

Canada Winter Wonderland

JASPER ● WHISTLER ● BANFF ● CALGARY

The Offer

Arrive in Vancouver, ready for a sightseeing tour of Stanley Park and Gastown. Travel the scenic Sea to Sky Highway, passing Howe Sound along the way. Let Whistler welcome you with its views of the Blackcomb Mountains, award-winning restaurants and pedestrian-friendly village. Enjoy a day at leisure to take to the powder for snowshoeing, ice skating, dog sledding and more.

Follow the Cariboo Wagon Trail, once forming part of the Gold Rush Route, to the Kamloops area. Stand before the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies before taking a tour of the alpine town of Jasper. Spend a free day hiking glaciers, searching for bears or rafting on picturesque lakes.

Travel south along the Icefields Parkway, enjoying breathtaking mountain scenery on your way to Lake Louise. Embrace the natural beauty by taking a sightseeing tour of Bow River, the Hoodoos and Bow Falls. Explore Banff with free time to discover the impressive waterfalls of Johnston Canyon or to ride the gondola up Sulphur Mountain. Head to Calgary to see Calgary Tower and the WinSport's Canada Olympic Park before returning home.

Bask in the beauty of Canada with return international full-service flights, 10 nights of accommodation and more.

Want more? Choose Itinerary 2 to search for the northern lights from tailor-made aurora viewing locations in Whitehorse.



The Itinerary

Itinerary 1

Day 1 Australia (or New Zealand) - Vancouver, Canada

Today, you will depart from Australia for Vancouver, Canada. Upon arrival, make your own way to the hotel for check-in. Check-in is from 16:00 onwards and luggage storage will be available for any travellers with an early arrival (charges may apply).

Overnight: Sandman Hotel Downtown or similar, Vancouver
Meals included: In-Flight

Day 2 Vancouver Sightseeing Tour & Free Afternoon

Take part in a sightseeing tour of Vancouver including Stanley Park, the waterfront and Gastown.

Afterwards, enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. Why not take a water-taxi to Granville Island to see the outdoor markets, street musicians and waterfront cafés (charges apply)?

Overnight: Sandman Hotel Downtown or similar, Vancouver
Meals included: None

Day 3 Vancouver - Sea to Sky Highway - Whistler

This morning, travel along the iconic Sea to Sky Highway, one of the world's most scenic drives. Keep your eyes out as you pass cascading waterfalls, jagged mountain peaks and the dreamy ocean vistas of Howe Sound. You'll arrive in the alpine village of Whistler, which sits nestled in the shadows of the Blackcomb Mountains. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure to explore this stunning adventure playground.

Overnight: Listel Hotel Whistler or similar, Whistler
Meals included: None

Day 4 Whistler - Day at Leisure

Today, you can enjoy free time at leisure to explore the area at your own pace.

Overnight: Listel Hotel Whistler or similar, Whistler
Meals included: None

Day 5 Whistler - Kamloop/Sun Peaks

Depart Whistler and follow the once treacherous Cariboo Wagon Trail, which formed part of the Gold Rush Route. Finish the day in the Kamloops or the Sun Peaks area for an evening at leisure.

Please note:

- *Today's drive is subject to weather and road conditions, alternative routes may used.*
- *Alternative accommodation in the Sun Peaks area may be used.*

Overnight: Quality Inn Kamloops or similar, Kamloops
Meals included: None

Day 6 Kamloops/Sun Peaks - Jasper

This morning, you'll drive through British Columbia's Fur Trade and Cariboo regions for glimpses of the soaring granite mountains. You'll then travel to the base of the 3,954-metre-tall Mount Robson, the highest peak in the Canadian Rockies. The day's end finds you in Jasper National Park, an alpine wonderland of pristine wilderness and abundant wildlife. Enjoy an orientation tour of the town of Jasper upon arrival.

