

At Christmas, all Roads Lead *Home*

Your Holiday Home in Victoria, British Columbia

In the heart of the city and on the edge of nature, you will find a historic castle that truly comes alive with the spirit of the holidays. Whether you're looking to enjoy s'mores and hot cocktails fireside on the Veranda, beautiful festive decor and twinkling lights throughout the hotel, or to ring in the New Year in style, Fairmont Empress offers the perfect backdrop for family feasts and celebrations.

Experience the Magic

We're here to help make your festive season a magical one. Book our **Pacific Northwest Residents rate and enjoy 15% off room rates with parking included.** Whether you are creating new traditions, or celebrating long-lasting memories, enjoy some quality time with loved ones at the Castle. Valid for British Columbia, Alberta, Washington State and Oregon Residents.

Go For Gold

Luxury is waiting on Fairmont Gold. Our hotel within a hotel is perfect for those looking for highly personalized, extraordinary experiences. From the exclusive first floor reception and private concierge service to the secluded terrace boasting stunning views of the Inner Harbour, Fairmont Gold is the best luxury travel experience. Book now and **enjoy 20% off accommodations, complimentary parking, deluxe continental breakfast and evening canapés.**



Willow Stream Spa

Recognized by Condé Nast as a Top Resort Spa in Canada and Spas of America Top 100 Spas of the Americas. Willow Stream Spa on Vancouver Island is a serene oasis in the heart of Victoria. Willow Stream Spa offers authentic and effective spa experiences customized to your wellness needs.



The Gift of *Wellness*

Give a gift card from Victoria's premier luxury spa. Available in any denomination and perfect for everyone in need of some relaxation, rejuvenation and energy renewal.

Honey Ginger Elixir

Rich in vitamins, minerals and amino acids, honey contains powerful antioxidants and is moisturizing. Our hand harvested honey is coupled with

the healing and immune system benefits of ginger in this powerful body ritual which begins with an invigorating scrub and includes a hydrating lotion application using a mineral enriched body cream and ginger body oil.

Meet the Chef

Executive Chef Morgan Wilson

Chef Morgan Wilson brings over 30 years of culinary experience to his role as Executive Chef at Fairmont Empress. Beginning his hospitality career as Chef Apprentice with Delta Whistler in 1989, he quickly crafted his talent and passion, holding progressive careers with Delta, Marriott and Four Seasons hotels in Germany, Australia and Canada. Since joining Fairmont Empress in 2013, Wilson has twice been invited to represent the hotel at Gold Medal Plates, a national culinary competition supporting Canadian Olympic athletes. Chef Morgan has achieved his Certified Chef de Cuisine and his Culinary Red Seal. Further accolades for Wilson include Marriott Hotel's

Global Chef of the Year and the Rising Star Award for excellence in dining, leadership and innovation. He now leads a team of over 50 culinary professionals. BC born and raised, Chef Wilson is eager to showcase the abundant bounty of Vancouver Island this holiday season. Chef Wilson describes his culinary style as one without borders, always evolving and incorporating international influences. He believes great cuisine involves two simple ingredients: top quality products with flawless technique.





Get into the *Holiday Spirits*

During the holiday season our kitchens are filled with the smells and tastes of the season. Discover festive dinner menus, creative holiday cocktails, or start 2023 with the grandest of evenings, there is something for everyone at Canada's Castle on the Coast this holiday season.

Christmas on the Veranda

Overlooking the sparkling Inner Harbour, gather round the fire to roast marshmallows and enjoy seasonal hot beverages and festive treats! Outdoor heaters keep this enchanted space toasty warm and blankets are provided. Available daily beginning mid-December. Scan QR code on the back for hours of operation.



Festive Afternoon Tea

Our traditional Afternoon Tea is reimagined for the festive season! On the tea tiers you will find our world famous raisin scone with house made jam and clotted cream, delicious Christmas sandwiches and decadent holiday sweets. \$89 per adult, \$45 for children. Available daily, located in the historic Lobby Lounge. Local carolers performing on select dates Scan QR code on the back for hours of operation.



Festive Cocktails in Q Bar

Our crafty mixologists have curated a holiday bar menu bursting with creative modern variations of classic festive cocktails. Cheers to the holiday season with these festive drinks! Q Bar is open daily from 11:30am.



Eat, Drink & *Be Merry*

Christmas Eve Dinner in Q Restaurant – December 23 & 24

The work is done, now relax and enjoy this seasonal delicious four course set menu dinner in Q Restaurant. 5:00pm - 9:30pm, \$189 per adult + optional wine pairing.

Christmas Day Buffet in The Crystal Ballroom – December 25

Christmas Day Buffet will be your day of calm indulgence! Enjoy the chef attended carving stations, seafood and classic Christmas dishes in the Crystal Ballroom. Seatings available at 2:00pm, 4:30pm and 7:00pm. \$150 per adult + \$70 per child.

Christmas Day Dinner in Q Restaurant – December 25

Elegant four course set menu dinner befitting of Christmas Day. Ideal for small group and family Christmas Day dinner parties. Available in Q Restaurant from 4:00pm - 9:30pm. \$209 per adult + optional wine pairing.

New Year's Eve Dinner in Q Restaurant – December 31

Celebrate the New Year at Q at the Empress. Two seatings available: 5:00pm three courses, \$129 per adult and 8:00pm five courses, \$229 per adult. Both options feature optional wine pairings.

Please note reservations are strongly recommended, prices do not include taxes and automatic gratuities will be applied on certain dining offers. Scan QR code on back for full details.



