



EMERALD
LAKE
LODGE



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Located just 20 minutes west of Lake Louise in Yoho National Park, the lodge was originally built in 1902 and thoughtfully restored and winterized in 1986. The historic main lodge serves as the heart of the property, housing the check-in area, lounge, and restaurant.

The cabin-style guest accommodations at Emerald Lake Lodge blend seamlessly into the natural surroundings, offering 85 charming rooms that feature fieldstone wood-burning fireplaces, plush duvets, and private balconies with awe-inspiring views and the legendary silence that makes this destination so special. After a day spent exploring groomed cross-country skiing trails in winter or paddling the emerald waters by canoe in summer, guests can relax and rejuvenate in the outdoor hot tub overlooking the lake.

Dining at Emerald Lake Lodge is an experience deeply rooted in history. When the Canadian Pacific Railway built the original lodge in 1902, it sought to create a destination that celebrated the beauty and bounty of the Canadian Rockies. That vision continues today in the Mount Burgess Dining Room, where signature "Rocky Mountain Cuisine" highlights

locally sourced elk, bison, beef, and fresh produce. The wine list, honored with four consecutive gold medals at the Vancouver International Wine Festival, reflects the same commitment to excellence that has guided the lodge for more than a century. In summer, Cilantro on the Lake offers a more casual take on this tradition, welcoming guests to a stunning open-air timber dining space that carries forward the spirit of mountain hospitality first imagined over a hundred years ago.

Perfect for a weekend getaway, wedding, or corporate retreat, Emerald Lake Lodge is part of the Canadian Rocky Mountain Resorts family of companies. Previously recognized among Canada's top resorts by Condé Nast Traveler, it has long been a destination that captivates the hearts of all who visit. Today, that tradition continues with thoughtful renovations designed to enhance the guest experience while preserving the lodge's historic character.

Recent updates have elevated Cabin 32 to Signature status, with additional room enhancements underway across the property in carefully planned stages. The Main Lodge has received cosmetic upgrades that refresh its look and feel while maintaining its rustic warmth, including new furnishings, updated flooring, and a reimagined lounge space.

Beyond the rooms, the Clubhouse and spa have been restored, a sauna has been added for guests seeking relaxation, and landscaping improvements throughout the grounds help preserve and highlight the natural setting. Together, these renovations ensure that Emerald Lake Lodge remains a timeless retreat where history, comfort, and mountain hospitality come together for generations to come.



FACTS & HIGHLIGHTS

- Nestled on the shores of Emerald Lake, just 20 minutes west of Lake Louise in Yoho National Park.
- Built in 1902, restored and winterized in 1986, featuring the original main lodge with modern chalet-style guest accommodations.
- 85 guest rooms divided into categories: Lake View, Emerald Suite, Lodge, Lodge Plus, Signature, and one exclusive Point Cabin.
- Dining Options include Mount Burgess Dining Room, Kicking Horse Lounge and Cilantro on the Lake.
- Dining features signature Rocky Mountain Cuisine with locally sourced bison, elk, beef, and fresh produce, led by Head Chef Valerie Morrison, who has guided the kitchen for just shy of 30 years.
- Award-Winning Wine List: Recipient of four consecutive gold medals at past Vancouver International Wine Festivals.
- Amenities include an outdoor hot tub overlooking Emerald Lake, a small indoor fitness facility, and a games room in the main lodge.
- Activities included cross-country skiing and snowshoeing in the winter and canoeing, hiking and sightseeing in the summer.
- No cell reception, no in-room TVs, and car-free property for a serene, unplugged experience.
- Ideal for weddings, corporate retreats, and weekend getaways.