Overnight: Chateau Jasper or similar, Jasper
Meals included: None



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Day 7 Jasper - Day at Leisure

Enjoy free time at leisure to explore the area at your own pace.

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Meals included: None

Day 8 Jasper - Icefields Parkway - Lake Louise - Banff

This morning, travel south along the Icefields Parkway, acclaimed as one of the most spectacular journeys in the world. Enjoy breathtaking mountain scenery as you pass rugged peaks and glaciers fringed by thick forest and shimmering lakes. Stop at Lake Louise, the “Diamond in the Wilderness”, where you'll enjoy free time taking in the spectacular scenery. Late this afternoon, enjoy a sightseeing tour of the Bow River, the Hoodoos and Bow Falls. Afterwards, finish at your hotel for an evening at leisure.

Overnight: Irwin's Mountain Inn or similar, Banff
Meals included: None

Day 9 Banff - Day at Leisure

Delight in a full-day at leisure to enjoy Banff.

Overnight: Irwin's Mountain Inn or similar, Banff
Meals included: None

Day 10 Banff - Calgary

Today, you will head to Calgary to explore its landmarks. Starting from Calgary Tower, you'll travel through Calgary to Heritage Park and the famous WinSport's Canada Olympic Park. Discover how the Calgary Stampede, the 1988 Winter Olympics and the railway helped to create this cosmopolitan city.

Overnight: Country Inn & Suites by Radisson or similar, Calgary-Northeast
Meals included: None

Day 11 Calgary, Canada - Australia (or New Zealand)

Today, make your own way to Calgary Airport for your return flight back to Australia (or New Zealand).

Please note:

- *Your tour guide will provide airport shuttle and transfer information on tour.*
- *Standard checkout time is 10:00 and luggage storage will be available at reception for those with later flights.*

Meals included: In-Flight

Day 12 In Transit

Meals included: None

Day 13 Arrive Austraila (or New Zealand)

Meals included: None



The Map

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Itinerary 2

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Meals included: None

Day 11 Calgary - Whitehorse

Today, transfer to Calgary Airport for your onwards flight to Whitehorse. Upon arrival, you will be met and transferred to your accommodation. Whitehorse is small city and easy to explore on foot but make sure you have some warm clothing! Later in the evening, set out to tailor-made aurora viewing locations where you’ll seek the sight of northern lights.

Please note:

- *Your tour guide will provide airport shuttle and transfer information on tour.*

Overnight: Best Western Inn or similar, Whitehorse
Meals included: None

Day 12 Whitehorse Sightseeing - Aurora Viewing

In the late morning, you'll discover the historic yet trendy sights of Whitehorse on a city tour. Visit the S.S. Klondike National Historic Site, among the last of the great paddle wheelers that plied the Yukon River system until the 1950’s. Afterwards, visit the Old Log Church which is the oldest building in Whitehorse, and the unique 3-story Log Cabin Skyscraper made completely out of logs. When you’ve seen all the top sites, Main Street is perfect for strolling and shopping with its shops, galleries and cafes.



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Later this evening, you'll be back on the road again to seek views of the stunning northern lights. Relax in sheltered comfort, or under the starry sky beside a warm fire at one of the tailor-made aurora viewing locations.

Overnight: Best Western Inn or similar, Whitehorse
Meals included: None

Day 13 Whitehorse - Day at Leisure

Today, enjoy a free day to explore Whitehorse. Later in the evening, set out to the AuroraCentre to seek out the northern lights.

Overnight: Best Western Inn or similar, Whitehorse
Meals included: None

Day 14 Whitehorse, Canada - Australia (or New Zealand)

Today, a transfer is arranged for your travel to Whitehorse Airport for your return flight back to Australia (or New Zealand).

Please note: Standard checkout time is 10:00 and luggage storage will be available at reception for those with later flights.

