

Fairmont Empress Hotel



Identification

EBN	113497
Name	Fairmont Empress Hotel
Alternative Name	Empress Hotel
Construction Type	high-rise building
Current Status	existing [completed]

Location

Continent Name	North America	District (1st level)	James Bay
Country Name	Canada	Postcode	V8W 1W5
State Name	British Columbia	Address (as text)	721 Government Street
Metro Area Name	Victoria Census Metropolitan Area	Main Address	721 Government Street

City Name	Victoria
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Description

Structural Material	concrete	Architectural style	chateausque
Facade System	exposed structure	Main Usage	hotel
Facade Material	brick granite		

Spatial dimensions

Height (structural)	116.14 ft	Units	Buy full PDF
Floors (overground)	9		

Years and costs

Year (construction start)	1905	Year (last renovation)	1989
Year (construction end)	1908	Building costs	\$ 45,000,000

Features & Amenities

- One of the city's famous buildings
- City landmark
- National landmark

Facts

- The Empress Hotel was built by the Canadian Pacific Railway.
- Because the Chateau-style hotel is of national architectural significance, it was designated a National Historic Site in 1980.
- Afternoon "Tea" is still served at the Empress where a dress code is still enforced.
- Designed by the same architect as the BC Legislative Buildings.

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- Significant additions were made to the hotel in 1912 and 1929, designed by two architects other than the original architect.

Involved companies

Architect.....

Francis M. Rattenbury

Vancouver

Canada

J.W. Orrock

Walter Painter

Additional company data available for this building

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Renovations

Renovation 1989

Companies involved in this renovation

Structural Engineering [Buy full PDF](#)

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