

FAIRMONT HOTELS OF BC

April 2027



Fairmont Empress

Explore some of the finest hotels in BC

Experience the elegance, history, and timeless charm of Western Canada's iconic Fairmont hotels on this unique getaway. You will spend each night in one of four celebrated properties, from the historic Fairmont Hotel Vancouver and the legendary Fairmont Empress in Victoria to the contemporary Fairmont Waterfront and the mountain-inspired Fairmont Chateau Whistler. These remarkable hotels have welcomed royalty, world leaders, and distinguished guests for generations, blending rich history with modern luxury. Beyond the grand accommodations, enjoy time to explore vibrant Vancouver, beautiful Victoria, and spectacular Whistler while discovering the stories behind these architectural landmarks. You can experience the exceptional service, elegant surroundings, and unforgettable hospitality that have made Canada's grand railway hotels famous around the world.



CANADIAN TOUR



ACTIVITY LEVEL

► Departure from:

- ❶ **BC Interior:** April 13, 2027 – 9 days
- ❷ **Vancouver Island:** April 13, 2027 – 9 days
- ❸ **Lower Mainland:** April 13, 2027 – 9 days

► Fares per person

- ❶ from **\$5,995** double/twin, **\$7,395** single*
- *Pricing details for all departures provided on page 2.*

► Early Booking Bonus

\$150 discount on first 12 seats; **\$75** on next 8.

► Earn 152 Experience Points



Fairmont Hotel Vancouver

Providing Quality Packaged Travel Since 1972

WHAT'S INCLUDED

► Meals

- ① **16 total:** 8 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 1 tea, 4 dinners
- ① ② **14 total:** 8 breakfasts, 1 lunches, 1 tea, 4 dinners

► Transportation

- Coach transportation for 9 days
- ① ② **2 Strait of Georgia ferry crossings**
- ② **4 Strait of Georgia ferry crossings**

► Accommodation

- 8 nights of Fairmont Hotels accommodation & hotel taxes
- Luggage handling at hotels

► Knowledgeable Wells Gray tour director

► Gratuities

- Gratuities for guides & historians

► Key Highlights

- Guided historical tour of Hotel Vancouver
- Guided Granville Island Market food tour
- Country Bee Honey Farm
- Orca Spirit whale-watching excursion
- Afternoon tea at the Empress
- Guided historical tour of the Empress
- Malahat Skywalk
- Merridale Cidery tour
- Choice of *Summer 1976* show at Granville Island Stage **or** Zodiac tour of Howe Sound Biosphere with stop at Bowen Island (additional cost)
- Sea to Sky Gondola
- Squamish Canyon
- Brandywine Falls Park
- Guided tour of Whistler

Attractions are subject to change. Please see our [Terms and Conditions](#) for more information.

FARES PER PERSON

	Departure Point	Fairmont Standard	Fairmont Upgrade
①	BC Interior	\$5,995 double/twin \$7,395 single	\$6,085 double/twin \$7,570 single
②	Vancouver Island	\$6,295 double/twin \$7,695 single	\$6,385 double/twin \$7,870 single
③	Lower Mainland	\$6,095 double/twin \$7,495 single	\$6,185 double/twin \$7,670 single

- Please add 5% GST.
- Details of which category the Fairmont Upgrade includes can be found on page 6.
- **BC Seniors (65 & over):** receive an \$18 discount if you are travelling from the BC Interior or the Lower Mainland. \$54 discount if you are travelling from Vancouver Island. Please bring your BC Services Card with you on this tour.
- Triples are not available on this tour.

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Tuesday, April 13

Your departure point will be discussed at the time of booking. We travel to Vancouver and stay two nights at the **Fairmont Hotel Vancouver** on West Georgia Street. Get-acquainted with your fellow travellers during dinner in the hotel's elegant Notch8 Restaurant.

Meals included: Lunch (BC Interior), Dinner

Accommodation: Fairmont Hotel Vancouver

Wednesday, April 14

The **hotel historian** meets us for a tour of this wonderful landmark of Vancouver, so we can hear stories about famous guests and architectural features. At noon, we go to **Granville Island Market** for a walking tour of the food vendors with 20 tastings featuring a chef's-table style spread of the city's most celebrated foods. The rest of the afternoon is free time to visit relatives, browse the shops near the hotel or at Pacific Centre, visit the adjacent Art Gallery, or choose from many restaurants along Robson Street.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Fairmont Hotel Vancouver

Thursday, April 15

We ride the ferry to Swartz Bay, then visit the Country Bee Farm Experience. Stroll through the gardens and meet farm animals such as pigs, alpacas, mini donkeys, hair sheep, emus, ducks, peacocks, chicks, and bunnies, plus an observation beehive. We continue into downtown Victoria and stay two nights at the famed **Fairmont Empress**.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Fairmont Empress

Friday, April 16

We take a boat excursion with Orca Spirit looking for whales off the coast of Victoria. We cruise past Race Rocks, a protected area that is home to plenty of marine wildlife and birds, and is dominated by a lighthouse built in 1860. A memorable culinary experience awaits – the renowned **Empress Afternoon Tea**. Savour dainty

sandwiches, barquettes, appetizers, cake, mousse, and pralines in the regal atmosphere of the old lobby. A guided history tour of the stately Empress follows.