Meals included: In-Flight

Day 15 In Transit

Meals included: None

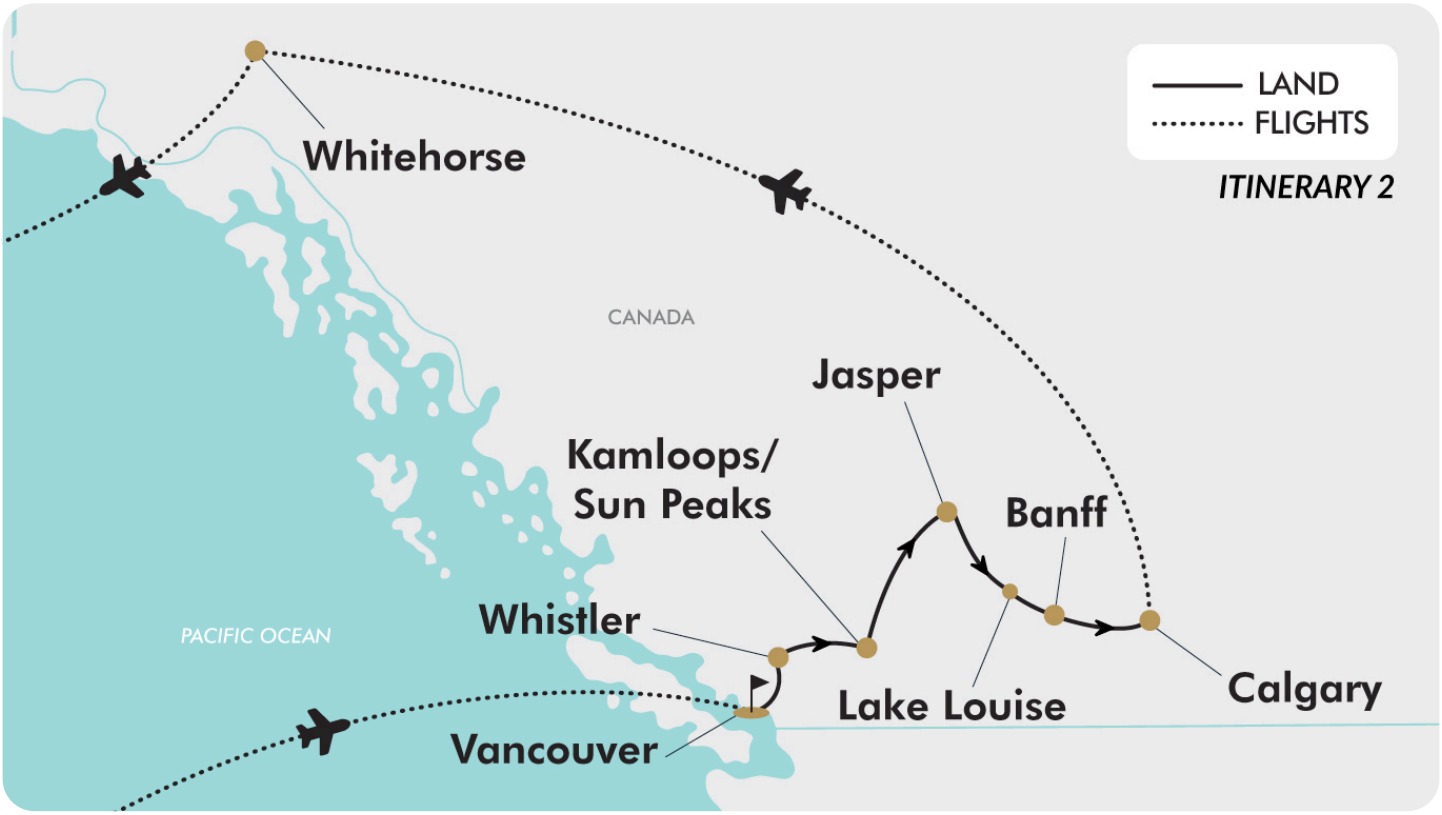
Day 16 Arrive Austraila (or New Zealand)

