

# Western Canada Christmas Adventure 2013



British Columbia Parliament

Experience a white Christmas like no other, surrounded by the majestic beauty of the Canadian Rockies and authentic Canadian hospitality. Explore cosmopolitan Vancouver, delight in panoramic views from the glass-domed ceiling of 'The Canadian Train' and take a gondola ride in Banff. Indulge in the luxury of the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, wander the quaint streets of Banff and discover the old world elegance of Victoria. Lose yourself in the magic of Canada in winter as you create special holiday memories that last a lifetime.

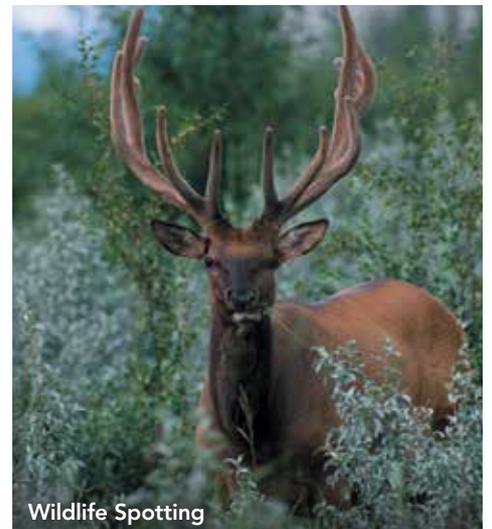
**11 Day guided holiday from \$5,375 per person twin share**  
**21 December 2013 departure**



Butchart Gardens at Night



Canadian hospitality



Wildlife Spotting

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## Western Canada Christmas Adventure (DCWW)

Vancouver

### INSIDER EXPERIENCES

- **Hidden Treasure** Enjoy at least one surprise Hidden Treasure experience, unique to your itinerary, courtesy of your expert Travel Director.
- **Unique Insight** Visit a curling centre in Vancouver to learn about and play this ice sport.
- **Local Speciality** Take a guided tour of Vancouver's Granville Market complete with tastings.
- **Local Expert** Enjoy a wildlife presentation in Jasper. Learn about the Canadian Mounted Police at a "Meet a Mountie" presentation. Learn about and taste ice wine and other local vintages from a sommelier in Kelowna.

### FIRST CLASS TRAVEL HIGHLIGHTS

- Includes all First Class features
- 10 nights First Class accommodation
- VIA Rail Canada's The Canadian train (Sleeper Touring class) from Vancouver to Jasper
- Private compartment with ensuite facilities that transforms into a bedroom at night with comfortable upper and lower berths
- Full access to the Skyline Car with its glass-dome ceiling, Park Car and lounges
- All tips to train personnel included
- Airport transfers are provided on Day 1 and Day 11
- Complimentary keepsake photo and My Journey book
- Audio Headsets for all guided visits and included sightseeing

#### DAY 1: SATURDAY 21ST DECEMBER

##### ARRIVE VANCOUVER

Welcome to Vancouver, Canada's third largest city and the jewel of British Columbia. Winter is a very special time of year to visit Canada when the always-beautiful landscapes transform into a snow-covered wonderland where travellers can experience a variety of activities not available during the summer months. After checking in at the hotel, relax or begin to explore this cosmopolitan city on your own. At 6 p.m., join your Travel Director and fellow travellers at the hotel for a **Welcome Reception. (WR)**

**Hotel:** Renaissance Vancouver Harbourside Hotel

#### DAY 2: SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER

##### VANCOUVER SIGHTSEEING - THE CANADIAN

Travel to a local ice rink for a **Unique Insight** into Ice Curling, a distinctively Canadian sport similar to shuffleboard, but on ice! Next, enjoy a **Local Speciality** during a culinary tour of the Granville Market complete with tastings and a guide who will explain the market's history and impact on the Vancouver food scene. This afternoon, see the totems at Stanley Park and visit Gastown and Chinatown before gathering with your new friends for dinner at a local restaurant. This evening, board The Canadian train for an overnight trip through the interior of British Columbia on your way to stunning Jasper National Park. **(FB D)**

