



Fairmont Banff Springs

CAROLS IN THE DOMAIN - CANADA WINTER WONDERLAND

 10 days   

STARTS AND ENDS

from Vancouver to Calgary

TRAVEL PERIODS

19 March - 28 March 2025

TRAVEL STYLE

Group Tour



 From
 AUD **8,729 pp**
 per person, twin share

Experience the ultimate escorted winter getaway to Vancouver and the Canadian Rockies. Prepare to be enthralled as you journey through the snow-covered wonderland, staying at iconic Fairmont properties and embarking on an overnight adventure aboard the legendary VIA Rail Canadian train. 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. Brace yourself for awe-inspiring sights of towering mountains, frozen lakes, and cascading waterfalls as you explore the majestic wonders of Banff and Jasper National Parks.




This extraordinary winter tour promises unforgettable moments, combining the allure of Vancouver, the iconic VIA Rail experience, and the splendour of the Canadian Rockies, all while enjoying the comfort and elegance of Fairmont properties.

TRIP SUMMARY




19 MARCH - WEDNESDAY

-  Transfer from Vancouver Airport to the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver
-  Check in at Fairmont Hotel Vancouver




20 MARCH - THURSDAY

-  Breakfast at the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver
-  Vancouver Sightseeing Tour (6 hours)
-  Capilano Suspension Bridge Park

21 MARCH - FRIDAY

-  Breakfast at the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver
-  Check out at Fairmont Hotel Vancouver
-  Morning at Leisure; Board The Canadian (VIA Rail), (D)



22 MARCH - SATURDAY

-  Breakfast at the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver
-  Arrival into Jasper; Afternoon sightseeing
-  Check in at Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge, (D)



23 MARCH - SUNDAY

-  Breakfast at the Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge
-  Maligne Canyon & Wildlife



24 MARCH - MONDAY

-  Breakfast at the Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge
-  Check out at Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge




24 MARCH - MONDAY (cont'd)

-  Jasper to Banff Icefields Parkway; Banff Sightseeing & Gondola
-  Check in at Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel

25 MARCH - TUESDAY

-  Breakfast at the Fairmont Banff Springs
-  Banff Sightseeing including Johnston Canyon Ice Walk




26 MARCH - WEDNESDAY

-  Breakfast at the Fairmont Banff Springs
-  Free day at leisure, Banff
-  Carols in the Domain Special Event Reception at the Fairmont Banff Springs

27 MARCH - THURSDAY

-  Breakfast at the Fairmont Banff Springs
-  Check out at Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel
-  Banff to Lake Louise - Sleigh Ride at Lake Louise
-  Check in at Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, (D)

28 MARCH - FRIDAY

-  Breakfast at the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise
-  Check out at Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise
-  Lake Louise to Calgary Airport for Departure

19 March - Wednesday

VANCOUVER

Welcome to Canada! Upon arrival at Vancouver International Airport, the Tour Director will meet the group and transfer to the hotel.

Check in at Fairmont Hotel Vancouver.



FAIRMONT HOTEL VANCOUVER

ROOM TYPE: FAIRMONT ROOM

Fairmont Hotel Vancouver is known as the 'Castle in the City', symbolizing timeless elegance and luxury since 1939. Holding a prime downtown location, the hotel is minutes away from Vancouver's biggest attractions including Granville Island, Robson Street shopping, Stanley Park Seawall, Vancouver Aquarium, Gastown, and Science World. The knowledgeable concierge team is delighted to assist with suggestions, dining reservations and more.

20 March - Thursday

VANCOUVER

VANCOUVER SIGHTSEEING TOUR CAPILANO SUSPENSION BRIDGE PARK

Enjoy a full breakfast at the Fairmont Hotel 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.



Aerial Shot of Vancouver



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 Treetops Adventure offers an immersive walk through a series of smaller bridges suspended high above the forest floor. 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.



Capilano Suspension Bridge Sunrise

21 March - Friday

THE CANADIAN (VIA RAIL)

Enjoy a full breakfast at the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver. Check out follows after. Rest of the morning at Leisure.

Morning at leisure. After lunch (not included) we 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.

All cabins include access to the business lounges in Vancouver, a Bon Voyage onboard reception when departing Vancouver and access to the glass domed viewing cars.