The *Grandest* of Evenings



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New Year's Eve in the Crystal Ballroom

The Empress has played hostess to numerous grand balls over the years. In 1919, Edward Prince of Wales waltzed the night away in the iconic Crystal Ballroom. Be part of a grand tradition and eloquently ring in the New Year in Fairmont Empress' most historic Ballroom. This year, in classic formal fashion, Fairmont Empress' New Year's Eve Event will involve black-tie attire, cocktail upon arrival, live entertainment and a four-course seated dinner.

You've waited for this. Now it's time to gather those who mean the most to you and share an experience like no other.

Reserve Today

Tables of six to 12 people. If party size is less than six guests more than one party may be assigned to a table. 8:00pm - 1:00am December 31. \$329 per adult plus taxes and gratuities.



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Holiday *Festive To Go*



Festive Turkey To Go

This year, let the culinary team at Fairmont Empress prepare your Christmas Day feast! Complete with all the holiday fixings, your friends and family will be so impressed with your festive turkey dinner. The turkey to go comes ready to serve and includes whole herb brined & slow roasted free run turkey, sourdough-sage stuffing, creamy mashed Yukon Gold potatoes, maple roasted roots, brussels sprouts with double smoked bacon and confit onion, rich turkey gravy, house made cranberry-apple chutney and dinner rolls. Serves 10 people. Order by December 21. Pick up December 24 & December 25 Price: \$499 plus taxes

Back by popular demand – Sunday Roast To Go is available year round at Fairmont Empress

Scan QR code on the back of brochure for full menu, optional add-ons and how to order!



Festive Tea To Go

Our iconic afternoon tea at Fairmont Empress is available to go this holiday season. Imagine enjoying festive Afternoon Tea with a friend on the harbour, at home with family in front of your Christmas tree or surprise a good friend with this delightful edible gift. The Empress Tea to go box is filled with the same sweet and savoury delicacies that are found on our festive tea tier – made fresh to order daily. Treat yourself to a reimagined Christmas classic. Where you choose to enjoy it is up to you!

Available daily. Scan QR code on back to order

Price \$65 plus taxes



Tiny pinkies up, please!

Kids at the *Castle*

Children's Prince & Princess

Festive Afternoon Tea

We believe everyone should enjoy Afternoon Tea, so we have adapted our traditional menu to suit your tiny travellers with our Festive Prince and Princess Tea! Experience the grandeur and elegance of the famous Lobby Lounge over the holidays and be made to feel like young royalty while participating in this coveted tradition.

Kids at the Castle

Create a magical holiday stay for your little travelers this season. Kids can enjoy a special activity book with scavenger hunts, meet our cuddly resident golden lab, or have a family movie night and order In-Room Dining snacks. Take advantage of our popular kids' menu, including healthy options. At all Fairmont hotels, kids aged five and under eat free off the children's menu while kids aged 6-12 eat for half price off the regular menu in our restaurants.





It is the Season to Sparkle

Believe in the Magic



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The Holiday Season in British Columbia's Capital City

From holiday lights on the Parliament Buildings, to the jingle of horses pulling carriages and clip clopping down the cobblestone streets—the festive season in Victoria is truly magical.

Butchart Gardens

While the flowers sleep, they dress The Gardens with boughs of greenery—and lights galore! The Gardens come to life with a colourful display of lights. Bundle up and stroll through the Twelve Days of Christmas display, sing along to the sounds of the season with Traditional Carollers.

Marvel at the Holiday Lights

Add Christmas lights to an already beautiful city, and you have something exceptional. Take an evening stroll along the iconic harbour to see historic landmarks, including the British Columbia Parliament Buildings twinkle and shine and end your night with a hot chocolate and s'mores on the Veranda.

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Rest easy in the elegant comfort of a Fairmont Signature Sleep Experience

'Tis the Season to give

Fairmont Empress' Holiday Gift Guide

These gifts bring the Fairmont lifestyle home, from travel-inspired books to unique holiday ornaments. A cozy blanket, an elegant fine china collector's box or a stylish umbrella all evoke treasured memories.

Fairmont Favourites

These unique gifts bring treasured Fairmont moments home. Spark Fairmont memories with captivating books or bijoux boxes that generations will cherish. For kids and families, consider a cuddly Fairmont-inspired bear, a miniature tea set or a tiny "bee hotel" to share our passion for sustainability.

Bath & Spa

Embrace tranquility with Fairmont's carefully curated bath and spa collections. Indulge yourself with custom Le Labo products and plush towels for your bath. Our comfortable robes are perfect for at-home relaxing. Kerstin Florian's revitalizing scrubs and facial products can create a personalized spa-like experience in your own home.

Fairmont Signature Sleep Experience

For the ultimate in luxury and relaxation bring home The Fairmont Signature Sleep Experience. Turn your home into the dream come true with all of your Fairmont favorites to outfit your bed and bath. This experience includes: Fairmont Signature Bed, duvet (all season), Fairmont linens (sheet set, duvet cover, pillow sham), pillows and towel set.

Tea at the Empress

Bring the storied grandeur of afternoon tea at the Fairmont Empress Victoria to your table with Fairmont's Tea at The Empress. Experience the elegance of afternoon tea with a presentation box filled with one of the world's great teas. Composed of organic teas picked at their peak, this Orange Pekoe tea is without peer.

These gifts can be purchased online at canada.fairmontstore.com or at the Fairmont Store inside Fairmont Empress.