Meals included: None



The Map

Itinerary 2





Tour Inclusions

HIGHLIGHTS

Explore the Canadian Rockies during winter

Visit Gastown, Stanley Park and more on a city tour of Vancouver

Travel past waterfalls and mountain peaks along the Sea to Sky Highway

Enjoy time at leisure at the famous winter resort village of Whistler

Explore the alpine landscapes of Jasper and Banff National Park

Journey along the Icefields Parkway, acclaimed one of the most spectacular in the world

Marvel at the turquoise waters and snowy mountain backdrop of Lake Louise

Enjoy a sightseeing tour of beautiful Banff National Park

Visit Heritage Park and WinSport's Canada Olympic Park on a sightseeing tour of Calgary

FLIGHTS

Return international full-service flights (economy class), surcharges may apply (Excludes Trip Only option)

ACCOMMODATION

10 nights of quality hotel accommodation

ESSENTIALS

English-speaking tour guides

Airline taxes and surcharges

TRANSPORT

Transportation by private air-conditioned vehicles

EXTENSION PACKAGE

All of the above plus the following:

Seek out the majestic northern lights in Whitehorse

3 consecutive aurora viewing opportunities

Enjoy a sightseeing tour of Whitehorse, the capital of the Yukon Territory

One-way internal flight (economy class) from Calgary to Whitehorse

3 nights of accommodation in Whitehorse

Important Information

**Please note: All information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.*

Booking Information

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. You must complete the Passenger Information Form within 72 hours of purchase.
Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

Please note: All countries and territories have different entry requirements in relation to vaccinations, quarantine/isolation periods and travel restrictions. Due to the evolving nature, we would ask all of our customers to monitor, meet and adhere to the specific requirements of their intended destination(s) in the lead-up to and immediately before travel, as well as any requirements post-travel upon their return.

Our Policies

Cancellation & Refund Policy

By placing a booking with us, you acknowledge the following important information:

- **we act as your booking agent** ; TripADeal is a booking services provider, and curates the Travel Offers available on our website. We act as your booking agent, and we receive payment for the Booking Services as part of the booking price, however, we do not provide any of the Travel Services (flights, accommodation, tours or other products or services) included in your booking – the Travel Services are provided by a number of third party Travel Suppliers.
- **each booking is unique** ; our Travel Offers are made up of a variety of different components and are, during the booking process, uniquely tailored to suit your requirements, for example, departure dates and ports, flight and room upgrades, tour inclusions, etc.
- **changes/modifications to your booking may not be possible** ; once your booking has been made, changes or modifications may not be possible, and where possible, may incur a fee. It is important to ensure that the information you provide during the booking process is accurate and up to date, and that you read the Travel Offer carefully before placing your order.
- **Travel Offers are a package** ; our Travel Offers have been curated into package offerings and must be used as a package – individual components cannot be used independently of the full package offering.
- **our Travel Offers are generally non-refundable** ; in order to provide great value Travel Offers, we work with a variety of Travel Suppliers to find the best deals – this often means the Travel Suppliers' offerings are non-refundable to ensure the best price. We recommend that you obtain travel insurance as soon as you make a booking with us.

To read more about our Cancellation and Refund Policy, please click here.

General Terms & Conditions

By placing your booking with us, you acknowledge and agree to our Terms & Conditions, Privacy Policy and Cancellation Policy.

Offer Essentials

This Travel Offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 7th March 2028.
Minimum group size 15, maximum group size 40 per vehicle.
This Travel Offer is priced per person based on a twin share.

Departure Dates & Surcharges

See checkout for live dates and availability.

Please note: Some dates may fall outside of the winter season.

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers, a mandatory single supplement applies:
13-Day Package: $1,620
16-Day Package: $2,340

Please note: Accommodation for single customers who are travelling on a tour or cruise package may be in a single room, depending on availability.

