

CASTLE TO CASTLE: ICONIC FAIRMONT HOTELS AND PORTER AIRLINES UNVEIL DIRECT OTTAWA TO VICTORIA TRAVEL EXPERIENCE

- An elevated way to travel Capital to Capital while staying at iconic Canadian properties -



Victoria, B.C. (May 15, 2025) – Two of Canada’s most storied castles, [Fairmont Empress](#) and [Fairmont Château Laurier](#), are celebrating Porter Airlines’ new non-stop flight between Victoria and Ottawa with a curated travel experience that offers convenience, comfort and connection between some of Canada’s most historic and luxurious landmarks.

The ‘Castle to Castle, Capital to Capital’ experience aims to elevate Canadians’ travel experience with a seamless flight between Vancouver Island and the historic capital. With Porter Airlines’ focus on customer-first service and Fairmont’s commitment to hospitality excellence, the partnership is set to provide travellers with an exceptional journey from start to finish.

Fairmont Empress and Fairmont Château Laurier redefine guests’ stay with exclusive Fairmont Gold experiences, providing personalized services and opulent amenities. Alongside their historic grandeur and modern touches, the properties are in prime locations at the heart of their vibrant cities, overlooking the water.

Fairmont Empress, built in 1908, is a national historic site well-known as a Canadian treasure perched on the edge of Victoria’s Inner Harbour. Surrounded by natural beauty and countless amenities nearby, there is something for everyone. Whale watching, lush gardens, scenic trails, and established restaurants and bars are all steps away from the hotel’s front door. Enjoy the breathtaking view, stunning architecture and world-renowned [Afternoon Tea service](#).

Fairmont Château also blends timeless grandeur with contemporary luxury and is located steps away from the Rideau Canal, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Guests can enjoy refined Canadian cuisine and breathtaking city views at [La Terrasse](#), one of Ottawa’s best patios, from May to October. The setting offers a memorable backdrop, featuring the Parliament Buildings, Gatineau Hills and the Rideau Canal Locks, making every bite and sip truly special.



“From the Pacific coast to Parliament Hill, the ‘Castle to Castle, Capital to Capital’ offering is a celebration of Canadian history, culture, and hospitality,” said Dan McGowan, General Manager at Fairmont Empress. “We are thrilled to partner with Fairmont Château Laurier and Porter Airlines to create an enjoyable and memorable journey from takeoff to check-out.”

“Fairmont Château Laurier has long stood as a symbol of elegance and history in the heart of the nation's capital,” said Geneviève Dumas, General Manager at Fairmont Château Laurier. “We are delighted to partner with Fairmont Empress and Porter Airlines to offer guests a truly distinctive ‘Castle to Castle, Capital to Capital’ experience. This seamless journey between two of Canada’s most iconic destinations reflects our shared commitment to exceptional hospitality, unforgettable moments, and a deep connection to Canadian heritage.”

“Porter is the only airline offering nonstop service between Ottawa and Victoria. When connecting these two capitals, travellers are greeted with an elevated level of service onboard. Through our partnership with Fairmont, this renowned hospitality extends throughout a passenger’s entire journey,” said Edmond Eldebs, Senior Vice President, Chief Commercial Officer.”

Starting May 15, 2025, the new Porter Airlines service will operate four days a week. To book a flight, [click here](#). To reserve your stays at Fairmont Empress or Fairmont Château Laurier, visit: [Fairmont Hotels & Resorts | Luxury Hotels Around the World](#).

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About Fairmont Empress Recognized as the #2 Best Canadian City Hotel in Travel + Leisure's

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and honoured as a top Western Canadian Hotel in the 2024 Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards, Fairmont Empress is located in the heart of Victoria, BC overlooking the city's sparkling Inner Harbour. The MICHELIN key and Forbes-recommended hotel is a distinguished 4 Green Key property committed to sustainable practices. The 1908 historic site offers 431 beautifully appointed guest rooms and suites, Willow Stream Spa with signature West Coast experiences, Q at the Empress featuring Pacific Northwest cuisine with an award-winning wine list—while home to one of the World's most iconic Afternoon Tea experiences. Following a \$60+ million restoration completed in 2017, the hotel has transformed into an elegant must-visit destination where modern luxury intertwines with timeless charm. In 2023, the property introduced a reimagined Fairmont Gold Experience. 88 Fairmont Gold rooms await to be guests' home away from home, while a newly renovated lounge offers guests a cozy haven in the city and a private outdoor terrace peers over a perfectly manicured landscape. Historic Hotels Worldwide honours the property's prestigious grounds as the Top 25 Most Magnificent Gardens in the World, making it the perfect starting point for exploring Vancouver Island's stunning natural beauty.

About Château Laurier

Fairmont Château Laurier has been turning moments into special memories since the doors first opened in 1912. The historic castle stands proudly beside Parliament Hill in the heart of downtown Ottawa and has been a symbol of Canadian elegance and hospitality for 113 years. The property blends timeless grandeur with contemporary luxury, offering 426 impeccably designed guest rooms and suites that reflect the capital's vibrant culture and heritage. Fairmont Château Laurier is a 4 Green Key-certified hotel, committed to sustainability and responsible tourism. Guests can savour refined Canadian cuisine in the newly renovated Zoe's, sip craft cocktails in the elegant Zoé's Lounge, or experience one of Ottawa's most treasured Afternoon Tea services. La Terrasse, open from May until October offers one of Ottawa's most iconic

outdoor dining experiences. Perched atop the hotel's historic stone terrace, this seasonal patio seamlessly blends timeless elegance with a relaxed, contemporary ambiance. The hotel's state-of-the-art health club includes an art deco pool and fitness facilities, while only steps outside, guests are immersed in the charm of the Rideau Canal, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The reimagined Fairmont Gold experience features 71 upgraded rooms and a renovated and sophisticated private lounge with panoramic views of Parliament and the Ottawa River. Frequently featured in film and literature, and a member of Historic Hotels Worldwide, Fairmont Château Laurier offers more than a stay—it offers a gateway to Canada's capital, where history, politics, and culture converge.

About Fairmont

Fairmont Hotels & Resorts is where the intimate equally coexists with the infinite—an unrivaled portfolio of more than 80 extraordinary hotels where grand moments of life, heartfelt pleasures and personal milestones are celebrated and remembered long after any visit. Since 1907, Fairmont has created magnificent, meaningful and unforgettable hotels, rich with character and deeply connected to the history, culture and community of its destinations—places such as The Plaza in New York City, The Savoy in London, Fairmont San Francisco, Fairmont Banff Springs in Canada, Fairmont Peace Hotel in Shanghai and Fairmont The Palm in Dubai. Famous for its engaging service, awe-inspiring public spaces, locally inspired cuisine, and iconic bars and lounges, Fairmont also takes great pride in its pioneering approach to hospitality and leadership in sustainability and responsible tourism practices. Fairmont is part of Accor, a world-leading hospitality group consisting of more than 5,100 properties and 10,000 food and beverage venues throughout 110 countries.

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