Meals included: Breakfast, Tea

Accommodation: Fairmont Empress

Saturday, April 17

Heading up-Island, we stop at an exciting attraction, the **Malahat Skywalk**. Start with a stroll along an elevated walkway through a west coast forest of Arbutus and Douglas-firs. Then ascend the spiral tower on gentle ramps to take in the stunning 360-degree view of Saanich Inlet and the Gulf Islands. At **Merridale Cidery**, we learn about cider craftsmanship as knowledgeable storytellers guide us through the production process. Wander through the cider apple orchard and visit the cellar for a look at traditional methods. After the tour, we enjoy a tasting followed by lunch. We ride an afternoon ferry from Nanaimo to Horseshoe Bay and stay in downtown Vancouver at the **Fairmont Waterfront**.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Accommodation: Fairmont Waterfront

Sunday, April 18

The morning is free time.

Afternoon options: Please choose no later than final payment.

- 1) *Summer 1976*, a show at Granville Island Stage. During one extraordinary summer, free-spirited housewife Alice and serious single mother Diana forge an unlikely bond. While their young daughters play, they open up to each other about the realities of their lives and connect in ways that neither of them could have expected. The show is included in your tour fare.
- 2) Enjoy an exhilarating 4-hour Zodiac boat tour of Vancouver Harbour and Howe Sound, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, passing Lighthouse Park, a thriving seal colony, and Horseshoe Bay. There is time ashore on Bowen Island to explore the

shops and cafés. Cost is \$99 extra per person including transportation to/from the dock. Please select by final payment.

- 3) Enjoy a free day (until dinner) to do as you wish around Vancouver. Deduct \$65 from your tour fare. Please select by final payment.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Fairmont Waterfront

Monday, April 19

We follow the Sea to Sky Highway along Howe Sound. The **Sea to Sky Gondola** whisks us from sea level to the mountain top lodge for panoramic views of nearby peaks, Howe Sound, and Squamish. Next is a new attraction, **Squamish Canyon**, which features a 1.5 km boardwalk through the delightful coastal forest to an overlook of Mamquam Falls and the river racing through a canyon. Another stop is at Brandywine Falls which plunges 70 metres.

Arriving in Whistler, we settle into the luxurious

Fairmont Chateau Whistler.

Meals included: Breakfast

Accommodation: Fairmont Chateau Whistler

Tuesday, April 20

During a locally-guided tour, we learn about the remarkable history of the **Whistler Valley** – rural village to world-famous resort in 50 years. The afternoon is free time and you may wish to visit the Audain Art Museum or Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre. We celebrate our tour of most of British Columbia's Fairmont Hotels with a farewell dinner.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Accommodation: Fairmont Chateau Whistler

Wednesday, April 21

We travel home. Passengers from the BC Interior travel home via Highway 99. Passengers from Vancouver Island travel home via the ferry.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch (BC Interior)

ACTIVITY LEVEL 2



Moderate activity: As a traveller you like a variety of activities and walking up to 2 km with breaks such as a guided walking tour is very doable for you without assistance. You can stand for prolonged periods, negotiate a variety of terrain

including boardwalks and moderate hills comfortably, and can climb two flights of stairs without assistance. The Malahat Skywalk spiral ramp ascends 20 metres. There are many stairs at Squamish Canyon but you can sit out at the Forest Lounge on site if preferred.

You may bring a cane or walking poles if needed. This tour is not appropriate for people who require the use of a walker. The coaches cannot carry a scooter or motorized wheelchair. The tour director and driver have many responsibilities, so please do not expect them, or your fellow travellers, to provide ongoing assistance. If you are not capable of keeping up with the group or require frequent assistance, the tour director may stop you from participating in some activities or some days of the tour. In extreme situations, you may be required to leave the tour and travel home at your own expense; travel insurance will probably not cover you.



Tour size 40

This tour can accommodate 40 participants.

