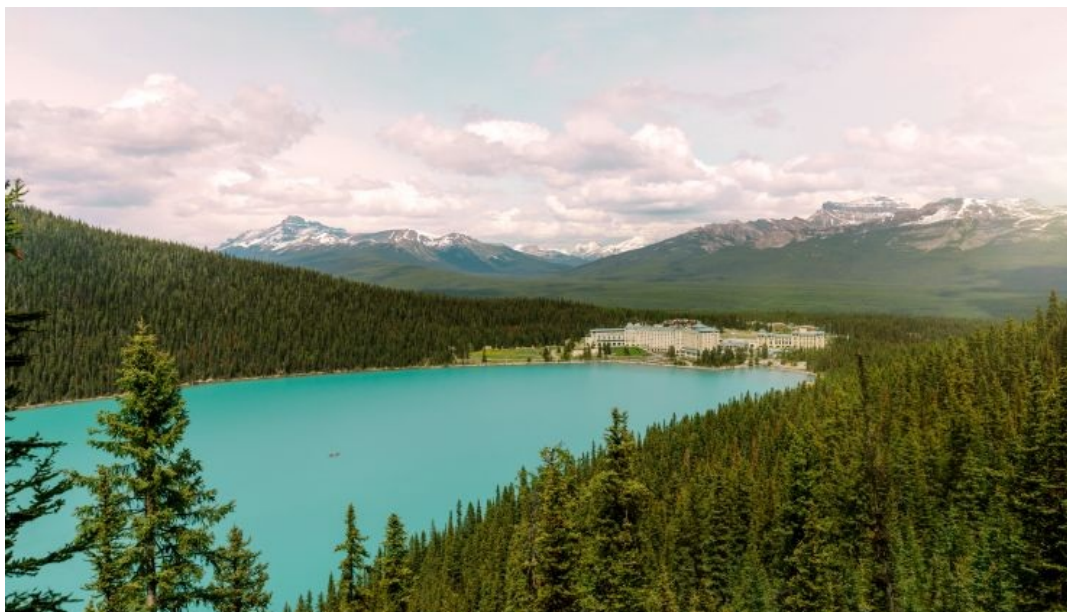
pools, and a golf course, plus a fitness centre.



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.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

French & English

LOCAL CURRENCY

Canadian Dollars

- Check-in at hotels is usually at 16:00 and check-out is usually at 11:00.
- Due to special events, supplements may apply depending on the period travelled.
- Coach transportation is calculated up to \$2 CAD per liter. In the event of diesel rate fluctuations, you will be notified of the applicable

surcharge prior to final invoicing.

- Should tax and fee increases be imposed by federal, provincial or municipal governments, an adjustment to the rates may occur.
- Final invoice amount may vary depending on the final tour group numbers.
- If the minimum tour group number is not met, a surcharge will apply to operate the tour based on a smaller group size. The final invoice will therefore be adjusted based on the final group size.

Optional Excursions

If you wish to enhance your tour, we can suggest recommended excursions for your guests to enjoy. These would be in addition to the prices outlined above. Transportation may be required to visit extra excursions depending on your itinerary. We will be pleased to work with you to determine which option would fit into your program.

Group Minimum Numbers

- The pricing is based on a per-person rate for double occupancy. Additional single supplement would apply for solo occupancy. Triple & Quad share rates would be on a request basis.
- The tour group requires a minimum of 30 passengers to operate at the advertised rate. In the event that the minimum 30 passengers are not met, the tour will proceed with a smaller group size of 25 passengers, subject to an additional charge of AU\$400 per person.
- If the smaller group size of 25 passengers is not reached 70 days prior to departure, options include cancelling with an administration fee of AU\$100 or transferring to a similar independent style package with pricing available upon request.
- If transferring to a package of lower value, a refund for the price difference will be issued if final payment has been made. If transferring to a package of higher value, the price difference must be paid by the passenger.
- We are not responsible for any losses, incidentals, or expenses incurred due to the cancellation of a Group Tour, as a result of not meeting minimum numbers.
- Tour numbers will be assessed at 70 days prior to departure to determine if the minimum requirements have been met for the tour to proceed.

Payment / Booking Terms:

- AU\$1500 per person deposit due within 7 days of booking
- Final Payment due on or before 70 days prior to departure
- Full name as per passport, date of birth, contact phone number and email address required at the time of booking, along with any dietary or mobility requirements

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals and beverages 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. (unless listed as included above)
- VIA Rail gratuities are not included, and tipping is up to the discretion of the Tour Leader or passengers. Please see the suggested guidelines:
 - CA\$4.00 Baggage Handling - per person, per piece of baggage
 - CA\$4.00 Sleeping Car Attendant – per person, per night
 - Meal Service Staff: CA\$3.00 breakfast, CA\$6.00 lunch, CA\$9.00 dinner
- Meals & beverages not mentioned in the itinerary
- Drinks except for coffee/tea at meals (unless listed as included above)
- Optional tours (where time permits)