

## DINE AROUND AND STAY IN TOWN STARTS TODAY

**Residents encouraged to participate in the annual culinary celebration that supports local businesses**

**VICTORIA, B.C. (February 26, 2024)** – One of Greater Victoria’s most anticipated culinary events, Dine Around and Stay in Town, starts today. It’s the perfect opportunity for residents to support the local hospitality industry by having dinner at a restaurant and making a night of it. The annual foodie festival runs until February 11 and showcases over 45 of Greater Victoria's finest restaurants with set-price, three course menus priced at \$25, \$35, \$45, \$55 or \$65 per person. Greater Victoria’s hotels are offering accommodations at special rates from \$149 to \$269.

January is typically one of the slowest months for the visitor economy in Greater Victoria. Recognizing this, the Dine Around and Stay in Town program aims to boost business at local restaurants and hotels.

"For two decades, this event has brought together food enthusiasts and showcased the creativity of our top chefs," said Peter DeBruyn, Chair of the BC Restaurant and Food Services Association – Victoria Branch. Emphasizing the significance of events like Dine Around and Stay in Town, he adds "I encourage everyone to dine at one of the participating restaurants, supporting our local culinary scene during this challenging time of the year."

To kick off the festivities, last night's Dine Around and Stay in Town gala at the Victoria Conference Centre was a success, with approximately 550 attendees enjoying tasty bites and beverages, lively entertainment, and fostering a sense of excitement for the culinary experiences that lie ahead. In a commitment to supporting local businesses, net proceeds from the gala launch event will be shared with participating restaurants, providing a vital boost during the off-peak months.

"During a typically slower time of year, events like Dine Around and Stay in Town play a pivotal role in supporting Greater Victoria’s visitor economy," said Paul Nurse, CEO, Destination Greater Victoria. "This year we celebrate 20 years of Dine Around and Stay in Town, acknowledging the lasting impact these events and promotions have had on our community. We look forward to many more years of supporting local businesses and the tourism industry."

For more information about Dine Around and Stay in Town, including participating restaurants, menus, and accommodation options, please visit <https://www.tourismvictoria.com/eat-drink/dine-around>.

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**About Destination Greater Victoria:** Destination Greater Victoria (Greater Victoria Visitors and Convention Bureau) has proudly served as our region's official, not-for-profit destination marketing and management organization for half a century. As we celebrate our 50th anniversary in 2024, we continue to work hand-in-hand with nearly 1,000 businesses and municipalities in Greater Victoria to promote, enhance, and manage our vibrant destination. We look forward to another 50 years of supporting the visitor economy that brings vitality to our region. For more information, visit the Destination Greater Victoria [website](#).

**BC Restaurant and Food Services Association** supports restaurant and foodservice operations across the province of British Columbia. As an advocate for the sector, BCFRA plays an integral role in development partnership and programs as well as bringing the voice of industry to the government and media, in an effort to support the success of operators.

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**BACKGROUNDER**

**Participating Accommodations**

Abigail's Hotel  
Chateau Victoria Hotel and Suites  
Coast Victoria Hotel & Marina by APA  
Delta Hotels Victoria Ocean Pointe Resort  
Fairmont Empress  
Hotel Grand Pacific  
Huntingdon Manor Hotel  
Inn at Laurel Point  
Magnolia Hotel & Spa  
Pendray Inn and Tea House  
Spinnakers Guesthouses  
Victoria Marriott Inner Harbour

**Participating Restaurants**

10 Acres Pier	Little Jumbo Restaurant & Bar
10 Acres Bistro	Lot 1 Pasta Bar
10 Acres Commons	LURE Restaurant & Bar
The Arbutus Room	Marilena Café & Raw Bar
Blue Crab Seafood House	Milestones Millstream
Bard & Banker	Milestones Victoria
Boom + Batten Restaurant & Cafe	Pendray Inn and Tea House
Browns Socialhouse Victoria Falls	Penny Farthing Public House
Browns Socialhouse Langford	Perro Negro Tapas & Wine
Cactus Club	Q at the Empress
Earls Restaurant	Six Mile Pub & Eatery
FARO	Spinnakers Gastro Brewpub
Fathom at Hotel Grand Pacific	Steamship Grill & Bar
Ferris' Grill + Garden Patio	The Sticky Wicket
Ferris' Upstairs Oyster Bar	The Courtney Room
Fiamo Italian Kitchen	The Keg Steakhouse & Bar - Saanich
Fire + Water Restaurant	The Keg Steakhouse & Bar - Fort Street
Glo Restaurant + Lounge	The Ugly Duckling
Good Overning	Virtuous Pie
Hermann's Jazz Club	Vis-à-Vis
Irish Times Pub	Vista 18 Restaurant + Lounge
JR Slims	Wind Cries Mary
L'apéro Wine & Cheese Bistro	Zambri's