Happy Holidays
Wondrous decor and festive lights illuminate Victoria and the Inner Harbour: the most joyful season of the year has arrived!

Whether enjoying a Christmas feast in our new restaurant Q at the Empress, a holiday inspired afternoon tea in our Lobby Lounge, or a grand celebration on New Year’s Eve; we hope you delight in the romance of the season at Fairmont Empress.

On behalf of our entire staff at Fairmont Empress, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Warm Regards,

Indu Brar
General Manager,
Fairmont Empress
Q AT THE EMPRESS

Celebrate this festive season with a feast fit for royalty and start your own new traditions in the cozy atmosphere of the newly opened Q at The Empress. We’ll make your holidays extra memorable with exquisite Pacific Northwest cuisine and a warm welcome this season.

December 1 – 23

FESTIVE THREE-COURSE LUNCH
Monday - Friday | 11:30am – 2:30pm

Make lunchtime a special festive event this holiday season with a themed Christmas antipasti buffet, festive main course and festive dessert every weekday in December. $28 per person

CHRISTMAS À LA CARTE

Festive lunch and dinner appetizers, entrées and desserts will feature on the à la carte menu to allow guests to try a little taste of Christmas this December. Save your seasonal appetite for the big day but get in the festive mood with themed menu items.

CHRISTMAS FAMILY STYLE

Christmas is all about family and this holiday season you can bring your relatives, friends and other loved ones together for a shared feast. Perfect for more than two people, this family-style meal features a fresh start with baby gem salad and maple roasted carrot soup, followed by cinnamon spiced confit duck leg, monkfish saltimbocca and braised beef short rib, and finished with silken chocolate cherry tart and Christmas fruit cake. $75 per person, 50% off for children (ages 6 – 12)
Q AT THE EMPRESS
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December 24
Christmas Eve

THREE-COURSE CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER + WINE PAIRING
Celebrate the night before Christmas with a seasonal start to festivities that includes a three-course dinner featuring honey roasted butternut squash soup, roasted turkey with all the trimmings and an alunga chestnut symphony that brings together the best flavours of winter for a wine-paired Christmas Eve feast. $75 per person, 50% off for children (ages 6 – 12), +$45 for wine pairings

December 25
Christmas Day

FIVE-COURSE CHRISTMAS DINNER + WINE PAIRING
Celebrate the big day in sophisticated style with a five-course journey through culinary delights such as venison carpaccio, scallops and beet cured salmon terrine. Entrées include classic roast turkey with a modern twist on all the trimmings, or birch glazed BC sablefish for an alternative Christmas dinner. Chocolate kirsch torte is a rich end to a Christmas feast fit for royalty. $175 per person, 50% off for children (ages 6 – 12), +$75 for wine pairings

*Maximum table size of 10
Curl up with a warm beverage and cozy blanket, and spread some festive cheer while sipping on innovative cocktails and celebrating special moments with friends and family, with Victoria’s most spectacular Inner Harbour view as a stunning backdrop.

**December 1 – January 2**

**SEASON OF JOY... AND DRINKS**
11am – Midnight

Even if the weather outside is frightful, inside Q and on the Veranda it’s going to be delightful when our skilled mixologists prepare warm and cold modern interpretations of classic festive flavours to warm your heart this Christmas.

**December 1 – 23**

**CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS IN Q BAR**
4pm – Midnight

Make after work drinks extra special this season with a dedicated space to celebrate with friends, family, or colleagues until the wee hours. Book our alcove or separée in Q Bar for your Christmas gathering for up to 16 people.

Minimum spend $1500

**December 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24**

**WINTER WONDERLAND ON THE VERANDA**
3pm – 8pm

Cuddle up with loved ones out on the Veranda. Warm blankets will be provided, alongside an offering of hot beverages such as hot chocolate, mulled wine or even a shot of absinthe. Christmas bites like stollen and cookies will help to bring the warm and fuzzy feeling of a winter wonderland to life.
GRAND EVENTS

Book your festive celebration at the ‘castle by the coast’ to create memories that last a lifetime. Inspire your friends and colleagues with the spirit of the season in an unforgettable atmosphere.

December 2

GRAND FESTIVE BUFFET
Crystal Ballroom  |  6pm  •  Live Music from 7pm – 11pm

Perfect for smaller groups looking for a big celebration, the Grand Festive Buffet offers the ultimate Christmas party experience. Start off with a festive seafood display to wow guests and a varied selection of artisanal cheeses, charcuterie and antipasti to start, followed by chef-attended carving stations offering maple glazed leg of ham or roasted turkey and all the trimmings. Warm Christmas pudding and eggnog cheesecake are just a few of the favourite desserts featured. Live music will follow later in the evening. $1,490 for table of 10, includes a bottle of red and white wine for the table.

