

Winter Activities **2005 - 2006**

****Please note: Prices and times for all activities may be subject to change without notice!****

The Fairmont Banff Springs Mountain Heritage Program

The Fairmont Banff Springs celebrates its special National Park setting through its Mountain Heritage Program. Originating with our Swiss Guides in 1899, the program has been dedicated to interpreting the human and natural history of the mountains while providing our own guests with a sense of adventure in the Canadian Rockies. As a guest in the hotel, you have special access to our team of professionally accredited guides.

This program is booked through the Concierge at (403) 762-6895.

Maximum group size is 8 people.

<u>Rates</u>	<u>Day time Activities</u>	<u>Evening Events</u>
Adults	\$60.00 plus GST	\$30.00 plus GST
Child (12 & under)	\$30.00 plus GST	\$20.00 plus GST

Please inquire about group rates.

Programs

The Spirit of the Canyons

Daily at 8:15am returning 11:30am-12:30pm

Explore the classic winter scenery in the Bow Valley and the rock and ice sculptures of our mountain canyons. The drive to the canyon explores the ecological heart of Banff National Park, as you pass through the effects of forest fires and come to appreciate the way vegetation and wildlife interact with the landscape. In the canyon, you are surrounded by the wonder of water in winter. Sense the magic, and come to feel why native people felt these places to be sites of power and spirituality.

In the spring and fall, or when the snow is shallow, this event will be a hike. Snowshoes or not, we will take you to a special part of the landscape for a very memorable afternoon.

Snowshoeing

Daily at 1:00pm returning 3:30pm - 4:30pm

No skill required! Whether it's up in the high country along the Great Divide, or reading the tracks of wildlife along the Bow River Valley, this is everyone's way to walk into a mountain winter. Let one of our guides lead you into the silence of winter, surrounded by alpine scenery and tales of Canadian mountain men and women.

Star Gazing By Request

On a clear night you can see 2.4 million light years away! Step outside to explore the night sky and discover the jewels of the Pleiades star cluster, the magical rings of Saturn and explore constellations such as Orion where you can see new stars being born.

Guest Speaker

A chance for busy groups to sit back and imagine another time following a group meal or as a spousal program.

There was a time . . . In 1885, the Canadian Pacific Railway brought the world to the mountains of Canada very suddenly. The rails attracted the educated and refined, as well as the rough and ready adventurer. They all mixed together with local natives into a unique blend of culture and wilderness. It will seem so recent as our hotel naturalist takes you on a journey through the past brought alive by readings from the words of those who were there.

Bowling

The Bowling Alley

Adults:	\$4.40 per game	Shoes:	\$1.85
Children (under 10):	\$4.05 per game	Shoes:	\$1.85
Senior (55+)	\$4.05 per game	Shoes:	\$1.85

(Above Rates include 7% tax)

The Banff Springs Hotel four-lane, five pin bowling alley with snack bar and lounge, will prove entertaining for novices and professionals alike.

Please note there is a maximum of six people per lane.

Black Light Bowling - \$32.10 per hour (includes tax) per lane plus shoe rental.

Private basis are \$225.00 per hour (includes GST, shoe rental and attendant services)

Canyon Walks

Discover Banff Tours:

Ice Walk in Grotto Canyon

Walk on a frozen creek through Grotto Canyon, past unusual rock formations, ancient Native rock art and ice falls. The history of the rock art and the geology of the mountains are at your fingertips as the guides explain their mystery.

Ice cleats and hiking poles are provided for your comfort and safety.

Tours Depart Banff daily at 9:00am and 1:30pm

Duration: 3.5 hours

Adult: \$59.00 Child (8-12) \$30.00

Ice walk in Johnston Canyon

Hike on steel walkways built into the canyon walls that give an airy view of the canyon below. This popular walk will lead you past the lower falls and to the breathtaking upper icefalls that it is famous for.

Ice cleats and hiking poles are provided for you comfort and safety.

