

DINE AROUND AND STAY IN TOWN RETURNS IN 2025 Annual culinary celebration supports local eateries and accommodations

VICTORIA, B.C. (**December 2, 2024**) - One of Greater Victoria's most anticipated culinary events, Dine Around and Stay in Town, returns in 2025 with exciting new additions. The annual foodie festival runs from January 24 until February 9, 2025, and features Greater Victoria's vibrant mix of restaurants and accommodations.

More than 50 restaurants are participating with set-price, three course menus priced at \$25, \$35, \$45, \$55, \$65 or \$75 per person. The new \$75 menu options provide participants with more choices. While the event typically puts a focus on dinner menus, this year many establishments are also offering special breakfast, brunch, and lunch menus. This year, Greater Victoria's hotels are offering special rates for accommodation ranging from \$139 to \$259. It's the perfect opportunity for residents and visitors alike to support the local hospitality industry by eating out and making a night of it.

"For more than twenty years, this popular culinary festival has showcased the creativity of the region's leading chefs," says Peter DeBruyn, Provincial Chair, BC Restaurant and Food Services Association - Victoria Chapter. "This year's specially curated menus will feature some of the best farmed and foraged ingredients the region has to offer – a treat for locals and visitors alike."

New participating restaurants include Bin 4 Burger Lounge, Rudi, Table Nineteen, Sea Cider Farm and Ciderhouse, Saxe Point Public House, and Jacks on the Water. Additionally, Days Inn on the Harbour will be joining the accommodation list. Recognizing January is typically a slower period for Greater Victoria's hospitality industry, the Dine Around and Stay in Town program provides an opportunity to drive traffic to local eateries and accommodations.

"During off-peak times, events like Dine Around and Stay in Town play an important role in supporting restaurants and hotels as well as the broader visitor economy in Greater Victoria," says Paul Nursey, CEO of Destination Greater Victoria. "Every visitor counts during the slower winter months. By highlighting the region's culinary scene and accommodations, this event invites both locals and visitors to experience the unique offerings of our destination. Such events have a lasting impact on the community."

On January 23, 2025, the Dine Around and Stay in Town Victoria Gala at the Crystal Garden marks the beginning of the foodie festival. Early bird tickets are on sale now for \$100 plus tax. Once sold out, regular Gala tickets will be available for \$120 plus tax. Gala attendees enjoy unlimited tasty bites and beverages along with lively entertainment, while fostering a sense of excitement for the culinary experiences that lie ahead.

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

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Participating Accommodations

Abigail's Hotel Chateau Victoria Hotel & Suites Coast Victoria Hotel & Marina by

Days Inn on the Harbour*

Delta Hotels Victoria Ocean

Pointe Resort Fairmont Empress Hotel Grand Pacific

Huntingdon Hotel & Suites

Inn at Laurel Point Magnolia Hotel & Spa Pendray Inn & Guest House

Strathcona Hotel

Victoria Marriott Inner Harbour

Westin Bear Mountain

Participating Restaurants

10 Acres Bistro 10 Acres Commons

10 Acres at The Pier

Aura Waterfront Restaurant +

Patio

Bard & Banker

Bin 4 Burger Lounge*
Block Kitchen and Bar
Blue Crab Seafood House
Boom + Batten Restaurant &

Cafe

Brentwood Bay Resort Brown's Socialhouse Cactus Club Victoria

Callisto

Clive's Classic Lounge

FARO Handcrafted Pizza and Tasting Room

Fathom

Ferris' Upstairs Seafood and

Oyster Bar

Ferris' Grill and Garden Patio Fiamo Italian Kitchen

Fire + Water Restaurant Glo Restaurant & Lounge

Good Ovening Korean Pub &

Roasted Chicken House of Boateng Irish Times Pub Jacks on the Water*

L'Apero Wine & Cheese Bistro LURE Restaurant & Bar

Lot 1 Pasta Bar

Marilena Cafe & Raw Bar Milestones Inner Harbour Milestones Millstream Village

Nourish Kitchen

Pendray Tea House Penny Farthing Perro Negro

Q at the Empress

Rudi*

Saxe Point Public House*
Sea Cider Farm & Ciderhouse*
Spinnakers Gastro Brewpub

Stage

Steamship Grill and Bar

Sticky Wicket
Table Nineteen*
The Courtney Room
The Keg Steakhouse + Bar
The Keg on The Harbour

Ugly Duckling Dining & Provisions

Vis-a-Vis Vista18

Wind Cries Mary Zambri's

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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