



## CANADA

# CHRISTMAS IN THE CASTLE (TOUR CODE: 12650)

### STARTS AND ENDS

in Calgary

### TRAVEL PERIODS

22 Dec 25

### EXPERIENCE

Luxury  
Winter

### TRAVEL STYLE

Independent Holiday Packages

Spend Christmas in the Castle, for a unique and enchanting experience, combining the natural beauty of Banff National Park with the elegance and charm of the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel.

## Highlights

- Stay in an historic castle that truly comes alive with the spirit of Christmas
- Enjoy a memorable and festive dining experience at the Fairmont Banff Springs
- Venture into the evergreen forests on a traditional horse-drawn sleigh ride
- 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

Christmas in the Castle Banff is a wonderful and magical experience. Nestled in the heart of the Canadian Rockies, Banff National Park is known for its stunning natural beauty, and during the holiday season, the Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, often referred to as the "Castle of the Rockies," becomes a festive wonderland.

The Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel is an iconic landmark that resembles a grand castle. It's a luxurious hotel that offers a range of amenities and activities for guests to enjoy during the Christmas season. The hotel is beautifully decorated with Christmas lights, garlands, and ornaments, creating a warm and festive ambiance.

During Christmas in the Castle Banff, you can expect a variety of holiday-themed activities and events. These may include:

**Festive Dining:** The hotel's restaurants and dining venues offer special holiday menus and lavish Christmas buffets. You can indulge in

delicious holiday meals and treats while enjoying the elegant surroundings.

**Christmas Decorations:** The Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel features stunning Christmas decorations throughout its public spaces. You'll find beautifully adorned Christmas trees, wreaths, and other festive displays, creating a magical atmosphere.

**Santa's Workshop:** Children can visit Santa's Workshop, where they can meet Santa Claus, share their Christmas wishes, and take memorable photos.

**Ice Skating:** The hotel may offer an outdoor ice skating rink during the winter season. It's a delightful activity for guests of all ages, allowing you to glide across the ice while enjoying the breathtaking mountain views.

**Carol Singing:** The hotel may organize carol singing events where you can join in singing classic Christmas carols accompanied by live musicians.

**Festive Entertainment:** The Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel often hosts live entertainment during the holiday season. This may include live music performances, festive concerts, or even a Nutcracker ballet performance.

**Spa and Wellness:** The hotel's spa and wellness facilities may offer special holiday-themed treatments and packages, allowing you to relax and rejuvenate during your stay.



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## INCLUSIONS

- 5 nights in Banff at the Fairmont Banff Springs
- Banff Winter Sightseeing Tour with Banff Gondola
- Christmas Buffet Dinner at the Fairmont Banff Springs
- Return coach transfers from Calgary Airport
- Grotto Canyon Ice Walk
- Lake Louise Winter Sightseeing Tour
- Sleigh Ride in Banff

## ITINERARY

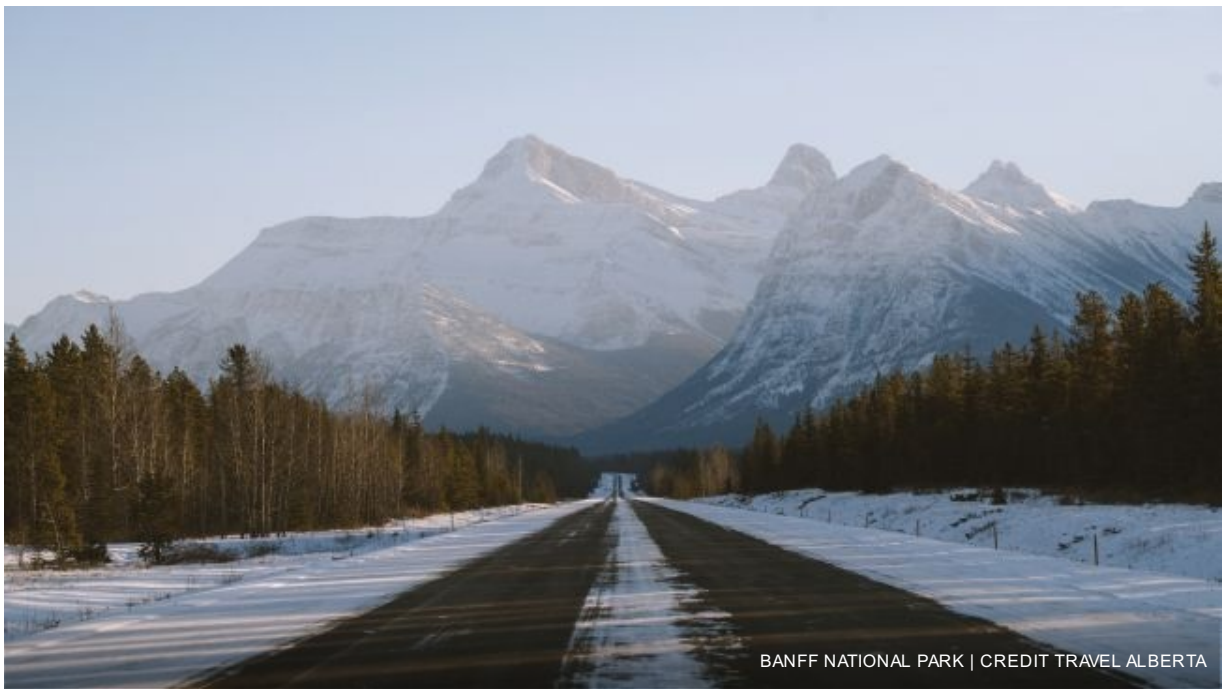
Day

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 **Fairmont Banff Springs**.



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 **Fairmont Banff Springs**.



FROZEN TWO JACK LAKE | CREDIT: TRAVEL ALBERTA

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 **Fairmont Banff Springs**.



Day **4**

## Banff

Today enjoy Christmas in the alpine town of Banff. Within the halls of Fairmont Banff Springs, the festive season is celebrated with international flavour, bleeding the traditional sights and sounds of Christmas into a magical festival.

Overnight in Banff at **Fairmont Banff Springs**.



Day **5**

## Banff

Experience the magic of the Rockies with this specially curated tour, offering an immersive journey into the icy wonders and natural beauty of Banff. Glide across the famous Lake Louise, where the ice, surrounded by majestic glaciers and mountains, provides the perfect canvas for skating, snowshoeing, and tranquil lakeside walks. Venture into the quiet of winter in Johnston Canyon, where snow-covered paths lead to breathtaking frozen waterfalls, creating lasting memories of awe. Spot the majestic wildlife of the Rockies at renowned locations. The tour culminates in a tailor-made finale, with a local secret stop designed to surprise and delight, offering more chances for wildlife sightings and exclusive views. Embrace the flexibility of our small-group tours, designed to foster new friendships, yet fully supportive of individual exploration. Break away at any time for your own adventure, armed with your guide's insider knowledge to unlock the hidden gems of Banff.

Overnight in Banff at **Fairmont Banff Springs**.



LAKE LOUISE | CREDIT: BANFF & LAKE LOUISE TOURISM / NOEL HENDRICKSON

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

## 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

<b>OFFICIAL LANGUAGE</b> French & English	<b>LOCAL CURRENCY</b> Canadian Dollars
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## 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