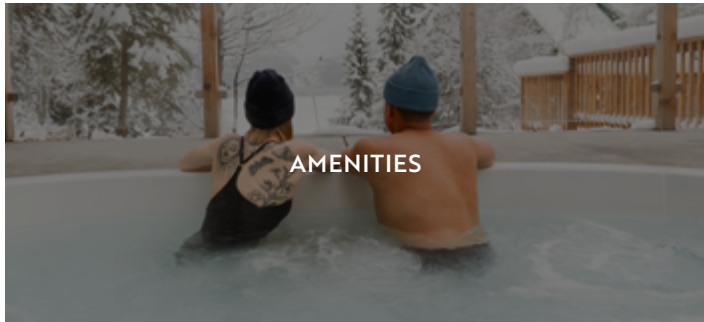
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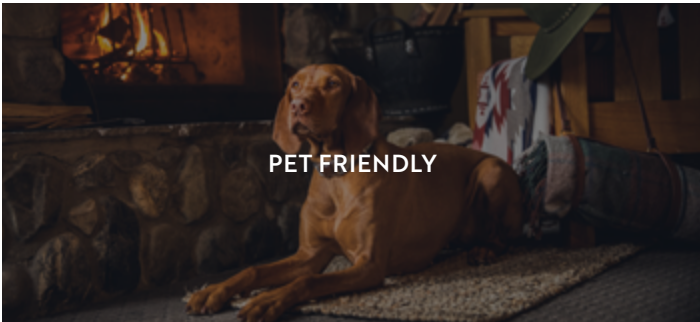
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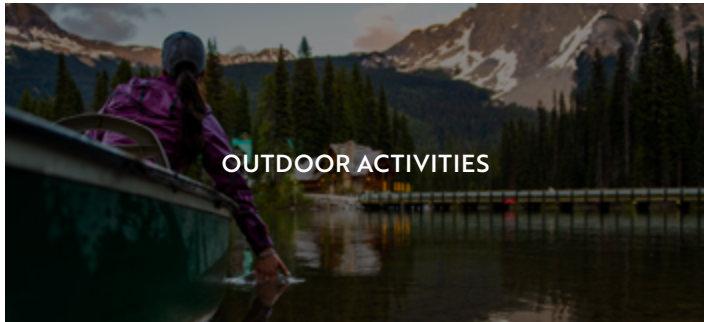
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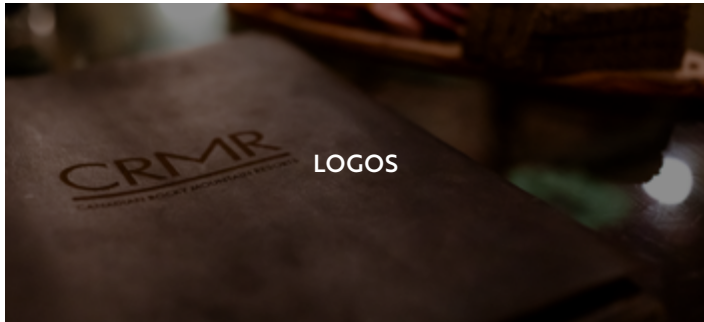
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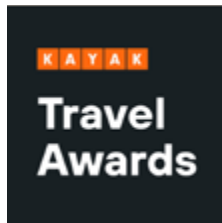
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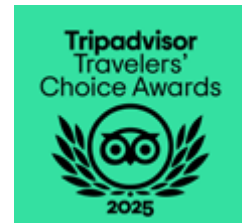
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Award, recognized for outstanding
guest reviews and ratings for service,
quality, and overall guest experience.



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Traveller’s Choice Award



FAMILY ROOTS IN THE ROCKIES

Emerald Lake Lodge is a rare gem in the national parks. A century-old CPR retreat, still anchored by its original 1902 main lodge, and today owned and operated by a Canadian family. Pat and Connie O'Connor purchased the property in 1979 and spent years restoring and winterizing the cabins before reopening in 1986. The main lodge remains the original structure, complete with historic horsehair insulation - a tangible through-line from the railway era to now. As part of Canadian Rocky Mountain Resorts, the lodge is still run by the O'Connor family, a proudly Canadian company that has stewarded distinctive hospitality in the Rockies for decades.

MAKING REMOTE LOOK EFFORTLESS

Set on a car-free peninsula in the heart of Yoho National Park, Emerald Lake Lodge runs like quiet clockwork. The 24-hour shuttle from the overnight guest lot is the first hint of a finely tuned system that keeps a remote property humming in every season. Behind the stillness, teams coordinate guest movement, supplies, snow clearing, firewood and boiler checks, and round-the-clock maintenance to keep heritage buildings warm, safe, and welcoming through deep winter and shoulder-season storms. Much of the work is done in house, supported by on-site water and wastewater systems that keep the lodge largely self-reliant. In the kitchen, "local first" is more than a promise: Canadian Rocky Mountain Resorts supplies ethically raised elk and bison, complemented by local produce to help shorten supply chains and empower our chefs craft a cuisine rooted in place.



DEFINING DIGITAL DETOX IN THE ROCKIES

For guests arriving at Emerald Lake Lodge, there's a familiar pull toward quiet reflection. Life slows here, and connection is intentionally limited; at least the digital kind. Guest rooms have no televisions and no in-room Wi-Fi. Connectivity is available in the main lodge if needed. Most guests choose to linger instead: fireside reading, unhurried dinners, and walks at lake level. Cell service is sparse, so the quiet feels intentional rather than imposed. In a world of constant pings, that pause is a rare luxury in a landscape made for reflection.



