

DINE AROUND AND STAY IN TOWN VICTORIA RETURNS IN 2026 WITH NEW OFFERINGS Performing arts community joins local eateries and accommodations

VICTORIA, B.C. (November 26, 2025) – Dine Around and Stay in Town Victoria, the region's highly anticipated culinary festival, returns from January 23 to February 8, 2026. Destination Greater Victoria (DGV) and the BC Restaurant & Foodservices Association (BCRFA), Victoria Branch, partner each year to organize this 17-day event. For the first time ever, the event welcomes the performing arts community alongside restaurants and accommodations to offer guests a complete evening experience.

Traditionally a showcase for Victoria's vibrant culinary and hospitality scene, Dine Around and Stay in Town features more than 60 of Victoria's top restaurants offering set three-course menus at fixed prices, alongside exclusive accommodation deals ranging from boutique to luxury. This year's expanded program includes meaningful discounts on offerings from Greater Victoria's performing arts organizations, allowing locals and visitors to build the perfect evening of dinner, a show, and a night out.

"While Dine Around and Stay in Town will always be a celebration of our region's vibrant dining culture, including the performing arts community brings an exciting new dimension," says Paul Nursey, CEO of Destination Greater Victoria. "By adding special offers from our performing arts members, an idea championed by our industry partners, guests can now enjoy an even more complete Greater Victoria experience. The enhanced program continues to drive business during the slower winter months, supporting restaurants, hotels, and performing arts organizations when it matters most."

"For over two decades, Dine Around and Stay in Town has been a celebration of Greater Victoria's culinary innovation and local talent," says Peter DeBruyn, Provincial Chair, BC Restaurant and Foodservices Association – Victoria Chapter. "This year's festival will once again highlight the region's finest farmed and foraged ingredients, offering diners an experience that shows the creativity and flavour of our community."

"Adding the performing arts to Dine Around and Stay in Town felt like a natural way to create a richer, more memorable evening for our community and visitors," says Julie Haddow, Managing Director of Intrepid Theatre. "We look forward to welcoming everyone participating to our shows so they can experience Victoria's vibrant arts scene."

The season's excitement kicks off with the Dine Around Gala on January 22, 2026, at Crystal Garden, with sample bites from more than 60 restaurants, local beverages, and live entertainment. Tickets are available now and can be purchased here.

View the full list of Dine Around and Stay in Town Victoria offerings including participating restaurants, accommodations and performing arts shows on the <u>website</u>.

Photos: Available for download here.

About Destination Greater Victoria: Destination Greater Victoria (Greater Victoria Visitors and Convention Bureau) is our region's official, not-for-profit destination marketing and management organization working in partnership with approximately 950 businesses and municipalities in Greater Victoria. For more information, visit the Destination Greater Victoria website.

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