Tours depart Banff daily at 8:30am and 1:30pm

Duration 4 hours

Adult: \$59.00 Child (8-12) \$30.00

Evening Ice Walk & Campfire

Explore the shoreline of Lake Minnewanka, listen to the crackling of the frozen lake's ice cap and learn about the native history of the lake as your guide leads you to the historic Stewart Canyon Bridge using headlamps. Finally, warm up by the campfire, roast marshmallows and savour hot chocolate. Ice cleats, hiking poles and headlamps are provided for your comfort and safety.

Tours depart Banff on Sunday, Tuesday and Fridays at 6:30pm.

Duration: 2.5 hours

Adult: \$49.00 Child (8 -12) \$25.00

White Mountain Adventures:

Johnston Canyon Icewalk - available upon request to fit your schedule!

Winter's Magic and Beauty sculpted in snow and ice!

Trek through Johnston Canyon to a world of frozen waterfalls and pillars of blue ice. This Interpretive guided walk along the canyon bottom and over suspended catwalks leads you past waterfalls frozen in mid-stream, and through a short tunnel for a close up view of the Lower Falls! The grand finale is the incredible "Cathedral of Ice" at the Upper Falls. It's the perfect destination for a hot chocolate break and a chance to see ice climbers in action. Transportation, guide, ice cleats and trail snacks included. ½ Day.

Cost: 1-6 persons: \$270. Each additional person add \$45, additional children 8-12 add \$35.

Transportation from Banff, Canmore, Lake Louise add \$200 per 12 passenger van.

Johnston Canyon Icewalk® "Lite"

Walk the trail to the Lower Falls and back on this one hour trek. Ideal for groups who want to add the excitement of the canyon into a day that includes other activities or sightseeing. This shortened trek still includes hot chocolate, professional guide and ice cleats.

1-6 persons: \$210 Each additional adult add \$35, additional children add \$30.

Grotto Canyon Icewalk - Available upon request to fit your schedule!

An exciting adventure into winter wilderness.

The walk through Grotto Canyon offers the visitor an exciting opportunity to walk along the bottom of an ice covered canyon floor. As the walk progresses, the walls of the canyon close in, and become ever steeper and higher. Just when it looks like the canyon has ended at two dramatic frozen waterfalls, it takes a sharp turn to the left and continues. And then just as suddenly the canyon ends and opens up into a "Lost Valley" whose only entrance or exit is the path you've just taken! This dramatic finish in an almost inaccessible mountain valley and the "Hermit's Hideout" will leave you with a taste of what real wilderness is all about! Transportation, guide, ice cleats, hiking poles, and trail snacks included. 1/2 day.

Cost: 1-6 persons: \$270. Each additional person add \$45, additional children 8-12 add \$35.

Transportation from Banff, Canmore, Lake Louise add \$200 per 12 passenger van.

Dog Sled Rides

Snowy Owl Sled Dog Tours

Departures from the Banff Springs Manor Entrance at times listed. Tour duration includes 2 hours travel time.

Powder Hound Express (approx. 4 hours)

Departs Daily at 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm & 2:00pm
\$117.70/adult (including tax & transportation) and
\$80.25/child (8 years and under)

Sunfeather Winterlude (approx. 6 hours)
Departs Daily at 8:00am & 12:00pm
\$304.95/adult (including tax & transportation) and
\$176.55/child (8 years and under)

Legends of the Snow Moon (approx. 4 hours)
Evening program – January through March only
Departs Tuesday and Thursday at 4pm (finishing at 8pm)
\$171.20/person (including tax & transportation)

Snowy Mountain Winter Village – (approx. 6 hours)
Dog sledding/snowshoeing combination program
Daily 8:00am and 12:00pm
\$208.65/Adult (including tax & transportation)
\$139.10/child (8 years and under)

Flight of the Great Snowy Owl – 6.5 hr program
(includes a helicopter flight)
Daily 7:30am and 11:30am
\$497.55/ Adult (including tax & transportation)
\$358.45 child (8 years and under)

