



MagicBus Weekender to Castle 2022

Prior to departure

***Do NOT load or board the bus before checking in with the Tour Director.**

21-22 Season Update: Vaccination Records: As of November 1st, patrons 12 years and older will be required to provide proof of COVID-19 vaccinations (2 doses, administered at least 2 weeks prior to the trip) along with a valid form of Government issued identification. Please have these ready to display quickly when asked. Only the provincial record containing the QR code will be recognized. Medical exemptions and negative COVID-19 tests will NOT be recognized. No personal information related to COVID-19 procedures will be collected by MagicBus Tours Ltd, it will simply be verified.

21-22 Season Update: An electronic **Waiver** will need to be filled out prior to each departure to reduce contact. Anyone 17 & under requires their Waiver to be filled out by a parent or guardian. Anyone 18 & over must fill out their own waiver, for each trip. You can find the waiver at <https://waiver.smartwaiver.com/w/5f91d75a05273/web/>

21-22 Season Update: Masks are mandatory. All guests are required to wear a mask over their nose and mouth for the duration of all MagicBus trips, including during the check-in process and while on the motorcoaches (with the short exception for eating after food stops). Face coverings which are not-multi layer in nature, have holes or perforations, and/or do not fit snugly around the mouth and nose are not appropriate or permitted. Mask exemptions are not recognized. You can bring your own or purchase one from the Tour Director. Full details on mask recommendations can be found on the Government of Alberta website: <https://www.alberta.ca/masks.aspx>.

Protocols subject to change without notice. For the most up to date information regarding COVID-19, please visit our COVID-19 Update page prior to your trip: <https://magicbus.ca/covid-19/>.

Updated departure location

*The departure location for the MagicBus Castle Mountain Weekender will be the **North** parking lot of the Edmonton Inn (11834 Kingsway Avenue) at the back of the hotel.

DAY 1: FRIDAY

**The lounge at the Edmonton Inn may be open for anyone wanting to grab a bite and/or drink before departing on the trip. Please check out their website for their COVID safety protocols:* <https://www.edmontoninn.ca/covid-19/>

3:30 pm Check-in begins for the MagicBus Weekender to Castle Mountain at the **North Side** parking lot of the Edmonton Inn at 11834 Kingsway Ave NW. Free parking is available at your own risk.

21-22 Season Update: You will be required to check-in with the MagicBus Tour Director inside the entrance area prior to being able to get on the bus or load your ski gear. You are welcome to bring your gear and set it near the bus, so that it's ready to be loaded as soon as you're done checking in!

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[21-22 Season Update](#): ONLY after the Tour Director has confirmed your Waiver is complete and proof of vaccination is shown with identification, you will be permitted to load your gear, then board the bus with your mask on. If you have not completed your waiver prior to the trip then you will be asked to do so now. The Tour Director will provide you with a Reserved Seat Sign. You will be allowed to sit with your cohort. Seats are chosen on a first come basis. Place the reserved seating sign in the back pocket of the seat in front of yours. The seat you choose will be your seat for the entire trip. Guests are encouraged to avoid boarding and exiting the bus multiple times to keep the bus aisle clear. Please load your gear in the bins prior to boarding the bus and choosing a seat.

3:55 pm Boarding ends. Get seated, we're ready to roll.

4:00 pm The MagicBus departs from the Edmonton Inn for Pincher Creek. Relax after your long week and enjoy the ride. Socialize with your cohort(s), watch movies, work or just do what you need to do.

Note: MagicBus is a non-smoking, non-drinking service.

[21-22 Season Update](#): A toilet is available on the bus when necessary and can be used at your own risk. There will be a self-sanitization spray and hand sanitizer available in the toilet.

6:45 pm Quick break in Airdrie for Supper at Wendy's (not included. 341-300 Veterans Blvd NE).

[21-22 Season Update](#): Guests are permitted to have their masks off for a maximum of 15 minutes while in their seat after the meal stop. If guests are finished eating earlier than 15 minutes, we ask that masks are put back on earlier. Guests are encouraged to eat outside or in the restaurant (if current regulations allow).

7:00 pm We're on the road again.

9:30 pm Approx. arrival in Pincher Creek at the *Heritage Inn* (919 Waterton Ave). Please remain onboard, your Tour Director will get your room keys.

[21-22 Season Update](#): Everyone will depart the bus from front to back once the Tour Directors have obtained everyone's room keys. Please wait on the bus until the Tour Director advises you to get off. Once off the bus, please maintain physical distancing from other guests and wear your mask as you grab your gear. You can leave your skis and boards under the bus (at your own risk) but take your overnight bag and boots to your room. If for some reason you will be finding your own way to the hill tomorrow please let the Tour Director know. You may need to coordinate picking up your lift ticket from them tomorrow morning. Also make sure you take your ski/board equipment off the coach and store it in the hotel.

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One person from each room will need to provide a credit card or cash deposit at the front desk for any incidentals and such.

[21-22 Season Update](#): The motorcoach will be sanitized by the Golden Arrow bus driver after each day of the trip.

Please note: MagicBus Tours reserves the right to pass along any charges levied by suppliers with respect to hotel damages or unpaid incidental charges. To be enjoyable for all guests please keep in mind that the hotel has a strict 11:00pm quiet hour.