Child Policy

- No child discounts are offered. The full price applies to all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for children 12 years old and over.

Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors are allowed.

Flights

(Flight information for options excluding Trip Only)

Departure Cities

Sydney, *Melbourne, *Brisbane, *Adelaide, *Perth or *Auckland

Departure City Surcharges

- Melbourne and Brisbane: $300 per person
- Adelaide: $400 per person
- Perth and Auckland: $500 per person

International Full-Service Flight(s)

- Cabin Class: Economy Class

Please note: We cannot accommodate one-way flights. Travellers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.

Preferred Airline Surcharge

Not available.

Arrive Early & Stay Behind Options

Fly out and return home up to 60 days pre and post your tour dates.

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Arrive Early

Vancouver, Canada - From $350 per person, subject to availability.

Stay Behind

Calgary, Canada - From $350 per person, subject to availability (13-Day Package Only).
Whitehorse, Canada - From $350 per person, subject to availability (16-Day Package Only).

Please note:

- ***Exclusions:***

  This fee does not include extra nights' accommodation, meals or airport transfers.

- ***Internal Flights:***

  If you select to Arrive Early or Stay Behind in a city other than the one where the tour starts or ends, the package will include an internal flight to your destination. If you wish to forfeit this flight, please advise our friendly team at the time of purchase. Please note that the cost does not change when you choose to forfeit your connecting flight.

- ***Cancellations & Changes:***

  Flight booking changes or cancellations after air tickets have been issued are not guaranteed and may incur additional fees and fare difference, subject to the airline cancellation and change policies. Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.

- ***High-Season:***

  A high-season Arrive Early or Stay Behind can be purchased for an additional charge, subject to availability. For pricing, please refer to the cart.

- ***+ 60 days:***

  You can fly out up to 60 days before your package's start date, and/or return home 60 days after your package's end date. Should you wish to fly out or return home for more than 60 days from the tour, please contact us to request availability. Additional costs may apply.

- ***Estimated dates:***

  Your estimated departure, return, and arrival dates are all subject to availability and may vary. The confirmed schedule for all flights will be provided when you receive your flight tickets.

High season surcharges apply to flights departing between the below date ranges:
10th December 2027 - 31st January 2028
1st April 2028 - 30th April 2028

Stopover Packages

Not available.

Flight Class Upgrades

Business or Premium Economy Class: For pricing, please refer to the payment cart at checkout.

Please note:

- *Flight upgrades are subject to availability and pricing changes (if we cannot fulfil your request, the upgrade cost will be refunded).*
- *On any upgrade purchase, short-haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed.*

Outbound Flights

Please note: Due to flight scheduling and availability, some departures may occur on Day 0. Affected customers must be available to depart the day before. Flight times will be indicated on your final documents, issued 4-6 weeks before departure.

Missed Flights

If you fail to arrive for your outbound flight, you risk all flight and land arrangements in your destination being automatically cancelled by the airlines and land operator, respectively. Additional fees may apply to reinstate these services. If you miss your flight for whatever reason, please contact us as soon as possible to make arrangements.\

Trip Only Option

If you choose to remove international flights from your package, your holiday may be shorter, as travel days for flights are not included in the Trip Only package. You will receive an email confirmation when minimum numbers have been met and the departure is guaranteed.
We recommend making further travel arrangements, such as flights, after you have received confirmation of a guaranteed departure.
TripADeal assumes no liability for financial losses incurred due to travel arrangements made prior to confirmation of guaranteed departure.
Note: The Trip Only Package does not include return international airfares or airport transfers. At the conclusion of the tour, you will be responsible for booking your own onward travel.
Click here for full Trip Only terms and conditions (see section 4.1)

Accommodation

Accommodation Used

3-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

- Vancouver: Sandman Hotel Downtown or similar
- Whistler: Listel Hotel or similar
- Kamloops/Sun Peaks: Quality Inn Kamloops or similar (or you may stay in nearby Sun Peaks)
- Jasper: Chateau Jasper or similar
- Banff: Irwin's Mountain Inn or similar
- Calgary: Country Inn & Suites by Radisson or similar
- Whitehorse (Extension Package Only): Best Western Inn or similar

Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type and are subject to availability based on seasonality. In the instance a property is not available, a similar standard of accommodation will be provided. Properties will be confirmed and included in your travel pack, which you will receive 4-6 weeks before travel.