Bow Trail BBQ – 5.5 hr program
(includes sleigh ride and BBQ – 6 pax minimum.)
Available at 12pm upon request.
\$192.96/ Adult (includes tax and transport)
\$155.15/ Child (8 years and under)

Spirit of the Dog Society - 10 hours minimum,
including lunch. Weekdays only at 8:00am
\$508.25/person (including tax & transportation)
\$267.50/ child (8 years and under)

Due to demand Snowy Owl is now offering two categories of upgraded tours. These are the Gold and Platinum programs. Gold is 2 guests only per sled following a guided sled. Platinum is 1 guest only per sled following a guided sled. Prices are as follows (including transportation and tax):

<u>Tour Name</u>	<u>Gold Level</u>	<u>Platinum Level</u>
Powderhound Express	\$176.55/per	\$353.10
Snowy Mountain Winter Village	\$312.44/per	\$625.95
Sunfeather Winterlude	\$456.89/per	\$914.85
Flight of the Snowy Owl	\$730.28/per	\$1460.55
Legends of the Snow Moon	\$248.78/per	\$497.55

Howling Dog

Departures from the Banff Springs Manor Entrance at times listed. Tour duration includes 2 hours travel time.

Unleash the Musher (approx. 4 hours including transport)

Departs Daily at 9:00am, 11:00am, 1:00pm & 3:00pm

\$125.00 + tax/person

\$66.00 + tax children 6-9 when accompanied by two adults.

\$16.00 + tax children 2-5 when accompanied by two adults.

No Children under 2.

Singles \$167.99. Will be paired with another person.

Those requesting their own sled \$220.42.

Above prices include tax and transportation.

Dog Day Afternoon (approx. 6.5 hours including transport) Departs daily at 11:00am

\$265.00 + tax per person.

No children under 10 yr.

No singles or groups of three.

Above prices include transportation

Apres Ski Tour (dinner tour)(approx. 5 hours including transport)

Departs daily at 3:00pm

\$170.00 + tax per person

Child prices upon request (under 10 yrs.)

Above prices transportation.

Kingmik Tours

Depart Lake Louise

½ Hour Tour \$120.00

Departs daily at 9:30am, 12noon and 2pm

2 Hour Tour \$230.00

Departs daily at 4:00pm

** Prices listed are per sled. Sled carries 2 adults and one small child 7% GST not included!

Gondola Lifts

Sulphur Mountain Gondola

Adults:	\$22.50
Youth:	\$11.25 (6-15)
Children:	Complimentary (under 6)

The Gondola is open daily 8:30am to 4:30pm. Hours vary through the winter season. The lift will be closed Dec. 25. and Jan 9-20th,2006 for annual maintenance. The above rates include GST.

Helicopter Sightseeing Tours

Alpine Helicopters

**Departure times vary. All departures are from the Manor Entrance. Minimum of 2 passengers
Rate includes transport if required.**

Spray Lake Tour – 12 minute
\$80/person + tax

Royal Canadian Tour – 25 minute
\$165/person + tax

Mt. Assiniboine Glacier Tour – 30 minute
\$195/person + tax

Ice Fishing

Banff Fishing Unlimited

Full day – Approx. 7 1/2 hours (lunch included)
Departs Banff Daily at 9:00am Returning at
approximately 5:00pm

1 person - \$344.00

2 people - \$378.00

3 people - \$447.00

4 people - \$516.00

5 people - \$585.00

6 people - \$654.00

* prices include transportation, tax and provincial fishing licenses.

