

Dark Skies and Northern Lights | Jasper National Park

Holiday Duration: 7 Nights



Stars and Northern Lights

Jasper has the second largest Dark Sky Preserve in the world, and the town welcomes stargazers year-round but in particular to its annual Dark Sky Festival in October.

The festival itself takes place for 2 weeks at the end of October and we recommend you spend 5-6 nights in Jasper, taking in the sights and sounds of this amazing event, exploring the Dark Sky Preserve, and hopefully getting to view the Northern Lights. Experience awe-inspiring activities, and a shared passion for the wonders of the night sky. With special programming and events throughout the festival you are sure to create lasting memories under the stars.

Talk to us about combining this with an autumn trip on the Rocky Mountaineer, a fly-drive holiday taking in Kananaskis, Banff and Lake Louise, or even a longer city stay in Edmonton or Calgary.

This itinerary is flexible and can be tailor-made to suit you; if you want to add extra days in one area, extend your winter holiday in Canada or maybe change the direction of travel. Talk to one of our experts about how to make this holiday the perfect one for you.

Here's a day-by-day guide to your itinerary. Feel free to ask us to add other days or ideas and excursions by contacting us directly, so we can give you the best price.

Day 1



Edmonton

Fly from the UK to Calgary and on to Edmonton, where you will spend your first night in Alberta.

1 night Edmonton

Day 2



Edmonton to Jasper

Today we will either transfer you to Jasper or you will collect your hire car and drive to the national park. The drive is about 4 hours but you could stop at Elk Island National Park, just outside Edmonton, on the way. The park is home to bison, elk and other wildlife and a great spot for a scenic walk.

6 nights Jasper

Day 3-7



Jasper

The next few days can be spent exploring Jasper and it's attractions as well as, of course, taking part in events for the Dark Skies Festival. Take a look at the festival website here -

<https://www.jasperdarksky.travel/events>

Make the most of the year round attractions of the Jasper Skytram or a 3.5 hour Discover Wildlife or Foodie tour.

Don't forget your visit to the Jasper Planetarium too.

Day 8



Jasper to Edmonton

Today we will either arrange your transfers back to Calgary or Edmonton (where you can fly back to the UK), or if you are continuing your stay in Canada with your hire car, you will head to your next stop. Make the most of your time in Canada and head down the amazing Icefields Parkway to Lake Louise, Banff and Canmore. Really experience the Canadian Rockies. Carry on to Calgary where you can drop your car and fly home. This route can also be done with transfers.

If you are interested in a holiday to Canada please contact us on 020 8776 8709 to discuss your plans with a Canada expert, or send an email to canada@frontier-travel.co.uk with your requirements and we will put together your ideal itinerary and quotation. Let us take you there.