Extra Nights

Not available.

Please note: If you are interested in booking additional nights of accommodation pre or post-tour, please wait until you receive your travel documentation approximately 4-6 weeks before departure for the confirmed list of hotels. If booking your own additional

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accommodation directly with the hotel, please be aware that you may be required to change rooms at the start/end of your tour.

Maximum Room Capacity

2 people.

Triple Share

Not available.

Bedding Configuration

Twin or double (subject to availability).

Exclusions

- Visa fees and requirements
- Domestic transfers and flights not stated in the deal offer
- Meals/beverages not stated in the deal offer
- Highly recommended gratuities/tipping
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance
- Any costs associated with an interruption to your tour as a result of an airline schedule change or cancellation

Please note: Return international flights and transfers to and from the tour are not included in the Trip Only option.

Gratuities/tipping

Land

Gratuities (tips) are not included for the services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The recommended tip is $15 CAD per person per day, where tour or transfer service are provided. This covers the guide/leader and the driver and will be collected on tour.

Please note: Tipping for services provided is always a matter of personal discretion; however, please be aware that many locals consider tipping part of their normal remuneration, and they may approach you for payment; there's no need to be intimidated by the request.

Other Important Information

TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

Tour Guide

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on the history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction where they are guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves it at the end of the tour; they do not travel with the group.

Tour Leader

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides at each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village and offer information on the place visited on the bus. However, they are not required to have specific art, architecture, or historical knowledge. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and, if caught doing so, can be fined.

Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

Vancouver

Vancouver has a moderate, oceanic climate, characterized by relatively mild and wet winters.

November

This is one of Vancouver's wettest months, with significant rainfall. Temperatures are cool, with average highs around 7-9°C (mid-40s °F) and lows around 2-4°C (upper 30s °F). Expect cloudy skies and frequent rain.

February

February remains cool and wet, though there might be slightly less precipitation than in November. Average high temperatures are similar to November, around 8°C (mid-40s °F), and lows are around 2°C (upper 30s °F). Snow is infrequent at sea level but possible, especially in early February.

March

As spring approaches, March sees a gradual increase in temperatures and sunshine hours, although it's still a relatively wet month. Average highs rise to 9-11°C (low 50s °F), and lows are around 3-4°C (upper 30s °F). Rainfall is still common, but there are more breaks with sunny intervals.

Whitehorse

Whitehorse has a dry subarctic climate with long, cold winters.

November

November marks the beginning of the deep winter in Whitehorse. Temperatures are cold, with average highs around -8°C (upper teens °F) and lows around -15°C (single digits °F). Daylight hours are short, and snowfall is common.

February

February is typically one of the coldest months in Whitehorse. Average highs are around -10°C (low teens °F) and lows around -19°C (just below zero °F). Snowfall is still frequent, and daylight hours are gradually increasing. The air is generally dry.

March

March brings a slight moderation in the extreme cold, with average highs around -4°C (mid-20s °F) and lows around -15°C (single digits °F). Snowfall remains possible, but the days are noticeably longer as spring approaches.

Banff

Banff, located in the Canadian Rockies, experiences cold and snowy winters.

Important Information

November

November in Banff is characterized by cold temperatures and increasing snowfall as ski season begins. Average highs are around -2°C to 3°C (upper 20s to upper 30s °F), and lows are around -8°C to -12°C (teens °F). It's a quieter month with fewer crowds before the peak winter season.

