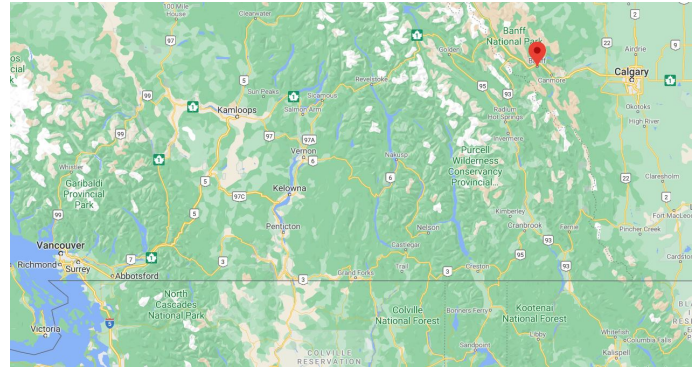




Canada Winter Tours, ages 18-35

Choose from a variety of tour options for ages 18-35 listed on the Itinerary page, or ask us about personalizing a program for you. You can join a tour as a solo traveller, with a partner or in a group. The only thing you need to do is decide on the trip you want, get to the place where your trip starts (we can help you arrange flights or you may choose to drive). We take the hassle out of travel – we sort out your transportation at destination, accommodation and often a bunch of delicious meals. Optional add-ons are also available to enhance your trip.



3 days/2 nights

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Ski Banff, 5 days/4 nights

The one that sees you carving up the slopes & still have time to explore Banff! Ready to hit some of the finest slopes in Canada? This adrenaline-filled adventure whizzes you from Calgary to Banff. You can find yourself dog sledding and discovering the natural beauty of ice along the Johnston – and of course carving up the mountains on skis or a board. With optional full day lessons, ski lift passes easily available, and ready-made crew to hit the slopes with, this is the ultimate wintery adventure!

- Day 1: Meet up with your tour leader and the rest of your group at Calgary International Airport or a designated hotel in Calgary. You'll be whisked off to Banff, a popular tourist town located inside Banff National Park.
- Day 2: Banff is nestled in the Rocky Mountains, and you have three resorts to choose from for skiing and boarding. Mt. Norquay, Lake Louise and Sunshine Village all offer a solid mix of relaxed and adventurous terrain and the change to get nose-deep in powder again. Banff's epic range of bars means there are countless places to choose from should you be keen to burn the candle at both ends.
- Day 3: For some the mountains are going to call you back, to try out a new resort or head back to one of your favourites. Or, you may opt to see Banff's beauty from another angle today. Book an optional helicopter ride over the snow-laden mountains, or go for a hike on the Johnston Canyon Icewalk which can only be described as spectacular. With thundering waterfalls, imposing cliffs and ice tentacles everywhere, it's a perilous nature lovers paradise. Come the evening, we'll re-group and swap stories, while soaking in the hot springs.
- Day 4: For a change of pace you can choose to give cross-country skiing a whirl at Sunshine Village, or let the dogs do the work and go dog-sledding. Get artsy in the afternoon at one of the town's many galleries and poke around the shops. Over a drink tonight we will contemplate some seriously epic days of wintery wonder.
- Day 5: We can't think of a better way to bid Banff farewell than with a group gondola ride up to Sulphur Mountain. This could possibly be one of the best views you'll ever see, and the highest views in the Rockies at 2281m overlooking the Bow Valley. Afterwards, we'll hit the road again and head back to Calgary where the tour will come to an end.



Accommodation: The Tunnel Mountain Resort, Banff . You'll get to enjoy an elegant chalet to keep cosy & watch snow drift by after a day on the slopes.

Meals: 4 breakfasts/1 dinner

Includes: Transportation Calgary-Banff return; 4 nights of accommodation; meals listed; entrance fee to Banff National Park; Yamnuska Wolfdog Sanctuary visit

Optional tour add-ons:

1 or 2 Day Ski or Boarding Lift Pass

Johnston Canyon Night Ice-walk

Gondola ride in Banff

Hot Springs Dip

Dog sledding

Helicopter Flight

Ski Whistler, 4 days/3 nights

Explore Whistler with plenty of time to carve up the slopes!

Ready to hit some of the finest slopes in Canada? This adrenaline-filled adventure whizzes you from Vancouver to Whistler. On arrival you can find yourself ziplining, snowmobiling – and of course carving up the mountains on skis or a board. With optional full day lessons, ski lift passes easily available, and ready-made crew to hit the slopes with, this is the ultimate wintry adventure!

