



CANADA

BANFF WINTER WONDERLAND (TOUR CODE: 12651)

STARTS AND ENDS

in Calgary

TRAVEL PERIODS

06 Dec 24 - 10 Apr 25

EXPERIENCE

Winter

TRAVEL STYLE

Independent Holiday Packages

Experience the ultimate winter wonderland in Banff National Park. Immerse yourself in the frozen landscapes, enjoy a variety of winter activities, and escape to a magical snowy retreat!

Highlights

- Explore the vibrant streets of downtown Banff, lined with top-class restaurants, boutiques and galleries
- Find yourself on the summit of Sulphur Mountain high above the town of Banff
- Explore the ice beauty of Grotto Canyon on a guided ice walk
- Ice skate on the world's most beautiful outdoor rink at Lake Louise
- Marvel at the natural phenomenon of Abraham Lake, where the ice captivates with its frozen bubbles
- Venture into the evergreen forests on a traditional horse-drawn sleigh ride

Discover the winter magic of Banff National Park! Nestled high in the Canadian Rockies, the charming town of Banff offers an adventure-filled escape surrounded by majestic mountains. Wander through downtown's vibrant streets, lined with upscale restaurants, cosy bars, stylish boutiques, and captivating art galleries and museums.

Embrace the winter season with a wide array of activities perfect for all ages and interests. From the breathtaking views atop the Banff Gondola and enchanting sleigh rides to witnessing the surreal ice bubbles at Abraham Lake and exploring a canyon with a frozen waterfall, this winter wonderland has it all.



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

INCLUSIONS

- 5 nights in Banff at the Mount Royal Hotel
- Return coach transfers from Calgary Airport
- Banff Winter Sightseeing Tour with Banff Gondola
- Grotto Canyon Ice Walk
- Icefields Parkway & Ice Bubbles of Abraham Lake Tour
- Lake Louise Winter Sightseeing Tour
- Sleigh Ride in Banff

ITINERARY

Day 1 Calgary Banff

Transfer from the Calgary Airport to the village of Banff. You will get to see the mountain ranges upon landing and then when driving through the national park entrance, keep an eye out for wildlife.

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



BANFF NATIONAL PARK | CREDIT TRAVEL ALBERTA

Day 2 Banff

This small group tour is the perfect introduction and includes some of Banff's most scenic and historically significant

highlights such as the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, Bow Falls, Surprise Corner Lookout, and Banff's largest lake, Lake Minnewanka. Plus, enjoy hot chocolate or fresh water (depending on the time of year) and maple cookies at one of the scenic stops.

You'll then be transported to the base of Sulphur Mountain and ride the Banff Gondola to the top at 7,486 feet. At the summit, marvel at the unsurpassed view of Banff, the Bow Valley and a 360-degree view of six scenic mountain ranges. You'll feel like you're on top of the world when you are standing on the spacious main level observation deck. After your download on the Banff Gondola, the guide will transport you back to your Banff hotel. It's a great tour for seeing wildlife!

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



Day **3**

Banff

In the morning, explore the icy beauty of Grotto Canyon, see ancient native pictographs using special hiking crampons to grip the smooth frozen creek bed. The Grotto Canyon Icewalk is a hike through a narrow canyon, past unusual rock formations and spectacular icefalls. This is a unique experience to walk directly on the ice, and walking on the creek bed floor gives you a unique view of the canyon. In the afternoon, enjoy a tranquil sleigh ride amongst the Canadian Rockies and add a perfect "western touch" to a winter holiday.

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



Day 4

Banff

Discover the enchanting beauty of Lake Louise in Winter! Immerse yourself in the breathtaking scenery that transforms the area into a winter wonderland. Join a small group tour and witness the frozen icy-blue Lake Louise surrounded by sparkling snow in an amphitheatre of jagged mountain peaks. Your Lake Louise winter tour adventure begins with a scenic drive on the Bow Valley Parkway, where you may even catch a glimpse of wildlife. When you arrive, the tour takes you to see the Victoria Glacier and the iconic Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, offering an unparalleled view of this iconic hotel. Take an optional guided walk around the lake's shoreline and learn more about this magical place. Afterward, enjoy free time to explore the winter landscapes of Lake Louise at your own pace.

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



Day 5

Banff

Embark on a captivating winter adventure in the heart of the Canadian Rockies. Begin with a snowshoe trek to Peyto Lake's viewpoint, a journey through a pristine winter wonderland rarely explored in the colder months. Witness the untouched

beauty of the Rockies in tranquility. Marvel at the natural phenomenon of Abraham Lake, where the ice captivates with its frozen bubbles - a stunning display of nature's artistry, perfect for ice-skating or a leisurely walk. Continue with an epic exploration along the Icefields Parkway, a journey celebrated for its breathtaking scenic vistas and hidden treasures known only to locals. Conclude your adventure cozily, nestled among the towering peaks of the Rockies, with a warm drink by a lakeside fire. This tour promises an unforgettable blend of adventure, nature, and coziness amidst Canada's pristine wilderness.

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

Lunch



ABRAHAM LAKE | CREDIT: TRAVEL ALBERTA / JENNIFER FAST

Day **6**

Banff Calgary

Today your winter wonderland escape will end with a transfer from Banff back to Calgary Airport. You will still be able to see the mountains leaving the park to remember all the fond memories of your holiday.

ACCOMMODATION

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.



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

French & English

LOCAL CURRENCY

Canadian Dollars

Banff Sleigh Ride will be operating from December 13, 2024 to March 9, 2025. If your travel dates fall outside of this timeframe, a discount will be available for the non-operational Sleigh Ride.

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