February

February is typically the heart of winter in Banff, with prime skiing and snowboarding conditions. Temperatures are cold, with average highs around -2°C to -7°C (upper teens to low 20s °F) and lows around -15°C to -17°C (single digits °F). Snowfall is abundant, creating picturesque winter landscapes.

March

March in Banff sees the first signs of spring, with slightly warmer and longer days. Average high temperatures rise to around 1°C to 4°C (low to upper 30s °F), and lows are around -12°C (teens °F). While there's less snowfall than in the peak winter months, the slopes still have plenty of snow for winter sports, and sunny days become more frequent.

WHAT TO PACK

Core Layers (Moisture-Wicking)

- Long-sleeved thermal tops (2-3): Look for merino wool, synthetic fabrics (like polyester or polypropylene), or silk. These wick away moisture and keep you warm even if you sweat. Different weights can be useful (lightweight and midweight).
- Thermal leggings/long underwear (2-3): Similar materials to thermal tops.
- Moisture-wicking socks (4-5 pairs): Wool or synthetic blends are best to keep your feet dry and warm. Avoid cotton as it retains moisture and can lead to cold feet.

Insulating Layers (Warmth)

- Fleece jacket or pullover (1-2): Provides excellent mid-layer warmth. Consider a lighter and a heavier option for layering flexibility.
- Down or synthetic insulated jacket: This will be your primary warmth layer for colder days. Down is lighter and warmer for its weight but loses insulation when wet. Synthetic insulation performs better in damp conditions. Consider the typical temperatures of your destinations when choosing the warmth level.
- Insulated vest (optional): Adds extra warmth to your core without restricting arm movement.

Outer Layers (Protection from Wind, Snow, and Rain)

- Waterproof and windproof outer shell jacket: Essential for protection against snow, rain, and wind. Look for features like a hood, sealed seams, and breathable fabric.
- Waterproof and windproof outer shell pants: Important for keeping your legs dry and warm, especially if you'll be spending time outdoors

Head, Hands & Feet

- Warm hat that covers your ears: Wool, fleece, or a combination of materials. Consider a balaclava or neck gaiter for extra face and neck protection on very cold days.
- Waterproof and insulated gloves or mittens: Mittens are generally warmer than gloves. Bring at least one pair, and consider a thinner liner glove underneath for added warmth and dexterity when you need to take off your outer gloves.
- Warm, waterproof, and insulated winter boots: Look for good traction, ankle support, and insulation appropriate for the expected temperatures. Ensure they are comfortable for walking.
- Warm socks (several pairs): Wool or synthetic blends of varying thicknesses to suit different activities and temperatures.

Accessories

- Scarf or neck gaiter: Protects your neck and face from the cold and wind.
- Sunglasses: The winter sun reflecting off snow can be surprisingly bright and harmful. Look for UV protection.
- Lip balm with SPF: Cold and dry air can chap lips easily.
- Small backpack: For carrying layers, water, snacks, and essentials during day trips and activities.
- Travel adapter (if needed): Canadian outlets are Type A and B (120V).
- Camera and extra batteries: Cold weather can drain batteries quickly.

Weather

We always suggest referring to an online source for the most up-to-date weather information for your destination/s.

FLIGHTS

Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer Points

We do not arrange seat selection. It is essential to highlight that some airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the airline directly with seating allocation requirements and/or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings, you can do this directly with the airline once you have your flight information.

Dietary Requests

Meal options and availability differ between airlines and routes therefore not all dietary requests can be accommodated. If your flight includes meals we will select the most suitable option available based on the dietary requirements you have specified. All meal requests are subject to airline approval and are not guaranteed, therefore we recommend preparing for your flight by bringing appropriate food for yourself, as required.

Passport Validity

Customers must provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase or no later than 90 days before the departure date. Failure to do so may result in the cancellation of the booking. Customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred in this instance.