Day 1: It's an early start but well worth it – join your tour leader and other group participants at the start hotel (Vancouver GEC Suites) and get straight on the road to Whistler. It's not a long drive day so plenty of time this afternoon for getting your kit sorted or to get a head-start on the adrenaline rush with zip lining or snowmobiling...or both.

Day 2: Whether you're a beginner bound for the bunny hill or a blackcomb bandit who owns the terrain park, Whistler's diverse grounds have you covered. It's o'slopes o'clock! Rent a board or a set of skis (or bring your own), then let us hook you up with a deal on a lesson and get ready to shred. If you've got the energy for après, there could even be a pub crawl on the cards tonight.

Day 3: Head back up the mountain today for more great snow or, take a break and enjoy the Whistler village. Take a stroll through the snow, pamper yourself at a day spa or just maintain a steady flow of hot chocolates and watch the world go by. Tonight, re-group with the crew to discuss just how awesome this mountain playground is over dinner.

Day 4: We're headed to Vancouver this morning where it all comes to an end.

Accommodation: Pangea Pod Hotel features innovative pod accommodation and a lively ethos. Enjoy a craft beer in the 'Living Room' or a cocktail on the rooftop patio. And if that isn't enough, you're staying in the heart of the gorgeous Whistler's Village.

Meals: 1 breakfast/1 dinner

Includes: Transportation Vancouver-Whistler return; 3 nights of accommodation; meals listed

Optional tour add-ons:

1 or 2 Day Ski or Boarding Lift Pass

Full Day Lesson (includes equipment rental, 1-day lift pass & ski or snowboard lessons)

Ziplining

Snowmobiling

Vallea Lumina Multimedia Experience

The Powder Rush, 9 days/8 nights

Hello snow angels and welcome to 9 days you won't be forgetting anytime soon! Love the mountain life, but love exploring too? This group adventure is a holiday plus ski or boarding trip all rolled into one epic trip – the perfect winter experience at some of Canada's best winter destinations. Carve it up!

Day 1: Arrive into Vancouver on your own. Make your way to the tour hotel, check in and start rubbing shoulders with the crew you'll cover this country with. Spend the afternoon exploring Chinatown and the famous totem poles of the First Nations in Stanley Park, or do a bit of shopping along Robson Street. Vancouver is yours to lap up as you please. Get to know the squad over dinner tonight, then if you're in town at the right time, we might head to the hockey rink to watch the Vancouver Canucks do their thing on the ice.

Day 2: Today we head out of Vancouver and journey north in search of the mecca of snow sports that is Whistler, via the stunning Sea to Sky Highway. En route, we'll stop to cross the mighty Capilano Suspension Bridge (entry ticket included), which stretches 70 metres above a roaring river, and walk amongst the treetops of a magical old-growth forest breathing in your first taste of fresh Canadian mountain air. Ahhh. We'll arrive to Whistler, where gondolas float between snow-capped mountain peaks. This cosy village buzzes with life and powdery flakes coat everything in sight. Spend the afternoon getting acquainted with what is essentially North America's largest ski resort, perhaps via snowmobile or zip line, before tucking in to a scrumptious (if we do say so ourselves) dinner with the crew.



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Day 5: It's time to say farewell Whistler's perfect powder and head back to Vancouver, where we'll jump on a plane to Calgary. Baggage fees of \$25 plus taxes per bag are payable at check-in. From here we can head to the other-worldly beauty of Banff National Park. If you've never been to Banff and have only seen pictures of it nothing can prepare you for how ridiculously beautiful it is in real life. It's been a long day of travel, so today dinner's on us - eat up and get some rest so you can jump out of bed early tomorrow and explore.

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Accommodation: Vancouver - hotel to be advised (1 night); Whistler - Pangea Pod Hotel features innovative pod accommodation and a lively ethos. Enjoy a craft beer in the 'Living Room' or a cocktail on the rooftop patio. And if that isn't enough, you're staying in the heart of the gorgeous Whistler's Village. (3 nights) Banff - The Tunnel Mountain Resort. You'll get to enjoy an elegant chalet to keep cosy & watch snow drift by after a day on the slopes. (4 nights)

Meals: 5 breakfasts/3 dinners

Includes: City tour of Vancouver; Visit the Totem Poles of Canada's First Nations People in Stanley Park; Visit the Capilano Suspension Bridge; Transportation Vancouver-Whistler return; 8 nights of accommodation; meals listed; one-way flight Vancouver to Calgary (excluding baggage fees); Transportation Calgary-Banff return; tour leader

Optional tour add-ons:

Whistler:

1 or 2 Day Ski or Boarding Lift Pass

Full Day Lesson (includes equipment rental, 1-day lift pass & ski or snowboard lessons)

Ziplining

Snowmobiling

Vallea Lumina Multimedia Experience

Banff:

1 or 2 Day Ski or Boarding Lift Pass

Johnston Canyon Night Ice-walk

Gondola ride in Banff

Hot Springs Dip

Dog sledding

Helicopter Flight

Ontario and Quebec, 6 days/5 nights

If you thought you knew Canada, think again. Kicking off in the multicultural city of Toronto, this trip has a little something for everyone, bringing you the best of Ontario & Quebec in a week. Lose yourself in Toronto, indulge in Montreal's foodie scene and the history of Quebec City, ending your trip in the nation's capital of Ottawa.

