

Discover Fairmont EMPRESS & VICTORIA

Fairmont
EMPRESS

Canada's Castle on the COAST

Unforgettable moments deserve extraordinary settings: Recognized as the **#1 Best Canadian Hotel in Travel + Leisure's 2025 World's Best Awards**, Fairmont Empress is located in Victoria, BC, overlooking the city's sparkling Inner Harbour. A Forbes recommended and MICHELIN key hotel that offers 431 beautifully appointed guest rooms and suites, Fairmont Spa with signature West Coast experiences, and newly renovated Q at the Empress featuring Pacific Northwest cuisine, an award-winning wine list, and regionally focused cocktail culture. World-famous Tea at the Empress is served in the Lobby Lounge with stunning Harbour views.

VICTORIA ACTIVITIES

WINERIES & VINEYARDS

Discover southern Vancouver Island wineries, known for small-batch, award-winning wines rarely found in stores. Enjoy tastings, tours, and vineyard lunches.

EAGLE WING WHALE & WILDLIFE TOURS

As Canada's first carbon-neutral whale watching company, Eagle Wing Tours is committed to conducting environmentally responsible tours while curating exceptional experiences for their guests.

ADRENA LINE ZIPLINE ADVENTURES

Soar up to 60 km/h across eight ziplines, reaching 45 m high and 300 m long through scenic forest terrain.

KAYAKING

Explore Victoria's coastline by sea kayak. Guided experiences range from short clinics to multi-day trips, available seasonally and year-round by request.

FISHING

Year-round fishing charters available across Vancouver Island's abundant coastal waters.

SQUASH, RACQUETBALL, PICKLEBALL & TENNIS

Courts at the YM/YWCA (5-minute walk) and Beacon Hill Park (first come, first served).

PUBLIC ART WALKING TOUR

The Hands of Time is a series of 12 bronze sculptures by B.C. artist Crystal Przybille, created to mark Victoria's 150th anniversary and tell the city's story.

HIKING

Guided half- and full-day hikes through coastal wilderness. Suitable for all experience levels.

CYCLING & E-BIKING

Year-round cycling in Victoria's mild climate. Ride the 60 km Galloping Goose Trail. Bike rentals available. We have complimentary bikes for guests available on a first come, first serve basis.

MOUNTAIN BIKING

Ride scenic, car-free trails along the Galloping Goose Trail through forests and coastal landscapes.

ATTRACTIONS

THE BUTCHART GARDENS

Open year-round, this 55-acre garden showcases stunning floral displays in every season. Summer highlights include evening entertainment, illuminations, and fireworks. Family-friendly attractions, dining, and shops are available. Located about 35 minutes away; transportation can be arranged through Concierge.

CRAIGDARROCH CASTLE

A beautifully restored 19th-century mansion in the Rockland district, featuring exquisite stained glass, intricate woodwork, and elegant period furnishings.

FISHERMAN'S WHARF

A vibrant waterfront destination just steps from the Inner Harbour. Enjoy colourful float homes, local eateries, marine wildlife, and activities such as kayaking and whale watching.

FORT RODD HILL

A National Historic Site offering an engaging glimpse into Canada's coastal defence and naval history.

ROYAL BC MUSEUM

One of Canada's top museums, featuring immersive exhibits on natural and cultural history, including First Nations heritage and the Ice Age.

MINIATURE WORLD

Discover over 85 detailed miniature displays, bringing history, fantasy, and storytelling to life in a unique and memorable way.

EMILY CARR HOUSE

The restored birthplace of renowned Canadian artist Emily Carr, offering insight into her life and legacy. Open seasonally.



VICTORIA'S TOP 10 EXPERIENCES

INDULGE IN AFTERNOON TEA

Sip, savour, and slow down with a classic at Fairmont Empress, a beloved tradition for over a century. For a charming twist, try White Heather Tea Room, Abkhazi Garden Teahouse, Adrienne's Tea Garden, or Pendray Tea House.

TAKE A WALKING TOUR

Step into Victoria's stories with guided walks from Discovery Walks, from romantic tales to Prohibition-era intrigue.

WANDER THE BUTCHART GARDENS

A must-see in any season, The Butchart Gardens offers world-renowned floral displays and breathtaking landscapes.

EXPLORE VICTORIA'S MUSEUMS

Travel through time at the Royal BC Museum, visit the charming Emily Carr House, or dive into nautical history at the Maritime Museum of British Columbia.

DISCOVER NATURE'S PLAYGROUND

Swim, hike, or picnic at Thetis Lake Regional Park, or explore waterfalls and towering trees at Goldstream Provincial Park.

SIP THROUGH SAANICH PENINSULA

Raise a glass at local wineries like Church and State Wines, known for award-winning vintages.

