

Christmas at the Empress

Fairmont
EMPRESS

*Wondrous décor and festive lights illuminate Victoria and
the Inner Harbour during the most joyful season of the year.
Christmas at Canada's Castle on the Coast!*



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 warm libations fireside on the Veranda or beautiful festive decor and twinkling lights throughout the hotel, 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, complimentary parking and late check-out of 2:00pm** (based on availability). 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 15% off accommodations, complimentary parking, deluxe breakfast and evening canapés.**



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.

Fairmont Spa

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



We recommend...

Deep Sleep Full Body Massage

Sink into a deep state of relaxation. Aromas of vetiver, chamomile and sandalwood will soothe your senses. This head-to-toe massage includes techniques such as gentle rocking and acupressure that will calm your body and nervous system, ease an over active mind, and encourage a peaceful night's sleep.

The Ultimate LED Facial

Experience a revitalizing facial that combines Celluma red light therapy with advanced massage techniques and Institut DerMed clinical skincare. After a deep cleanse and exfoliation, red light therapy boosts collagen, smooths fine lines, and enhances radiance. While the light works, enjoy a relaxing hand, foot, neck, and shoulder massage for complete rejuvenation.

A Season of Sweet Celebration

Executive Chef **Isabel Chung**

Leads the Pastry Team in Crafting Holiday Delights

This holiday season, the pastry team at Fairmont Empress is charming guests with irresistible festive treats under the expert guidance of Executive Chef Isabel Chung. With over two decades of culinary experience, Chef Chung inspires the team to create desserts that capture the magic of the holidays.

The pastry team will take holiday classics like gingerbread, rich chocolate, and aromatic cinnamon and transform them into innovative confections that surprise and delight. From traditional cookies to a signature tea-infused Empress Yule log cake at Q at the Empress, all offerings are enhanced with a unique touch, creating a blend of the familiar and the unexpected that is sure to intrigue and excite.

Guests can also delight in Empress' dark and milk chocolate, a treat only available at Fairmont Empress. The specially crafted Midnight Bloom dark chocolate is the foundation of the Empress 10-layer chocolate cake, a delicacy not to be missed. The Golden Aura milk chocolate is available on The Veranda, where it complements speculoos s'mores. To make the holidays even more memorable, look for the gingerbread village, lovingly crafted by the pastry team, who dedicate more than 100 hours to bring the festive display to life.

Celebrate the season with the Fairmont Empress pastry team's exquisite creations, skillfully led by Chef Chung, and make your holidays truly sweet and unforgettable.





Festive Cocktails in Q Bar

Our crafty bartenders 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 11:00am.



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 clotted cream, delicious Christmas sandwiches and decadent holiday sweets. \$109 per adult, \$70 per child. Indulge in our Champagne Tea for \$159.



Available daily, located in the historic Lobby Lounge. Local carolers performing on select dates. Scan QR code on the back for hours of operation.

Get into the *Holiday Spirits*

During the holiday season our kitchens are filled with the smells and tastes of this special time of year. Discover festive dinner menus, creative holiday cocktails, or start 2026 with an unforgettable celebration.

Christmas on the Veranda

Overlooking the sparkling Inner Harbour, gather around the fire to roast marshmallows, enjoy seasonal hot beverages and indulge in the finest cheese or chocolate fondue. Outdoor heaters keep this relaxing space toasty warm and blankets are provided.

Available daily beginning mid-December. Scan QR code on the back for hours of operation.





Eat, Drink & *Be Merry*

Christmas Eve Dinner in Q Restaurant - December 24

The work is done, now relax and enjoy this delicious four-course prix fixe dinner in Q Restaurant. 4:30pm - 9:30pm, \$239 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 2:30pm, 5:00pm and 7:00pm. \$279 per adult & \$70 per child.