Rentals

The Ski Stop

2004/2005 rates

Ice Skates	\$7.00/hour or \$20.00 per day
Grippers	\$7.00/hour or \$20.00 per day
Snowshoes	\$20.00 per day (no hourly basis)
Toboggans	\$7.00/hour or \$20.00 per day
Snow Boots	\$7.00/hour or \$20.00 per day
X-Country Skis	\$17.00/day
Downhill Skis	Ranging from \$25.00 - \$49.00 per day
Snowboard	Ranging from \$25.00 - \$49.00 per day
Jackets	\$17.00 per day
Pants	\$17.00 per day
Suit	\$30.00 per day
Helmets	\$5.00 per day

SLEIGH RIDES

Banff

Warner Stables (approx. 45 minutes)

Group Rides on the hour, 10:00 am – 8:00 pm **daily**
\$23/Adult. \$19/Children 4-12. Children 3 and under Free.

Private Cutter \$142/couple which comes with chocolates and liqueurs (45 minute trip)
(Guests should meet at Martin Stables 15 minutes prior)

Lake Louise

Brewster Stables

(approx. 45 minutes)

Departs:

Monday – Friday: 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 7pm, 8pm

Saturday: 10am, 11am, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 7pm, 8pm

Sunday: 10am, 11am, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm

Holidays: 10am, 11am, 1pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm, 7pm, 8pm

\$25/adult \$22/children 8 years and under

Private Cutter - \$210/hour (Maximum – 2 pax)

Snow Mobile Tours

White 'n' Wild

Half day – Approx. 2 1/2 hours (snack included)
(Meet on-site at the McLaren Lodge in Golden. Allow 1 hour and 45 minutes to drive to Golden.)

Departs Daily at 12:00 pm

Returning at approximately 2:30 pm

Single Rider - \$175.00 (including tax & insurance)

Adult Double Riders - \$265.00 (total for two people)

Children 12 and under as a Double Rider is an addition \$65 on the single rider

Full day – Approx. 8 hours (lunch included)

Departs Daily at 8:30 am

Returning at approximately 4:30 pm

Single Rider - \$240 (Including tax, insurance, transport)

Double Riders - \$380. (including tax, insurance, transport, total for 2 people)

Children 12 and under as a Double Rider is an addition \$85 on the single rider

Upgrade from 380cc to 550cc - \$65 extra charge.

High Power Private Trip -\$300 includes transport

This trip is designed for those who want more power and Those who wish to learn mountain-riding technique. This trip is done in the same area as the full and half day trip but guests will all be operating a new 550cc Skidoo. This is a 4-5 hour trip and guests will be served a snack and a BBQ lunch. 5 guests is the minimum and maximum for this trip.

The White N Wilder Extreme - \$450 per person. Transport not available. Trip is done in totally different terrain than the other trips. Guests will be taken to one of the remote trails where they will operate 550cc sleds. They will learn extreme mountain-riding techniques and will have plenty of free time. 5 hour trip with box lunch served. 5 guests is the minimum and maximum for this trip. Guest must drive themselves to Golden for this trip.

Banff Snowmobile Tours

½ day tours available (Approx. 3 hours on trail)

Departs Daily at **7:30 am**

Returns at approximately **3:30pm**

Lunch is served after time on the trail

OR

Departs Daily at **10:30am**

Returns at approximately **6:30pm**

Lunch is served before time on the trail

\$159.00 plus tax, trail fee and optional insurance

(Includes lunch, transportation and equipment)

½ price for riders

48-hour 100% non-refundable cancellation policy

Toby Creek

Paradise Basin Full Day Tour

5 Hour Program plus transport time.

Lunch Included.

\$209.00 for driver

\$99.00 for passenger.

\$30 for Transport

Add 7% tax to all prices above.

Bus departs Banff between 7:30am – 8:00am

Travel time to site approximately 2 hours

Powder X – Advanced riders only.

5 Hour Program plus transport time.

\$267.00 per person.

\$30 for Transport

Add 7% tax to all prices above

Bus departs Banff between 7:30am – 8:00am

Travel time to site approximately 2 hours

5 Day Cancellation policy for all Toby Creek reservations.

*** Special ½ day snowmobile/ ½ day skiing or ½ day**

snowmobile ½ day icefishing trips available.