Day 1: Welcome to Toronto! This multicultural city has surprises around every corner. After meeting and greeting this morning we'll kick things off with a locally guided tour of the city - including the CN Tower, Rogers Centre, the eclectic shops of Yonge Street and the University of Toronto. Optionals today include heading up the CN Tower for the EdgeWalk, or grabbing tickets for a Maple Leafs hockey game, if our trip begins on the right day (subject to availability). After having our fill of the best of Toronto's incredible food scene and nightlife, we'll turn in for the night, ready for more adventures tomorrow.



Day 2: Rise and shine, today we're heading on a train to Montreal – this is the best way to see the spectacular surrounding countryside, without having to sit on a coach all day. Arriving in Montreal we'll over-indulge in everything maple syrup, play the spoons or a washboard and just generally have an incredible time immersing ourselves in the Montreal way of life. From poutine to fresh bagels and Montreal smoked meat sandwiches, this place has one of the most vibrant culinary cuisines in Canada, and we can't wait to dive in. If you thought you knew what the REAL Canada was like, think again.

Day 3: Today we're headed of the woods and into the only remaining walled city in Canada, the heart of the Quebecois, Quebec City. But first, we need to properly introduce ourselves to Montreal on a city tour, with plenty of time to wander. With over 400 years of history to share, this is one captivating fairytale of stunning old world charm and culture – with a typically French passion for the finer things in life.

Day 4: What better way to get acquainted with these storybook streets than taking a walking tour with a bilingual local guide, introducing you to the city's old world charms? The rest of the day is yours to stroll the cobblestones and eat all the poutine your body can handle – or crepes, if you're after something sweeter. If you're not too full, we recommend taking a trip out to Montmorency Falls today- the smaller but no less beautiful cousin to Niagara. Hopefully your tolerance for poutine is still high as tonight's dinner is at the inimitable Poutineville. Keep it coming...

Day 5: We're off to Ottawa this morning for a glimpse into life in our nation's capital. Welcome to Ottawa, our fun-loving capital. We'll take a city tour – including the national gallery and Ottawa River, before enjoying some time to do as we please – whether it's a boat ride on the Rideau Canal or just strolling the streets. Exercise seems a good idea after all that Poutine in Quebec....

Day 6: It's our final day and the tour officially ends here. It's your choice whether you want to depart from Ottawa and return home or jump on the train back to Toronto and spend some quality time doing things you weren't able to do 5 days ago. The Steam Whistle Brewery is open for tours and maybe you can take in a Maple Leaf's hockey game, if they're in town.

Accommodation: 5 nights of centrally-located hotels

Meals: 5 breakfasts/2 dinners

Includes: Toronto tour including a visit to the CN Tower, Rogers Centre, eclectic shops on Yonge Street & the University of Toronto; dinner and entertainment at a maple syrup Sugar Shack; Visit Old Montreal, the Old Port of Montreal and Mount Royal, Montreal's largest park, Saint Joseph's Oratory and unique Olympic Stadium; walking tour of Quebec City, Canada's only walled city; dinner at Poutineville; Parliament Hill, the National Gallery and the Ottawa River & Rideau Canal; tour leader

Optional tour add-ons:

CN Tower Entrance & EdgeWalk

Visit Montmorency Falls and go ziplining

Steam Whistle Brewery Tour

Arrival & Departure hotel accommodation, extra services

You may wish to add extra nights of accommodation before or after your tour. sightseeing, car rental or event tickets. We can arrange for any additional services you may want to add on to round out your touring program.

Details

Trip Code:

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INCLUDED

- Accommodation for number of nights listed per tour
- Meals as indicated in each tour: B-Breakfast, L-Lunch, D-Dinner
- Tour Leader or Driver Guide
- Touring as outlined in day by day itinerary

NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare to start point and from end point
- Airport transfers upon arrival/departure, unless specified
- Meals other than indicated
- Tours or transfers other than indicated
- Gratuities to driver/guide, suggest CA\$3/person/day
- Items of a personal nature
- Insurance
- Applicable taxes



TOUR NOTES

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