Christmas Day Dinner in Q Restaurant - December 25

Elegant four-course prix fixe dinner befitting of Christmas Day. Ideal for small group and family dinner parties. Available in Q Restaurant from 4:00pm - 9:30pm. \$239 per adult & optional wine pairing.

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

Celebrate the New Year at Q Restaurant. Two seatings available: 5:00pm three-course, \$169 per adult and 8:00pm four-course, \$239 per adult. Both options feature optional wine pairings.



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

Ring in the New Year. . .

New Year's Eve in The Bengal

Fairmont Empress is reopening its doors to The Bengal for an unforgettable New Year's Eve celebration. The beloved and nostalgic venue is ready to welcome guests with the grandeur of the past and the excitement of the present. Upon arrival, attendees will be treated to a cocktail and hors d'oeuvres. Throughout the evening, the renowned culinary team will showcase the best of Pacific Northwest cuisine alongside a selection of dishes inspired by the former Bengal menu, with some prepared live at interactive cooking stations. Crafted cocktails and holiday spirits are available for purchase from the full service bar. Savour the flavours and mingle with old and new friends as anticipation builds for the countdown.

Reserve Today

8:00pm - 12:30am, December 31. \$259 per adult plus taxes and service charges. Formal attire. 19+. Limited availability. Scan QR code on the back to reserve your spot.



. . . and *Honour History*

A Black & White Affair

Step into 2026 with sophistication and style at a dazzling black and white affair at Fairmont Empress. The New Year's Eve celebration is an exclusive event where guests must possess the secret password for entry.

Dress to impress in your most striking black and white attire and immerse yourself in an evening of classic glamour. The evening will feature champagne and fresh oysters, accompanied by a selection of tasty canapés and a live band for entertainment. Toast to new beginnings and dance the night away!

Location will be disclosed at the time of purchase.



Reserve Today

8:00pm - 2:00am, December 31. \$239 per adult plus taxes and service charges. Formal attire. 19+. Limited availability. Scan QR code on the back to reserve your spot.



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. Add ons include a Holiday Yule Log for dessert, created by our talented Pastry Chef. Serves 10 people. Order by December 20. Pick up December 24 & December 25.

Scan QR code on the back of brochure for full menu, optional add-ons and how to order!
Price: \$599 plus taxes.



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 surprising 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: \$75 plus taxes.



Kids at the *Castle*

Children's Royal Tea 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 Royal 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 travellers this season. Kids can enjoy a special activity book with scavenger hunts, explore the twinkling lights in the gardens, or have a family movie night and order In-Room Dining snacks. Take advantage of our popular kids' menu, including healthy options while staying at the hotel. 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.





The *Holiday Season* in British Columbia's Capital City

From holiday lights on the Parliament Buildings, to the jingle of horse drawn carriages 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, and sing along to the sounds of the season with traditional carolers.

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.

Santa Claus Parade

The 43rd annual Santa Claus Parade will make its way through downtown on November 29th at 5:30pm, complete with lit-up floats, music and entertainment for the whole family to enjoy!

Under the *Mistletoe*



'Tis the Season of Love

Nestled in the charming inner courtyard is a spellbinding experience that beckons loved ones to come together and celebrate the season of love. Meet Me Under the Mistletoe invites guests and community members to share a tender kiss or a heartfelt expression of their affection under a whimsical canopy of mistletoe and twinkling white lights.

The outdoor experience encourages all visitors to capture the magical moment and share their love story on social media to help spread warmth and happiness during the holiday season. Make sure to tag **@fairmontempress** so we can see your photos!

Embrace this opportunity to steal a kiss with your special someone.



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 cherished 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 & spa collections. Revel in indulgence with Le Labo’s Rose 31 bath & body products that blend science with botanical extracts, vitamins and proteins to cleanse, moisturize, nourish and condition. Our comfortable robes and plush towels are perfect for creating a personalized spa-like experience in your 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 Fairmont Empress 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, the Orange Pekoe tea is without peer.

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

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