

Partner's Programs

Our Partner's Programs are adaptable to meet your needs and ideas. Please consult with your Conference Services & Catering Representative to determine the best activities for your Group – depending on your schedule, budget and unique group needs! Pricing is subject to change and can be confirmed at the time of booking.

Afternoon Tea *(seasonal & group pricing available)*

Afternoon Tea has been a beloved pastime at The Fairmont Empress since 1908. Served in the charming Tea Lobby, your guests will be invited to sip history, art and character. Sitting amongst portraits of royalty, one can view Victoria's magnificent Inner Harbour. Our Afternoon Tea includes a fixed menu of berries, scones, pastries, tea sandwiches, and, of course, our special blend of Empress Tea. Contact your Conference Services Representative for pricing and availability.

Cooking Demonstrations *(\$36.00/person+15% gratuity+ GST; min. 12 people)*

Join The Fairmont Empress' culinary team to discover secrets to exquisite cuisine prepared with creativity and flare. Have one of our experienced instructors from the kitchen dazzle your group with practical and easy to use recipes. Approximately 1.5 hours. Price includes demonstration, food samples of the featured items, coffee & tea in the meeting room, a recipe card for each guest, and a brief kitchen tour (subject to time & hotel business levels). Choose from one of the following amazing demonstrations, creative canapés & hors d'oeuvres, afternoon tea sandwiches, or desserts

- **Creative Canapés & Hors D'oeuvres:**
 - Featuring fun & easy recipes perfect for entertaining and making at home.
- **Afternoon Tea Sandwiches:**
 - Explore how our culinary team create the Tea Sandwiches served during High Tea.
 - Talk to your Conference Services Representative about joining this demonstration with Afternoon Tea Service (pricing is seasonal for afternoon tea).
- **Chocolate Creations:**
 - All things Chocolate! This demonstration takes your guests on a chocolate journey featuring your choice of Chocolate Truffles, Chocolate Decorations, or Chocolate Desserts.

BC "Cause & Effect" Wine Tasting *(\$38.00/person +15%gratuity + GST; min 12 people)*

Spend 1.5 hours with our Food & Beverage professionals experiencing our featured wines from British Columbia. Taste specially selected wines, while learning the finer details of wine appreciation. You will taste 2 premium BC white, 2 premium BC red, and 1 premium BC dessert wine that have been creatively paired with foods native to our great province. This tasting is interactive and fun for your guests to attend and is meant to demystify the pretentiousness that sometimes coincides with the world of wine. Wine tastings are available between the hours of 14:00-17:00 daily based on room availability. Speak with your Conference Services representative regarding booking a wine tasting for your group.

Guided Hotel Tours

(\$10/adult, \$5/child 6-12, Children under 6 complimentary, \$175/guide maximum of 22 guests +GST)

Experience a century of historical charm and old world elegance in the heart of this romantic setting, the world famous Fairmont Empress. This tour takes approximately 70 minutes and will enlighten your guests about the history of our beautiful heritage building. Wearing replica outfits from 1908, the year that The Empress first opened its doors, the tour guides will help your guests discover many interesting facts and information about this amazing hotel. Tours depart daily at 10am (May-Oct), private group tours can be arranged by contacting your Conference Services Representative.

City Walking Tours *(\$200/guide maximum of 22 guests +GST)*

Return to the 1840's with this popular 80 minute walking tour called the Talk of the Town Tour. Discover how Victoria has evolved over the past 200 years, from the early Songhees people to the multicultural city we live in today. By the end of the tour, your guests will have an appreciation of the incredible history of this old fort town as well as an orientation to the downtown core, for their further exploration at a later time.

Whale Watching Tours *(Special group pricing available, private boats available)*

Let our partners at Five Star Charters Whale Watching and Nature Tours, help your guests discover the picturesque West Coast of Canada, and Vancouver Island, home to the largest population of Killer Whales (*Orcinus Orca*) in the world. The water surrounding Southern Vancouver Island, Victoria, and the Gulf Islands, is the home of pods "J", "K", and "L" numbering approximately 90 whales in total. Crews are waiting to introduce you to these magnificent mammals and share with you the myriad of other natural wonders abundant in this pristine marine environment.