WALK ABOVE THE TREES

Take in sweeping coastal views at Malahat SkyWalk—a scenic, family-friendly adventure high above the forest floor.

TASTE VICTORIA

From ocean-fresh seafood to global flavours, Victoria's vibrant dining scene offers something for every craving—casual bites to refined cuisine, all rooted in local ingredients.

SHOP THE CITY

Browse antiques and British-inspired finds along Government Street, discover chic boutiques on Johnson Street, or explore artisan shops at Market Square.

VISIT A CASTLE

Step into the past at Craigdarroch Castle, a grand 19th-century mansion filled with stunning stained glass and rich history.



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VICTORIA TOURS

THE PEDALER FOOD TOURS

Explore Victoria like a local on two wheels with The Pedaler Cycling Tours. Discover hidden foodie gems, craft drinks, and scenic neighbourhoods in Canada's self-proclaimed Cycling Capital.

VICTORIA CARRIAGE TOURS

Step back in time with Victoria Carriage Tours. Enjoy a guided horse-drawn journey through the Inner Harbour, Beacon Hill Park, and historic James Bay, complete with charming storytelling.

VICTORIA HARBOUR FERRIES

See the city from the water with Victoria Harbour Ferry. These colourful "pickle boats" offer narrated harbour cruises and easy access to key waterfront attractions.

HARBOUR AIR SEAPLANES

Take sightseeing to new heights with Harbour Air. Soar above the Inner Harbour, islands, and coastline for unforgettable aerial views of Vancouver Island.

OFF THE EATEN TRACK FOOD TOURS

Taste your way through the city with Off the Eaten Track Food Tours. These guided culinary experiences highlight local chefs, small businesses, and Victoria's vibrant food culture.

PARLIAMENT BUILDING TOURS

Discover the heart of British Columbia's government at the British Columbia Parliament Buildings. Explore grand architecture and learn how the province's laws come to life.

DOUBLE DECKER SIGHTSEEING BUS

Sit back and see it all with Victoria Hop-On Hop-Off Double Decker Bus. A relaxed way to explore top attractions at your own pace—hop on and off as you wish.



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Play year-round in COASTAL PARADISE

Victoria is a true golfer's destination where ocean air, coastal scenery, and beautifully designed courses come together, and thanks to the region's mild climate, golf is a year-round sport, allowing players to enjoy the fairways in every season.

Whether you're a seasoned golfer or just picking up a club, Victoria delivers unforgettable play in a setting where the game never goes out of season.



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GOLF IN VICTORIA

OLYMPIC VIEW GOLF CLUB

A top-rated public course in British Columbia, offering beautifully maintained fairways and a challenging yet enjoyable layout in a scenic setting.

CORDOVA BAY GOLF COURSE

Play alongside sweeping ocean views of Haro Strait and Mount Baker on this stunning year-round course.

BEAR MOUNTAIN GOLF RESORT

Choose your challenge with two distinct courses—rugged and dramatic or calm and scenic—set in a luxurious resort setting.

OTHER LOCAL COURSES

Victoria also offers a strong selection of additional courses, including Gorge Vale Golf Club, Royal Colwood Golf Club, Uplands Golf Club, and Victoria Golf Club.



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SHOP VICTORIA

OAK BAY VILLAGE

A charming seaside village known for its relaxed pace and thoughtfully curated boutiques. Discover independent shops, specialty goods, and timeless finds—perfect for a leisurely afternoon of browsing.

LOWER JOHNSON (LOJO)

A local favourite known for indie boutiques, unique finds, salons, and stylish treasures—all just a short stroll from downtown.

THE BAY CENTRE

Victoria's premier downtown mall featuring 90+ shops, dining options, and a mix of heritage charm and modern retail.

GOVERNMENT STREET

Right outside your door, this vibrant street is perfect for souvenirs, gifts, cafés, and well-known retailers.

FORT STREET

Independent shops and specialty boutiques, offering a quieter, more local shopping experience just beyond the downtown core.

SHOPPING AT FAIRMONT EMPRESS

Browse curated boutiques throughout the hotel for unique gifts, fashion, and local treasures.

THE FAIRMONT STORE AT FAIRMONT EMPRESS

Home to the iconic Empress tea collection, fine china, and elegant souvenirs—plus worldwide shipping.

SPECIALTY BOUTIQUES

Discover luxury fashion at Designer International, and one-of-a-kind jewellery at Stone's Jewelers.



Explore, Experience, ENJOY VICTORIA

From coastal adventures to timeless elegance, we hope your stay is filled with unforgettable moments.

Let us help you make the most of your time in the city.



For assistance, dining reservations, or curated experiences, please contact Concierge.

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