

6 Day Winter Wonderland of Edmonton and the Canadian Rockies

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Highlights

- Winter wildlife and bison viewing in Elk Island National Park
- The biggest ice carving competition in Canada
- Award-winning Ice Castles in Edmonton
- Guided walk to the Maligne Canyon Frozen Waterfalls
- Galaxy and night sky viewing in the world's second largest Dark Sky Preserve

Inclusions

- 5 nights comfortable hotel accommodation in Edmonton and Jasper
- Maligne Canyon Frozen Waterfalls guided tour
- 4 days car rental

Exclusions

- Meals unless specifically mentioned in the itinerary
- Applicable government taxes
- Tips and gratuities

Dates & Prices

Canada/USA
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ACCOMMODATION	START PLACE	END PLACE	PRICE FROM
Moderate	Edmonton	Edmonton	\$980 USD

All prices are per person based on double occupancy and subject to local taxes - GST, PST or HST.

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Itinerary

Day 1: Arrive in Edmonton

Check into the Fantasyland hotel located within the West Edmonton Mall Complex. Browse the vast collection of stores, galleries and entertainment areas that form part of the Mall.

Overnight: Edmonton

Day 2. Edmonton and Elk Island National Park

Pick up your rental car and drive to Elk Island National Park, a short distance east of the city. Winter is a fabulous time to enjoy the wilderness of Elk Island National Park in its pristine winter setting. Wildlife viewing is at its best and the serenity of the winter landscape offers peace of mind and a quick getaway from the city madness.

Back in Edmonton, the Canada Cup of Ice Carving will be held this year at the Boardwalk Ice on Whyte Festival. The Cup showcases the best of ice carving talent from the prestigious Winterlude in Ottawa, Ice Magic in Lake Louise and the Boardwalk Ice on Whyte Festival in Edmonton. Honouring the best of ice sculpting in Canada, artists from around the world travel to compete in the Canada Cup of Ice Carving, the only national competition of its kind in Canada.

The top-scoring team from each of the 3 International Ice Carving Competitions will receive a guaranteed berth at the following year's Canada Cup of Ice Carving. Ice Castles is an award-winning frozen attraction located in six cities across North America. The experience is built using hundreds of thousands of icicles hand-placed by professional ice artists. The castles include breathtaking LED-lit sculptures, frozen thrones, ice-carved tunnels, slides, fountains and much more.

Time permitting, visit the West Edmonton Mall's tropical beach, wave pool and zip line for a complete change from the winter landscape and for a taste of the tropics.

Overnight: Edmonton

Edmonton to Jasper

Depart Edmonton after breakfast and enjoy some beautiful views as you drive west towards the Jasper National Park. The frozen lakes and rivers provide a great backdrop for the elk, deer, moose, wolves, sheep and coyotes that are still very active in winter.

Renowned for its breathtaking dark sky, Jasper is the perfect place to embrace the night "whether you want to stare into the Milky Way or watch an awe-inspiring aurora.

Jasper's dark sky is especially exceptional during the winter, so bundle up with some hot chocolate and watch it come alive! Gather under the dome of the Jasper Planetarium inside at the Jasper Park Lodge.

Offering special events, digital planetarium tours, and guided telescope viewing opportunities, the Planetarium's experienced astronomy guides will personally take you on a tour of the cosmos. Specializing in the night sky above Jasper, visitors have the chance to see the stars above Jasper regardless of the weather. This is a great opportunity to take in a closer look at the heavens over the lakes, canyons, glaciers and mountain tops of the second largest Dark Sky Preserve in the world.

Overnight: Jasper

Maligne Canyon Ice Walk or Marmot Basin Ski Pass

The Maligne Canyon Icewalk Tour in Jasper, Alberta, is one of Jasper's most popular and impressive winter adventures. Your tour guide will take you to the bottom of the Maligne Canyon "the deepest accessible canyon in Jasper National Park" where you will explore frozen waterfalls, ice caves, and incredible ice formations. You will learn about Jasper's Maligne Valley, Karst topography, and the mystery of the "disappearing" Medicine Lake.

Alternatively, for those looking to explore some of the most thrilling ski runs in Alberta, you may choose to use your Marmot Basin Ski Pass for the day. Located in the breathtaking Jasper National Park in the Canadian Rocky Mountains, Marmot Basin is a ski and snowboard destination that inspires lasting memories. Only 20 minutes from the town of Jasper, Marmot Basin offers 3,000 vertical feet (914m) of superb skiing and snowboarding on 1,675 acres of varied terrain. Large, snow-filled bowls are the paradise for powder skiers and snowboarders. For those who enjoy cruising, our state of the art grooming fleet keeps the tree-lined trails groomed to perfection.

This evening, gather under the dome of the Jasper Planetarium inside at the Jasper Park Lodge for guided telescope viewing opportunities. The Planetarium's experienced astronomy guides will personally take you on a tour of the cosmos. Specializing in the night sky above Jasper, visitors have the chance to see the stars above Jasper regardless of the weather. This is a great opportunity to take in a closer look local constellations, Aboriginal constellations, views of the Northern Lights from Jasper, a 'trip into space' orbiting above the Jasper Rockies, and onward, to the edge of the universe! All in about 35-45 minutes in the world's second-largest Dark Sky Preserve.

Overnight: Jasper

Free day in Jasper. Return to Edmonton

The friendly, picturesque community of Jasper, Alberta is the heart of Jasper National Park, the largest and most northerly of Canada's Rocky Mountain National Parks and one of a group of four National Parks and three Provincial Parks which together are designated by UNESCO as the Canada Rocky Mountain Park World Heritage Site.

Established in 1930, today, 1.8 million visitors pass through this town known for its stunning location and the number of activities to suit all interests that are available through the winter season.

Return to Edmonton this evening for the last night to sample the restaurants located on Whyte Avenue or to relax in the tropical warmth of the West Edmonton Malls wave pool.

Overnight: Edmonton

Depart from Edmonton

Return your rental car and depart from Edmonton for your onward connection home.

Overnight: