

Day Tours

Johnston Canyon Ice Walk

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Johnston Canyon, one of Banff National Park's most popular attractions, is the home to Banff's most stunning frozen waterfalls in the winter. This guided trip takes you all the way to the stunning frozen upper falls, along steel catwalks constructed into the canyon walls. The trek also gives you a bird's eye view of the freezing gorge below.

You'll stroll inside a natural cave to get a close look at the freezing falls' blossoming waters. Continue on to the upper falls, which feature a gleaming ice tower that rises 30 meters above your head. Ice climbers can frequently be seen mounting these massive ice pillars, which are the tour's highlight.

Your tour guide will tell you about the formation of the Johnston Canyon as your tour coach passes through ideal wildlife habitat on its way to the canyon.

Highlights

Duration: 4 hours

Admission to Johnston Canyon Ice Walk.

Operates:

13 Nov 2021 to 18 Apr 2022



Tour Inclusions

- ✓ Admission to 4 hours Johnston Canyon Icewalk.
- ✓ Guided hike to see the frozen waterfalls.
- ✓ Hotel pick up and drop off.
- ✓ Ice cleats and hiking poles.
- ✓ Hot Chocolate and Maple Cookie snack.
- ✓ Professional Certified Guide.
- ✓ Taxes & GST.



Tour Exclusions

- × Travel Insurance – highly recommended.
- × Stars & Maple Holidays sell Manulife Travel Insurance.
- × We will require customers to sign off on Travel Insurance Waiver in the event customer declines our offer to sell them Travel Insurance.
- × Gratuities for Tour Guide. Gratuities are expected.

Notes about this Tour

- Children below 8 years are not allowed in this tour.
- All children aged 15 years and under must be accompanied by their parent or legal guardian.
- A waiver must be signed by the parent or legal guardian of any child under the age of 18 years.
- Please note that this tour requires a minimum of 4 participants, please call the day prior to confirm the tour.
- Operation of this tour is weather dependent.
- Operation of this tour is subject to the evolving COVID-19 situation.
- This tour stays on the trail and does not traverse the ice for safety reasons.
- The tour is 4 hours long which includes 2 to 2 ½ hours for the ice walk. The 8:30 am tour returns to Banff at 12:30 pm, and the 1:30 pm tour returns to Banff at 5:30 pm.
- This tour does not walk on the ice (as it is fragile, dangerous and you can punch through to the icy flowing water). You will

be following the trail and steel catwalks that are built into the canyon wall and allow a spectacular view down the canyon walls to the ice and river below. The steel catwalks are above the canyon, and vary in height from ground level up to about 10m (30 ft).

- The Icewalk is 5.4km (3.4 miles) and has an elevation of 135 metres (443 feet), with a total walking time of 2 to 2.5 hours. This icewalk is considered moderate / intermediate, and it is the most difficult winter walk that we offer in the winter. We aim to go at a relaxed pace however you do need to feel comfortable walking 3km /1.75 miles per hour to enjoy the experience. The main elevation gain is done in short climbs (in some cases steep enough for steps), rather than being dispersed over the entire distance. Moderate fitness is recommended to ensure that you enjoy the tour.
- Ice cleats are provided that can be attached to your boots. This will prevent you from slipping on the ice, and we have hiking poles for extra stability if you would like to use them as well.
- The day and evening tours are different lengths of time, distance and elevation. The day tour is a 4 hour tour that includes both the lower and upper falls with 2 to 2 ½ hours of walking and is a little more strenuous due to the increased distance (5.4km) and elevation gain of 135 metres (443 feet).
- Johnston Canyon is one of the most popular attractions in Banff National Park, and has a network of steel catwalks built into the canyon walls that allows you to walk right along the frozen waterfalls (rather than directly on the ice). There are two Johnston Canyon Icewalk options, the daytime icewalk is a 4 hour tour that includes both the lower and upper falls with 2 to 2 ½ hours of walking and is a little more strenuous due to the increased

distance (5.4km) and elevation gain of 135 metres (443 feet). The evening icewalk is a 2 ½ hour tour that visits the lower falls with 1 ½ to 2 hours of walking 2.2 km with an elevation gain of 65 metres (213 feet) and includes a souvenir headlamp to light your way under the stars. The walk is mainly up above the creek bed on a series of trails and catwalks.

- It does get icy during the winter season which is why ice cleats are provided during the tour to give you extra grip while you are doing your icewalk. The tour is cancelled at around -30 degrees Celsius or -22 Fahrenheit. In such circumstances we will offer to reschedule or refund your tour if this occurred.
- Guides expect to be tipped.

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