#### DAY 3: MONDAY 23RD DECEMBER

##### THE CANADIAN - JASPER (2 NIGHTS)

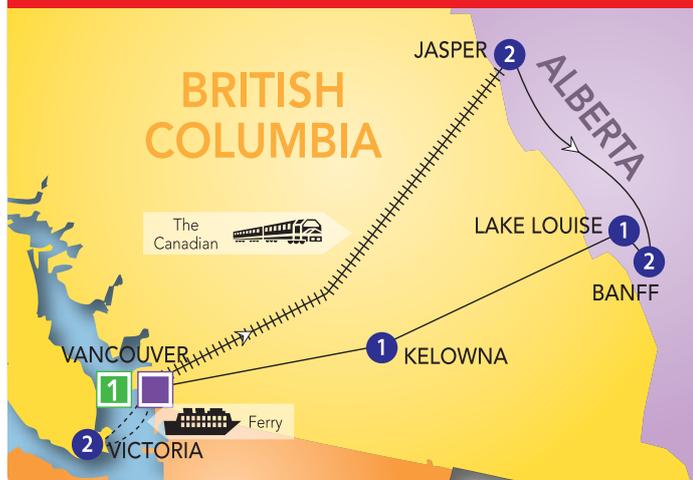
Enjoy your private, comfortable compartment and all of the amenities on board today. Delight in panoramic views from the glass-dome ceiling in the Skyline Car of the passing landscape experiencing all the natural glory of Canada: snowcapped mountains, pristine lakes, sparkling rivers and endless evergreen forests. Upon arrival in Jasper, transfer to your grand hotel ideally located with the incredible mountains as the backdrop. Enjoy beautifully-appointed guestrooms complete with charming amenities that create a homelike atmosphere complimented with excellent service that is quintessentially Fairmont. After getting settled in, enjoy an evening treat of s'mores and spirited refreshments around a bonfire. **(FB L)**

**Hotel:** The Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge

**\$5,375** per person twin share

**\$1,620** per person single supplement

**\$465** young traveller discount



#### DAY 4: TUESDAY 24TH DECEMBER

##### JASPER NATIONAL PARK SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

Enjoy a presentation by a **Local Expert** about Jasper's wildlife before embarking on an ice walk through Maligne Canyon. The afternoon is yours to continue your exploration as you please before gathering at the hotel for dinner where you will learn about a local favourite as the chef demonstrates the making of the Beaver Tail pastry. After satisfying your appetite, embark on a guided stargazing tour (weather permitting) to discover why Jasper is designated as the world's largest Dark Sky Preserve. Christmas Eve in Jasper is a special event. Tonight we will enjoy Christmas Eve festivities at the hotel and experience a Christmas filled with laughter and lasting memories during a family style buffet dinner. **(FB D)**

#### DAY 5: WEDNESDAY 25TH DECEMBER

##### JASPER - BANFF (2 NIGHTS)

On Christmas Day, you'll enjoy the magic of the Icefields Parkway between Jasper and Banff, one of the most magnificent mountain drives in the world, made even more impressive during the winter months when the towering peaks of the Canadian Rockies are overrun with glistening snow. Relax during a leisurely drive down to the quaint town of Banff. Check into your hotel, the stately Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, and partake in a heritage tour of the magnificent property. In the Oak Room see the "Yule Log" alight and listen to Christmas carollers as they stroll through the halls of the hotel entertaining guests with favourite Christmas classics. Tonight we have dinner and dancing with live entertainment in the Alhambra room at the hotel. After dinner, learn about the history of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police during a "Meet a Mountie" **Local Expert** presentation. **(FB D)**

**Hotel:** The Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel

#### DAY 6: THURSDAY 26TH DECEMBER

##### BANFF SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

Continue your exploration of Banff today with an unforgettable winter sleigh ride through the park before embarking on a gondola ride for a bird's-eye view of six snowcapped mountain ranges. The rest of the day is yours to continue trekking the park or take advantage of the countless amenities at your resort, a National Historic Site of Canada. Often called "The Castle in the Rockies," the hotel has been welcoming guests for over 125 years and offers a variety of activities including a world-class spa, 12 restaurants and lounges, shopping, and a bowling centre. If you want to get out on the town tonight, choose to join an optional excursion for a dinner and a show. **(FB)**