THIS TOUR STAYS AT THESE 4 FAMOUS CANADIAN HOTELS:

Fairmont Hotel Vancouver: Opened in 1939 at a cost of \$12 million, it became a downtown landmark with its copper green roof and a height of 17 storeys. A \$75 million renovation was completed in 2019 and brought this magnificent hotel back to ranking among the finest in Vancouver. It has a terrific location for shoppers, the adjacent Vancouver Art Gallery, or many restaurants along Robson Street.

Fairmont Empress: The Empress story began in the early 1900s when Canadian Pacific Railway had a dream to build chateau-style hotels across Canada to accommodate their affluent steamship and rail clients. Not just any hotels though; they needed to be in iconic locations and in communities that showcased Canada's breathtaking and diverse landscapes. Celebrated architect Francis Rattenbury was hired to make this dream a reality in Victoria. Construction began in 1904 and The Empress opened four years later, named after Queen Victoria who, during the last decade of her reign, was also the Empress of India. The city of Victoria literally grew up around the stunning Empress which has been at the social and business centre of this city since it opened. The Empress was designated a National Historic Site of Canada in 1981 and became a Fairmont Hotel in 1999. The hotel sits on what was formerly known as James Bay, a watery, muddy slough, supported by hundreds of pilings driven into the seabed. Its history and major renovations have placed The Empress on the list of the 21 Most Iconic Hotels in the World and the Best Historic Hotel in the Americas in 2020.

Fairmont Waterfront: Opened in 1991 at a cost of \$120 million, it rises 20 storeys and has a stunning location by the harbour at Canada Place. Amenities are an outdoor heated pool, indoor whirlpool, fitness centre, and gift shop. The ARC restaurant and bar offer unique menus and dozens of restaurants are nearby. Pacific Centre Mall is two blocks away.

Fairmont Chateau Whistler: In 1966, the Garibaldi Lift Company opened its ski area on Whistler Mountain. The development of Whistler Resort just 14 years later, and its growth into an award-winning, international resort, is unparalleled in ski history. To complement Whistler Mountain, Blackcomb Mountain opened in 1980, and Whistler Village was built at the base of these adjacent mountains. The Village was carefully designed to reap the benefits of the Coast Mountains' excellent geographical location, emphasizing sun exposure and mountain vistas. The Fairmont Chateau Whistler opened in 1989 at a cost of \$50 million. The stunning structure was built with an architectural mandate to infuse the charm and style of earlier Canadian chateaux into a modern building. In 2023, \$35 million was spent on a total renovation of its 539 rooms. The hotel offers several restaurants, complimentary shuttle into Whistler Village, health club, Vida Spa, and indoor/outdoor pools with hot tubs.

TOUR NOTES

Please book early! Fairmont Hotels are very popular among business travellers and tourists. Some hotels have strict policies about our commitment to the number of rooms needed and will cancel rooms from our original reservation if they can sell the rooms to other visitors. If this happens, we have to consider the tour full, even though seats are available on the motorcoach. Therefore, waiting too long to book usually means "Sorry, wait until another year."

Upgrades at Fairmont hotels: If you prefer a fancier room or one with a better view, the upgrade cost of \$90 per person double/twin and \$175 single (plus GST) includes the following. All four upgrades are offered as a package and you cannot choose only one.

- Hotel Vancouver – Fairmont to Deluxe
- Empress Hotel – Fairmont to Deluxe City View
- Waterfront Hotel – Deluxe Partial Harbour View to Signature Harbour View
- Chateau Whistler – Fairmont to Deluxe View

TOUR POLICIES

Payments: A deposit of \$400 per person is requested at the time of booking and balance is due February 3, 2027. By paying the deposit, you agree to the [Terms and Conditions, Company Policies](#), Activity Level, and Cancellation Policy outlined. Payments can be made by online banking or cheque (3% discount on tour fare), or by Visa or Mastercard.

Early Booking Bonus: Receive a \$150 discount on the first 12 seats and \$75 on the next 8 seats for booking early with deposit. The discount is not offered after February 3, 2027.

Cancellation Policy:

- Up to January 4, 2027, the cancellation charge is \$100 per person.
- From January 5 to February 3, the cancellation charge is \$200 per person.
- From February 4 to March 3, the cancellation charge is 60% of the tour fare.
- After March 3, there is no refund.

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Experience Points or E-points: This tour earns 152 e-points. Redeem up to 152 of your earned e-points from a previous tour until February 3, 2027.

Consumer Protection BC Licences: Kamloops 178, Vernon 655, Kelowna 588, Penticton 924, Victoria 65842

For information on show cancellations, food allergies, travel insurance, itinerary and fare changes, and more, please refer to our [Terms, Conditions, and Company Policies](#).

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