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## HOTELS 2007 - 2008



### FAIRMONT EMPRESS HOTEL VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Rising regally on Victoria's spectacular Inner Harbour, The Fairmont Empress showcases the spirit and energy of Vancouver Island in grand style. With her turn-of-the-century beauty, The Fairmont Empress captures the grandeur and elegance of a bygone era, while her facilities and services meet the needs of today's traveller. The Fairmont Empress features 477 luxuriously appointed guest rooms and suites, with magnificent views of the city, courtyard or spectacular Inner Harbour. With a selection of unique guest room sizes and categories to suit every taste, this landmark Fairmont property is a tribute to classic elegance. Over \$45 million was spent in the Royal Restoration; all the guest rooms were renovated, and a health club, indoor swimming pool and guest reception were added. With an emphasis on craftsmanship, no attempt was made to give the hotel a new image. Instead, the goal was to restore The Fairmont Empress to her original elegance. The **Fairmont Gold** floor features a private lounge with lavish continental breakfast, honour bar and evening hors d'oeuvres, complimented by an attentive concierge team, designed to meet the needs of the most discerning golfer.

The Fairmont Empress features many exclusive amenities; exquisite dining, Victorian-era architecture, and spa facilities. Enjoy Afternoon Tea in the magnificent Tea Lobby surrounded by handcrafted tapestries, lovely mouldings and polished, hardwood floors. If tea is not for you, why not spend a relaxing hour or two in the classic Bengal Bar, aptly named for the many gifts from a visiting Maharaja a century ago. Warm curries and entertainment from the piano will soothe the nerves almost as well as a gin and tonic.

Whether you desire a full-body massage or a full-body workout, The Fairmont Empress has a fully-equipped gym and indoor heated pool and whirlpool area.

Another great pleasure is to travel to and from this fine hotel via floatplane. It is just a 5 minute walk to the West Coast Air Floatplane terminal on the Inner Harbour, and from here, you can travel to downtown Vancouver in just 35 minutes. The views from the floatplane are unrivalled. You will see more mountain and ocean views during your flight than at any other time during your vacation, and for many, just getting to the Empress is the greatest holiday experience ever.

In 2005, the readers of Condé Nast Traveler named The Fairmont Empress the #2 rated location in Canada. It was also ranked in the Top 500 Global Hotels by Travel & Leisure Magazine.



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