#### DAY 7: FRIDAY 27TH DECEMBER

##### BANFF - LAKE LOUISE

A once-in-a-lifetime experience awaits today as you learn all about and partake in dog sledding. Say "Mush!" as you guide your team of huskies along a specially groomed trail as they skillfully glide over the snow-covered ground. After, savour a hot chocolate around a roaring fire while you trade tales of your adventure. Head to Lake Louise this afternoon and upon arrival indulge in your choice of a guided Heritage Lake Shore Walk or Ice Skating before checking into your hotel. Enjoy a **Highlight Dinner** with drinks this evening during a special fondue experience and presentation before ending the night with a snow shoe walk. **(FB HD)**

**Hotel:** The Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise

#### DAY 8: SATURDAY 28TH DECEMBER

##### LAKE LOUISE - KELOWNA

Bid farewell to Lake Louise and take to the road for a scenic drive to Kelowna. After arriving at your hotel, delight in a wine pairing with hors d'oeuvres and learn about ice wine and other local vintages of British Columbia during a **Local Expert** presentation by the hotel's sommelier. **(FB D)**

**Hotel:** Delta Grand Okanagan Resort

#### DAY 9: SUNDAY 29TH DECEMBER

##### KELOWNA - VICTORIA (2 NIGHTS)

Head to charming Victoria today, the capital city of British Columbia. Upon arrival, check in to your hotel and enjoy a relaxing evening on your own. **(FB)**

**Hotel:** Victoria Marriott Inner Harbour Hotel

#### DAY 10: MONDAY 30TH DECEMBER

##### VICTORIA SIGHTSEEING AND FREE TIME

The morning is yours to relax and take in the atmosphere before an exciting excursion to Butterfly Gardens, a vast enclosure of tropical colour and aromas, home to more than 3,000 butterflies. Then, it's on to beautiful Butchart Gardens. Your day ends with a **Farewell Dinner** at a family-owned winery with a delectable meal expertly paired with local vintages. **(FB, FD)**

#### DAY 11: TUESDAY 31ST DECEMBER

##### VICTORIA - DEPART VANCOUVER

Head back to the mainland and take your complimentary transfer to Vancouver International Airport or to the holiday hotel downtown for guests extending their stay.

**Please do not schedule flights before 2 p.m. (FB)**

### SIGHTSEEING HIGHLIGHTS

- **Vancouver** See the city's main attractions on a sightseeing tour.
- **The Canadian** Travel from Vancouver to Jasper in style aboard The Canadian train.
- **Jasper** See stunning Maligne Canyon; discover the Dark Sky Preserve on a guided stargazing tour.
- **Banff** See the main sights; take a gondola ride for an aerial view of six mountain ranges; embark on a dog sledding adventure.
- **Victoria** Visit beautiful Butterfly Gardens and see Butchart Gardens decorated for the holidays (in season).

### DINING HIGHLIGHTS:

- **10 full** breakfasts
- **1 lunch** on board The Canadian
- **7 evening meals** including:
  - **Welcome Reception** with light appetisers and drinks with your Travel Director in Vancouver
  - **4 three-course dinners**
  - **Highlight Dinner** with wine and fondue in Lake Louise
  - **Farewell Dinner** with wine in Victoria

BB = Breakfast Buffet    FB = Full Breakfast    L = Lunch    BG = Be My Guest Dining  
HL/HD = Highlight Lunch/Dinner    D = Dinner    FD = Farewell Dinner



Ice Explorer



Dog Sledding, Banff



Winter Wonderland

**Terms and Conditions:**

Prices are per person twin share subject to availability and seasonal surcharge. Advertised price valid for travel 21 December 2013. Other departure dates and prices available. Guided holiday must be booked and paid in full on or before 21 June 2013 to qualify for 5% early payment discount of \$233 per person. Prices are correct as at 20 December 2012 and are subject to change without notice. Single supplement is available. For full terms and conditions visit [www.trafalgar.com](http://www.trafalgar.com)

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