By day, rest comfortably in an armchair while enjoying the spectacular views of the landscape rolling by. Each spacious cabin has private toilet facilities, a sink, a mirror, razor outlet, small closet, large window with blind and locking door. A shower, just a few steps away from the cabins, is reserved for sleeper plus class passengers. Complimentary shower towels and an amenity bag for body care articles are provided. At night, your armchair will be converted into a cosy bed equipped with a reading light. Pillows, sheets and blankets are provided.

Inclusions: All meals and non-alcoholic beverages included in the dining car. Complimentary coffee, tea, fruit and cookies in the lounge cars.

(D, B)



Onboard The Canadian © VIA Rail



The Canadian © VIA Rail



Jasper Town Site © Mike Crane



Dinner onboard the VIA Rail Canadian train from Vancouver to Jasper is a culinary experience that adds to the allure of the journey. As you settle into the elegant dining car, you'll be treated to a delightful feast prepared by talented chefs. The dinner menu aboard the train offers a selection of delectable dishes that showcase the best of Canadian cuisine. From succulent meats to fresh seafood and vegetarian options, there is something to please every palate. The chefs take pride in sourcing local ingredients, ensuring that each dish is a celebration of the region's culinary richness. Indulge in flavoursome appetizers that awaken your taste buds, followed by enticing main courses that are expertly crafted and beautifully presented.

To conclude your dining experience, indulge in decadent desserts that offer a sweet finale to your meal. From rich chocolate creations to delicate fruit tarts, these delectable treats are sure to satisfy your cravings and leave you with a sense of culinary satisfaction.

22 March - Saturday

THE CANADIAN (VIA RAIL) JASPER FAIRMONT JASPER PARK LODGE

Enjoy a full breakfast onboard The Canadian.

The breakfast menu offers a variety of options to suit every taste and preference. From hearty hot dishes to lighter continental choices, there is something for everyone. Indulge in fluffy pancakes drizzled with maple syrup, savour the classic combination of bacon and eggs, or opt for a refreshing bowl of fruit and yogurt. Accompanying your meal is a selection of freshly baked pastries, bread, and preserves, ensuring a delightful morning feast. As you enjoy your breakfast, take in the panoramic views through the large windows of the dining car. Admire the picturesque landscapes rolling by, capturing the essence of Canada's natural beauty while savouring your meal.

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, of flower carpeted meadows and mirror like lakes. Sightseeing will include visits to Patricia Lake and Pyramid Lake.

Check in at Fairmont Jasper Lake Lodge. Head to the lodge's exquisite dining venue for a group dinner tonight. The restaurant offers a warm and inviting ambiance, with a cosy fireplace casting a gentle glow over the room. Immerse yourself in the elegant atmosphere as you prepare for a memorable culinary experience. (D, B)



FAIRMONT HOTEL VANCOUVER

ROOM TYPE: FAIRMONT ROOM

The 700 acre year-round luxury mountain resort wraps around the shores of the pristine lake "Lac Beauvert" and Canada's #1 Golf Resort Course. The resort's charming village of cedar chalets and Luxury Signature Cabins, all connected by picturesque paths, allow guests to explore the natural environment of the hotel within the largest national park in the Canadian Rockies.

23 March - Sunday

FAIRMONT JASPER PARK LODGE MALIGNE CANYON & WILDLIFE

Enjoy a full breakfast at Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge.

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



Ice Walk, Maligne Canyon © Cooper & O'Hara

24 March - Monday

**FAIRMONT JASPER PARK LODGE
BANFF ICEFIELDS PARKWAY
BANFF SIGHTSEEING & GONDOLA
FAIRMONT BANFF SPRINGS HOTEL**

Enjoy a full breakfast at Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge.

Today we 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.

Check in at Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel. (D, B)



FAIRMONT BANFF SPRINGS HOTEL

ROOM TYPE: FAIRMONT MOUNTAINVIEW ROOM

Located in the heart of Banff National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the world-famous Banff Springs hotel stands as a landmark in the picturesque alpine town of Banff, Alberta. Canada's "Castle in the Rockies," has been providing legendary hospitality to their guests for more than 130 years.

25 March - Tuesday

**FAIRMONT BANFF SPRINGS HOTEL
BANFF SIGHTSEEING
JOHNSTON CANYON ICE WALK**

Enjoy a full breakfast at the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel.