DOORSTEP ACCESS TO YEAR-ROUND ADVENTURE

Hiking and snowshoe trails begin right outside the guest rooms, giving guests direct access to nature without the need to drive. This immediate connection to the outdoors encourages spontaneous exploration, with trails ranging in difficulty so every skill level can find a perfect adventure. More than just a place to stay, Emerald Lake Lodge serves as a year-round basecamp for exploration—canoeing in summer, hiking in fall, cross-country skiing in winter, and wildlife spotting in spring—appealing to today's travelers who seek both adventure and experiential luxury.



PARTNERSHIP WITH FRIENDS OF YOHO

When guests stay at Emerald Lake Lodge, they're not just visiting, they are taking part in stewardship efforts for future generations. In 2025, the lodge launched a partnership with the non-profit Friends of Yoho National Park Society, committing \$2 from every reservation to support the society's mission of fostering appreciation, understanding, and stewardship of the park's unique natural and cultural heritage.

Funds raised through this initiative are already contributing to important projects such as trail restoration on the eastern section of the Emerald Lake Trail: one of the park's most popular routes, now undergoing upgrades to improve safety, reduce environmental impact, and preserve its beauty for years to come. With work expected to wrap by 2027, every guest stay helps advance efforts like these, ensuring that the landscapes surrounding Emerald Lake Lodge remain as inspiring tomorrow as they are today.





SPRING ITINERARY



FALL ITINERARY



WINTER ITINERARY

FAQs

Where is Emerald Lake Lodge located?

The lodge is in Yoho National Park, British Columbia, about 20 minutes west of Lake Louise and a two-and-a-half-hour drive from Calgary International Airport. Turn left into the parking lot. In the parking lot is a cabin. Use the telephone in the cabin to call our front desk.

A shuttle will be sent to pick you up and bring you to the main lodge.

What makes Emerald Lake Lodge unique?

The lodge is situated on a secluded peninsula on Emerald Lake, offering sweeping mountain views in every direction. With no cell service or televisions in guest rooms, guests can fully disconnect while enjoying the lodge's historic charm, wood-burning fireplaces, and serene natural setting. Wi-Fi is available in the main lodge, for those wishing to stay connected during their travels.

How many rooms does the lodge have?

There are 85 guest rooms spread across historic cabins.

Each room features wood-burning fireplaces and private balconies.

What dining options are available?

The Mount Burgess Dining Room highlights Rocky Mountain Cuisine with locally sourced game, fish, and produce. The Kicking Horse Lounge offers a more casual menu, craft cocktails, and local beer. In the summer Cilantro on the Lake offers a casual sit-down option, with incredible views of the lake.

Is Emerald Lake Lodge open year-round?

Yes. Guests can experience canoeing and hiking in the summer, or cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, and nearby downhill skiing in the winter.

What activities are available on-site or nearby?

Canoeing, hiking trails, wildlife viewing, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing are available directly from the lodge. Within a short drive are Lake Louise Ski Resort, Kicking Horse Mountain Resort, and iconic national park attractions such as Takakkaw Falls and Natural Bridge.

Is Emerald Lake Lodge accessible by car?

Yes. Guests drive to the main overnight guest parking lot located on Emerald Lake Road and are then shuttled by lodge staff to the property. Parking is complimentary for overnight guests.

Does the lodge host events or weddings?

Yes. Emerald Lake Lodge is a sought-after location for weddings, retreats, and corporate gatherings, with spaces that accommodate both intimate and larger groups in all seasons.

Are pets allowed?

Yes. Emerald Lake Lodge is pet-friendly, with a select number of pet-friendly rooms. There is a nightly pet fee that includes a bed, bowls, and treats.

Does the lodge have Wi-Fi and cell service?

Wi-Fi is available in the main lodge and common areas, but guest rooms do not have Wi-Fi or televisions. Cell service is limited due to the remote national park location.

What sustainability practices does the lodge follow?

As part of Canadian Rocky Mountain Resorts (CRMR), the lodge is committed to sustainability through local sourcing of ingredients, environmentally conscious operations, and wildlife stewardship.

Who owns and operates Emerald Lake Lodge?

The lodge is owned and operated by Canadian Rocky Mountain Resorts (CRMR), a Canadian family owned and operated hospitality group with properties across the Canadian Rockies and in Calgary, Alberta.

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