Read the following on what to expect in Pincher Creek townsite and your hotel for COVID updates/protocols:

<https://mdpinchercreek.ab.ca/content.php?n=319>

<https://heritageinn.net/locations/pincher-creek-ab/specials/covid-19-preparedness-staying-safe>

DAY 2: SATURDAY

Wake up refreshed and enjoy breakfast at the hotel if you like (included at the hotel each day)!

If you are CAT Skiing today:

6:30am Boarding begins.

6:45 am Depart for Castle Mountain Resort.

[21-22 Season Update](#): For the most up-to-date details on what to expect at Castle Mountain for COVID safety protocols, please refer to their website:
<https://www.skicastle.ca/covid19/>.

7:15 am Arrival at the mountain!

[21-22 Season Update](#): The Locker facilities may be limited and there is a possibility they will not be available. You may want to consider a backpack to bring and wear for each day if you need anything throughout the day. Boots and bags can be left on the bus, but you will not have access to the bus during the day.

7:45 AM Check in at Joe's Café (upstairs in the main day lodge) where you'll first enjoy a gourmet full hot breakfast followed by a safety briefing and the issuing avalanche kits. Please do everything in your power to be on time. They are participating in the REP program and all participants must comply.

8:45 AM Typically we're getting ready to head out the door, to catch an early upload on Huckleberry, in order to meet our cat.

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9:00 AM to 4:00 PM We're cat skiing! Each cat skiing lap consists of a ride on the Huckleberry Chairlift, a ride on the cat, and somewhere in the vicinity of 1800 – 2200 vertical feet of powder-licious skiing / riding! A to-go lunch is included at your leisure.

Apres-ski Return to Joe's Cafe to check out the photos from the day, share stories, and enjoy a beverage on us!

If you are not CAT Skiing:

8:00 am Boarding begins. Load any of your gear in the bins below first and then get on the bus..

[21-22 Season Update](#): Please remember to use the same seat that you had on the first day of the trip! Guests are encouraged to stay in their seats once they have boarded the bus to keep the bus aisles clear.

8:15 am Depart for Castle Mountain Resort.

[21-22 Season Update](#): For the most up-to-date details on what to expect at Castle Mountain for COVID safety protocols, please refer to their website: <https://www.skicastle.ca/covid19/>.

8:45 am Arrival at the mountain! Please remain on the bus until the Tour Director returns from obtaining everyone's lift tickets. Once they return you will receive your lift tickets as you get off the bus. Lift tickets are non-refundable. For lost or stolen lift tickets please visit Guest Services and it is at their discretion on how to proceed. No guarantee of a refund.

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For Everyone at the end of day:

4:00 pm MagicBus is available for boarding. Do you have all of your belongings? Again please load any gear in the bins below before you get on the bus.

[21-22 Season Update](#): The MagicBus Tour Director will have placed a bottle of water on your seat prior to your return to the bus. They will be masked and sanitize their hands prior to placing the bottle on your seat.

4:30 pm A day of riding comes to an end and you are set to depart.

5:00 pm Arrive at the Heritage Inn. It's the last night in Pincher Creek, enjoy!

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DAY 3: SUNDAY

Wake up refreshed once again and enjoy breakfast (included)!

8:00 am Hotel check out - pay any outstanding fees, return room keys and board bus with all your belongings including overnight bags! Then you can board the bus. Please remember to wear your masks and try to maintain physical distancing.

8:15 am Depart for Castle Mountain Resort.

8:45 am Arrive at the mountain! Have another great day!

4:00 pm The bus is available for boarding. Check-in with your MagicBus Tour Director. Remember to load any gear in the bins below before you board the bus.

[21-22 Season Update](#): The MagicBus Tour Director will have placed a bottle of water on your seat prior to your return to the bus. They will be masked and sanitize their hands prior to placing the bottled water on your seat.

4:30 pm Depart Castle Mountain Resort for Edmonton.

6:30 pm Arrive in Aldersyde for supper at A&W (not Included. 64273 Hwy 547 East).

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6:45 pm Depart Aldersyde, relax and enjoy the movies.

11:00 pm Arrival at the Edmonton Inn North parking lot at 11834 Kingsway Ave NW. Please unload the bus from front to back wearing your masks and allow for physical distancing.

Thanks for your cooperation with our safety protocols and riding the MagicBus Weekender to Castle Mountain. We hope you enjoyed your weekend and we look forward to seeing you again soon.

All efforts are made to follow this itinerary as closely as possible. Details and protocols are subject to change. All itinerary times are approximate and are subject to change based on road conditions, weather, traffic, etc.

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Heritage Inn Amenities:

- Spacious guest rooms with modern amenities (Elite Rooms features 2 queen beds or 1 king bed, mini fridge, microwave, flat screen TV, and free Wi-Fi)
 - Centrally located in the heart of town
 - Indoor Pool & Hot Tub (operating based on current provincial COVID health restrictions)
 - Fitness Centre & Business Centre (operating based on current provincial COVID health restrictions)
 - Breakfast at the hotel is included with your stay
 - Seasons Café & Eatery and Heritage Lounge located on-site (they have implemented the REP program)
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Show your MagicBus booking receipt at **Mud, Sweat and Gears** and receive:

20% off Tune up packages

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Sherwood Park – 133 Main Blvd, Sherwood Park, AB

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