

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.

Brightening Facial

This results-oriented treatment is specifically designed to address hyper-pigmentation and premature aging. Includes an exfoliating multi-acid peel on the face, neck and décolleté to brighten the skin. A deep cleansing massage is performed to promote circulation and a unique brightening masque used to illuminate the skin.

Meet the Maestro

Executive Pastry Chef Gerald Tan

Our Executive Pastry Chef, Gerald Tan, makes the festive season come alive with indulgent desserts that capture the spirit of the holidays. Well-known for crafting imaginative and delightfully delicious offerings, Tan's creativity shines bright this holiday season!

With a flair for innovation, Tan artfully blends classic holiday favourites like gingerbread, rich chocolate, and aromatic cinnamon into his masterpieces. From traditional speculoos cookies to a signature elevated tea-infused Empress yule log cake, Tan enhances traditional offerings with his unique touch, creating a blend of the familiar and the unexpected that is sure to intrigue and excite.

Guests can also delight in his exclusive Empress dark and milk chocolate, a treat only available at Fairmont Empress. The specially crafted dark chocolate is the foundation for his signature Empress Torte, a delicacy not to be missed. To make

the holidays more memorable, look for his enchanting chocolate Christmas trees displayed around the hotel along with pop-up gingerbread houses.

Tan's culinary journey started in Manila, Philippines, where he attended the prestigious Culinary Arts De La Salle University. After moving to Canada in 2009, he honed his skills and was most recently the Executive Pastry Chef at the St. Regis in Toronto. His passion and meticulous attention to detail ensure that every sweet treat is extraordinary. He now oversees our iconic Afternoon Tea program.

Join us this holiday season to savour Chef Gerald Tan's delectable creations and make flavourful memories.





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 2025 with an unforgettable celebration.

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, \$60 per child. Available daily, located in the historic Lobby Lounge. Local carolers performing on select dates. Scan QR code on the back for hours of operation.



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.



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.



Santa's Sips

Tailored for those searching for a whimsical night-life atmosphere, our festive take on Sunset Sips is a cocktail and culinary experience with an intoxicating twist on tradition. Enjoy thoughtfully curated holiday cocktails in glass teapots and tiers of nosh to top it off. Santa's Sips available in the Lobby Lounge from 6:00pm to 11:00pm on select dates. Scan QR code on the back to reserve your spot!





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. 5:00pm - 9:30pm, \$229 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 12:00pm, 2:30pm and 5:00pm. \$269 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. \$229 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, \$159 per adult and 8:00pm four-course, \$229 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. \$239 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 Roaring New Year: Cocktails & All That Jazz

Step back in time and usher in 2025 with "A Roaring New Year: Cocktails & All That Jazz," a glamorous Gatsby-themed celebration at Fairmont Empress. A stylish evening inspired by the roaring 1920s, and a private affair where a secret password is required for admission.

Dress to impress and prepare for an evening of drinks, dancing and plenty of photo opportunities! The exclusive event will feature a welcome drink and hors d'oeuvres on arrival, a dance floor accompanied by a seven-piece jazz band and a stunning champagne tower to ring in the New Year.

Toast to new beginnings and dance the night away! Event starts at 8:00pm and goes till 1:00am. Ideal for groups of four or more. Food menu available throughout the evening. Location will be disclosed at time of purchase.

Reserve Today

8:00pm - 1:00am, December 31. \$198 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. And your Festive meal wouldn't be complete without 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 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 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 41st annual Santa Claus Parade will make its way through downtown on November 30th at 5:00pm, 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.