Contact

the Concierge desk for more details.

Snow Shoeing

Discover Banff Tours

Snowshoeing

The morning excursion will lead you to the Paint Pots, an area rich in Native History.

In the afternoon, snowshoe to secluded Vista Lake, nestled beneath Storm Mountain. Travel through the regrowth of the 1968 Vermillion Pass Fire.

Snowshoes, poles and refreshments provided.

Tour departs Banff daily at 8:30 and 1:30pm

Duration 4 hours

Adults \$59.00 Child (8-12) \$30.00

White Mountain Adventures

Snowshoeing - a Canadian Tradition - available upon request to fit your schedule!

The essence of winter solitude and expansive vistas!

Fur Traders had to snowshoe for survival. Now we snowshoe for enjoyment! Follow in the footsteps of a Fur Trader - (no hard work, we promise!) for a true to life Rocky Mountain adventure. Led by Professional Interpretive guides a journey of discovery awaits you in pristine snow covered forests and along the banks of frozen rivers. Track wildlife, learn about winter ecology and have a snowy good time! Transportation, guide, snowshoes and trail snacks included. ½ Day.

Cost: 1-6 persons: \$270. Each additional person add \$45, additional children 8-12 add \$35.

Transportation from Banff, Canmore, Lake Louise add \$200 per 12 passenger van.

Night Tracks - Available upon request to fit your schedule!

Each winter evening leaves a unique imprint on the Rocky Mountain landscape. Take a journey with one of our Professional Interpretive Guides and discover the beauty of snow-covered forests, frozen lakes and ice crackling rivers, while travelling under a canopy of stars. Listen for the call of the wolf, search for the tracks of an elk or watch for the Dance of the Northern Lights on special nights. Please dress warmly! Hat and gloves are essential. Transportation, head lamps, ice cleats included. 2 ½ hours.

Cost: 1-6 persons: \$270. Each additional person add \$45, additional children 8-12 add \$35
Transportation from Banff, Canmore, Lake Louise add \$200 per 12 passenger van.

Cross Country Skiing:

Please see the Concierge desk for trail maps. Trails are located in the Banff and Lake Louise area. Rentals from the Ski Stop rental shop located at the Hotel conference centre.

White Mountain Adventures:

Cross-Country Skiing - available upon request to fit your schedule!

Pristine snow covered forests and majestic mountain peaks heighten the experience of our novice cross-country ski program. Guests will be introduced to the equipment, the basic techniques of this graceful sport and have the opportunity to try their new skills on an easy ski tour. Transportation, instructor, light snacks included.

½ Day.

Cost: 1-6 persons: \$270. Each additional person add \$45, additional children 8-12 add \$35.
Transportation from Banff, Canmore, Lake Louise add \$200 per 12 passenger van.
Ski equipment is not included but can be added at a cost of \$15 per person.

Canmore Nordic Centre:

Former site of the 1988 Calgary Winter Olympic Nordic Events. Pay facility. 30 minutes drive from Banff. No Shuttle available. Nordic Centre trail maps and conditions can be found at www.trailsports.ab.ca Rentals available on site

Sightseeing Tours

Discover Banff

Schedule starts December 1, 2005

Subject to change

Discover Banff & Its Wildlife

Build a connection to our World Heritage Site as you visit Banff's landmarks and view wildlife in their natural winter habitat. Hear how the history of the Bow Valley changed when three railway workers rediscovered a hidden treasure. See and learn about wildlife behaviour, habitat, and their winter survival adaptations.

Departs: 9:00am
Duration: 3 hours
Adult: \$49.00 Child (6-12) \$25.00

Discover Lake Louise and the Icefields

View the powerful landscape first hand on your way to Lake Louise and Bow Lake. Learn about our mountaineering history. Visit the source of the Bow River and Num Ti Jah, an historic hunting lodge built in the 1900's.