December 8

BENGAL FESTIVE DINNER
Bengal Room  |  6pm  •  DJ from 7pm – 11pm

Get a group together to enjoy a family-style feast in the exotic surroundings of the Bengal Room. Share platters of seasonal dishes, including Fraser Valley free-run turkey, a Pacific cod and clam bake, or tuck into Indian inspired murge makhani, tandoori chicken and paneer jalfrezi. Festivities finish with gingerbread spiced crème brulée, eggnog panna cotta and ras malai, a traditional Indian cheesecake style dessert. A live DJ will get the party started for an evening of international celebration and fun. $550 for a table of six.
Christmas Day Dinner Buffet
Crystal Ballroom | Starting at 3pm

Enjoy a relaxed Christmas Day with an early dinner buffet for the whole family - festive favourites such as raclette and maple roasted yams will get you in the spirit of the special day. Chefs will serve classic dishes including roasted leg and breast of turkey with sage and sourdough stuffing, buttermilk whipped potatoes and pan gravy. Little guests can enjoy a children’s’ buffet with treats such as turkey fingers and Rudolph cupcakes. $109 per person, 50% off for children (ages 6 – 12)
Surround yourself with your loved ones and mark this festive season with memorable meaning and elegance. From our world renowned afternoon tea to a private cocktail reception, spend your quality time in the vibrant heart of Fairmont Empress.

**FESTIVE AFTERNOON TEA**
11am – 5:15pm

Featuring our famous festive themed menu, our traditional Tea at The Empress includes sumptuous seasonal favourites such as mini Christmas fruit cake with marzipan butter frosting, candy cane macarons and zesty almond Florentine. Freshly baked scones with Empress cream and strawberry preserves bring a regal touch to proceedings and savoury delights such as the roast turkey roulade with pear butter finish off the afternoon in style.

$75 per person

**FIREPLACE NIGHTCAP**
Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights through December 6pm to close

End the evening on a cozy Christmas note and find a warm spot around our fireplace to enjoy a festive nightcap. Indulge in imaginative libations and light bites from the new Lobby Lounge menu for a naughty but nice treat at the end of a day of Christmas shopping and festive cheer.

**CHRISTMAS COCKTAIL PARTIES**
December 1 – 24

Grand events deserve a grand space and when you book your private cocktail reception in the Lobby Lounge for 25 to 60 people you will be hosted in Victoria’s most elegant historic space, overlooking the Inner Harbour.
HOTEL EVENTS

Fairmont Empress embodies the spirit of the season with a variety of winter activities this holiday time. Check in with our festive desk for all of your Christmas needs, enjoy your favourite Christmas carols in our sophisticated Lobby Lounge, lose yourself in our Candy Wonderland and even enjoy storytime with the venerable Mrs. Claus!

**December 1 – 25**

**FESTIVE DESK**
Lobby Lounge | 10am – 7pm

Come and visit our desk for Christmas goodies galore. ‘Tis the season to give and receive, so treat yourself to sweet and savoury delights, as well as hampers and gift cards for your special loved ones.

**December 17 – 18 and 24 – 25**

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS**
Lobby Lounge | 3pm – 5pm

Enjoy the timeless traditions of Tea at the Empress and live classic Christmas Carols in the elegant surroundings of the Lobby Lounge. Fill your heart with joy and fill your belly with delicate afternoon tea treats and uplifting songs of the season.

**December 18 – 22**

**CANDY WONDERLAND**
Library | 2pm – 6pm

Rediscover the magic of Christmas with a visit to Candy Wonderland to explore our incredible life sized gingerbread house and get in the festive spirit by decorating your own gingerbread man! $25 per family of four

**December 24**

**MEET MRS. CLAUS**
Library | 6pm • 7pm • 8pm

Bring the family to meet Santa Claus’ lovely wife for a special reading of Christmas stories as everybody snuggles up to enjoy milk and cookies while Mrs. Claus tells her tales. Free event
NEW YEAR’S EVE

Ring in the New Year in royal style at Fairmont Empress. Bid adieu to 2016 and begin 2017 the right way with impeccable service, inventive cuisine, live music, dancing and, of course, plenty of champagne to celebrate the most important night of the year.

December 31

NEW YEAR’S EVE GALA
Q at The Empress + Lobby Lounge
From 7:30pm

Feast your way into 2017 with our exquisite five-course menu, which features unforgettable appetizers such as foie gras brulée or torched tuna with soft quail’s egg and delectable entrées including truffled lamb or Dungeness crusted king salmon.

Let the festivities continue with a special invitation to ring in the New Year in the Lobby Lounge with live music and a complimentary glass of sparkling wine at midnight. **$210 per person, 50% off for children (ages 6 – 12), +$90 for wine pairings**

NEW YEAR’S EVE DINNER BUFFET
Crystal Ballroom  |  7:30pm

Take a trip around the world this New Year’s Eve with a festive buffet featuring chef-attended stations that bring the best of global cuisine to Victoria. Choose from ramen and curry, local seafood - showcased at the innovative ceviche cocktail ‘shaken and cured’ bar - and a range of artisanal charcuterie and fresh salads. Tuck into seasonal entrées before enjoying the dessert buffet. Let the festivities continue with a special invitation to ring in the New Year in the Lobby Lounge with live music and a complimentary glass of sparkling wine at midnight. **$190 per person**
NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTION BRUNCH
Lower Lobby, Rattenbury Room, Shaughnessy Ballroom
10am – 2pm

Start the New Year in style and put those resolutions on hold to enjoy a sumptuous brunch menu buffet that includes chef-attended stations, a cocktail bar and mimosa station. Choose from fresh fruit, morning indulgences such as warm pecan caramel cinnamon buns and artisanal charcuterie like Fraser Valley Smoked Chicken and duck pate. Save room for the Vancouver Island Cheese Trolley, locally sourced salads and hot entrées such as roasted Alberta prime rib of beef and, of course, the tempting dessert buffet.

$75 per person