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.



26 March - Wednesday

**FAIRMONT BANFF SPRINGS HOTEL
BANFF
CAROLS IN THE DOMAIN**

Enjoy a full breakfast at the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel.

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 private reception at the magical Fairmont Banff Springs hotel, including an exclusive insider's view to Australia's biggest annual Christmas Event.



27 March - Thursday

FAIRMONT BANFF SPRINGS HOTEL LAKE LOUISE

FAIRMONT CHATEAU LAKE LOUISE

Enjoy a full breakfast at Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel.

Check out at Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel.

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.



📍 Lake Louise Sleigh Ride

Check in at Fairmont Chateau 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.



FAIRMONT CHATEAU LAKE LOUISE

ROOM TYPE: FAIRMONT ROOM

Surrounded by soaring mountain peaks, the majestic Victoria Glacier, and a glistening emerald lake, the iconic Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise hotel offers luxury amid unparalleled natural beauty.



📍 Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise



28 March - Friday

FAIRMONT CHATEAU LAKE LOUISE CALGARY AIRPORT

Enjoy a full breakfast at the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, followed by check out from the hotel.

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

HIGHLIGHTS

- + Vancouver, the jewel of the West Coast of Canada
- + Train Journey on the famous Canadian Train by VIA Rail
- + The incomparable Canadian Rocky Mountains
- + Lake Louise, the Jewel of the Canadian Rockies
- + Experience the pinnacle of luxury with stays at iconic Fairmont properties in Vancouver, Jasper, Banff and Lake Louise
- + Special Event Reception: An Insider View To Carols In The Domain
- + Embark on guided ice walks to frozen canyons
- + Discover the tranquility of snowshoeing through pristine alpine forests
- + Take a magical sleigh ride at Lake Louise

TOUR INCLUSIONS

- 🏠 8 Nights hotel accommodation as described
- 🚆 1 Night VIA Rail accommodation as described (Cabin for 1 or 2)
- 🧳 Baggage handling at the hotels for 1 piece per person
- 📷 Gratuities for guides & drivers
- 🍴 8 breakfasts (Plated or buffet style) including taxes & gratuities
- 🍴 2 dinners (Plated or buffet style) including taxes & gratuities
- 📷 1 special event reception including an exclusive insider's view to Carols in the Domain
- 🚌 Transportation and transfers on chartered 55-passenger highway coach
- 📷 Private Highlights Sightseeing tours of Vancouver, Jasper, Banff and Lake Louise
- 🗣️ Services of English-speaking Guide/Tour Director for the duration of the tour
- 📍 National Park Fees
- 📍 Capilano Suspension Bridge Park (Day 2)
- 📷 Maligne Canyon Ice Walk & Jasper Wildlife Tour (Day 5)
- 📷 Banff Gondola (Day 6)
- 📷 Johnston Canyon Ice Walk Banff (Day 7)
- 📷 Lake Louise Sleigh Ride (Day 9)
- 🗣️ 24-hour customer service line for assistance
- 📍 All applicable taxes and fees (GST, HST & Provincial room tax)

NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR COST

- 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)
- Personal expenses & Travel Insurance
- International and domestic flights
- Optional tours (where time permits)

CANADA ELECTRONIC TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION (ETA) VISA REQUIREMENTS

Please note that Canada has an electronic travel authorization (ETA), which requires all international visitors to register online before traveling to Canada. Registration for the ETA program is now mandatory for all international travellers wishing to travel to Canada.

For information purposes, the below websites summarize all the details of the ETA as well as the process for obtaining the ETA.

www.canada-eta.com

www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/eta.asp

IMPORTANT NOTES

- 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.

AIRFARES

- International and domestic airfares are not included within the tour price.
- If airfares are required, these can be quoted on an individual basis, based on preferred airline, class of service and travel dates.

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 CONDITIONS/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.
- Passengers shoe sizes required at the time of booking for the included Ice Walks.

NUMBER OF DAYS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL	CANCELLATION FEE
Cancelled 70 days prior	Cancellation fee of AUD\$100 per person
Cancelled 69 to 51 days prior	Cancellation fee of AUD\$1,500 per person
Cancelled 50 days or less prior, no-show or cancelled during stay	Cancellation fee of 100% of the tour cost