Departs: 1:30pm
Duration: 4 hours
Adult: \$59.00 Child (6-12) \$30.00

White Mountain Adventures

Schedule starts November 26, 2005

All About Banff

A behind the scenes look at Banff, it's wildlife and it's success as a national park.

Discover the natural heritage of Canada's oldest national park on this tour of the Banff region. From the birthplace of our national parks at the Cave & Basin, to the mysterious formations called "the hoodoos" and to the frozen shores of Lake Minnewanka, you'll share in the heritage of Banff National Park. Banff is well known for its abundant wildlife and along the way, you'll learn about their habitat and the unique ways animals adapt to winter. ***Suitable for all ages.***

Transportation, wildlife watching, entry to the Cave & Basin National Historic Site, included. ½ day.

Daily from all Banff hotels beginning at 8:45 am.

Adults: \$45.79. Children: \$28.03

Lake Louise Winterland Tour

Let yourself go and have some fun in the snow!

The snow is always deep, soft and plentiful at Lake Louise. Make the most of your winter experience at Banff and enjoy an afternoon tour to Lake Louise with ample time to partake in some truly Canadian winter experiences. At Lake Louise you can walk along the frozen lakeshore, rent some ice skates and skate on the lake, join your guide for a bit of snowshoeing, or take a horse drawn sleigh ride across the lake and back. (not included but can be booked at a 15% discount.) Or if you prefer to look at the incredible mountain scenery from the comfort of a warm chair, why not enjoy some lunch or tea inside the Chateau Lake Louise. On the way to and from Lake Louise, take in the incredible views of the Rockies' and learn all about Banff's colourful natural and human history from one of Banff's best interpretive guides.

Transportation, wildlife watching, snowshoeing, included.
1/2 day.

Daily from all Banff hotels beginning at 1:00 pm.

Adults: \$45.79, children: \$28.03

Brewster Tours

Brewster offers a range of sightseeing opportunities that do not have to be pre-booked. Tickets are available at the Concierge desk upon arrival and space is guaranteed to guests of The Fairmont Banff Springs.

Detailed tour information can be found at www.brewster.ca.

Banff Adventures Unlimited

Calgary Flames Hockey

\$90 per person – Black Level Seating – Higher Up

\$100 per person – Green Seating – Lower than Black level

\$160 per person – Blue Seating- Just below Green seating

\$185 per person – Gold Seating – Lower Bowl

Price includes: Hockey Ticket, Round-trip transport and Onboard Guide and tax.

See Concierge for specific game schedule – Pick up is approx.
4:00pm –5:00pm

Calgary Hitmen Hockey

\$69 per person – Gold Level Seating – Lower Bowl

\$65 per person Senior 65+ – Gold Level Seating – Lower Bowl

\$59 per person Children under 6– Gold Level Seating – Lower Bowl

Price includes: Hockey Ticket, Round-trip transport and Onboard Guide and tax.

See Concierge for specific game schedule – Pick up is approx. 4:00pm –5:00pm

Calgary Shopping Tours

Every Tuesday and Thursday join us for a day of shopping in Calgary.

Departing at 8:30 am from your hotel, sit back and enjoy the luxury ride to Calgary with a stop in at the Canada Olympic Park for a free tour and revisit this historical event.

Our bus will travel on to the famous Chinook Mall, where you will receive a free \$10 shopping voucher upon showing us your International Passport. Spend as long as you want or join the bus to the Calgary Tower for some more shopping downtown.

The bus will then return to Banff at 4:30pm and have you back in time for an evening in Banff.

Cost per person : \$55.00 + tax

Ice Climbing

Rockies Ice Specialists

Departs daily at 8:00 am from the Main Door of the hotel. Full day excursion includes transportation, ACMG Certified Guide/Instructor, lunch and equipment. No experience necessary.

1 person - \$450.00

2 people - \$550.00

3 people - \$650.00

4 people - \$750.00

Visa or MasterCard accepted – credit card required for bookings.