Important Information

COACH TOUR

Meals

For meals not included, the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify us of any dietary requests/ requirements.

Please note: We will do our best to meet your requests/requirements; however, we cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

Luggage

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on tour. You must carry your own luggage from the vehicle to the hotel room and back to the vehicle. The driver will assist with the uploading and unloading of bags from the vehicle.

OTHER

Mobility

If you require wheelchair access please contact our friendly sales and service team to inquire on your behalf.

Fitness Level Required

Adventure (and spontaneity) create some of the best travel memories. Bear in mind, your home schedules and timings might not be adhered to on tour - it's all part of the fun!
A relaxed level of fitness will be required. Expect a comfortable pace of touring with a focus on leisure time and gentle activity. This may include city tours, the ability to walk up and down small flights of stairs and gentle slopes. As it will be winter be prepared for ice and snow so suitable footwear is a must and you must be comfortable walking in these conditions. You will be responsible for your own luggage and have the ability to board all modes of transport without assistance.

Please note:

- *Some areas may be inaccessible to wheelchairs or mobility scooters, with personal walking sticks and other aids required should they be needed. Although some assistance may be available, every traveller should be self-reliant during all aspects of their travel.*
- *It is expected that every traveller must be self-reliant and able to undertake all aspects of their own travel. Please speak to your booking agent about your personal circumstances and any assistance requirements to ensure this tour is right for you.*
- *If you have any concerns, please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/ travel.*

Sightseeing

Please note: If entry to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary, where possible, may be adjusted, or a similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).

Shopping

Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all your receipts. Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader. Please refer to our Terms and Conditions regarding shopping for further information.

Visas

Canada

Australian and New Zealand passport holders must apply for an electronic travel authorisation (eTA) before travelling to Canada by air. An Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA) is an entry requirement for visa-exempt foreign nationals travelling to Canada by air. An eTA is electronically linked to a traveller's passport. It is valid for up to five years or until the passport expires, whichever comes first. If you get a new passport, you need to get a new eTA.

United States

If travelling on an Australian or New Zealand passport, an ESTA (Visa Waiver) for the USA is a strict requirement when travelling to or flying through the USA. Once a USA ESTA Visa Waiver is issued it is valid for 2 years or until your passport expires (whichever is sooner) and will allow multiple entries into the USA.
For information on ESTA eligibility or to apply, please visit https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta/.

Please note: Due to recent changes in the USA Immigration policies, TripADeal recommends all travellers visit US Customs & Border Protection.

Important:

- *Please start arranging your visa three weeks before departure to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.*
- *Visa rules are subject to change. Please check with the nearest embassy, consulate or immigration department of the destination/s you are visiting once you receive your travel documentation to ensure you have the most up to date information.*
- *It is your responsibility to be travel-ready and ensure that you are aware and comply with any destination or travel requirements, including the validity of all required travel documents.*
- *Passengers who are not Australian citizens must also check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required.*
- *It is also important to note that some areas of employment, such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations, may have additional restrictions in applying for visas. This may, in turn, affect the type of application required.*

Travel Insurance

Important Information

Embarking on your next trip is exciting, and while you hope the unexpected does not happen, it is best to be prepared. We strongly recommend you take out travel insurance when making your booking. Whether it's a potential medical emergency, a flight cancellation, a delayed suitcase, or an unforeseen event, it's important to ensure you're adequately protected. For more information or advice visit https://www.tripadeal.com.au/travel-insurance.

Schedule Of Fees

Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- Changes - $100 per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

If the incorrect name has been provided, charges of $100 per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/ cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

Supplier Fees

In the event the tour package you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/or a Travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the tour due to external circumstances (Limitation of Liability e.g. a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our Suppliers and is unrecoverable. This may be due to non-refundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins or unrecoverable payments with our land/ accommodation partners. If refunds are not available from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these outcomes to you. In the event we are unable to obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part thereof, this cost is passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee.