

FAIRMONT HOTELS & RESORTS A ROYAL TRADITION

A History of Royal Visits



1939

The **Fairmont Empress** in Victoria, British Columbia has been visited by Queen Elizabeth II nearly every decade since her coronation. She even has exclusive use of Royal China, purchased just for her.

Towards the end of their famous 1939 Canadian Royal Tour, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth (later known as Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother) officially opened the **Fairmont Hotel Vancouver**. To this day, the hotel still has a copy of the menu, detailing the royal lunch of 'stuffed eggs and chicken supreme'.

In Nairobi, the historic **Fairmont The Norfolk** received its fair share of royals and dignitaries including The Duke and Duchess of Connaught and Princess Patricia (granddaughter of Queen Victoria) in 1906 and Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill in 1907 (then Under Secretary of State for the Colonies).

On Her Majesty's visit to Vancouver's **Fairmont Waterfront** in 2002, Queen Elizabeth II was greeted by the brand's first Canine Ambassador, a black Labrador retriever named Morgan.

Ottawa's very own fairytale castle, the **Fairmont Chateau Laurier**, has a celebrated history of welcoming several generations of the British Royal Family. Queen Elizabeth visited in 1939, Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Phillip dined at the hotel in 1957 and Princess Diana notably visited in 1983 during a royal trip to Canada's capital with Prince Charles.

Princess Margaret visited the **Fairmont San Francisco** in the 1970s. On a more recent visit by another member of the British monarchy, Chief Concierge Tom Wolfe discreetly loaned his cufflinks, at the request of a certain royal in need.

Closer to (their) home, **The Savoy, A Fairmont Managed Hotel**, has long been popular with members of the Royal Family, including the young Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret who loved to visit the hotel informally for dinner and dancing. The private side entrance to the building is still known as the "Queen Mother's Entrance".



2002



1970s



1983



Did you know...

Fairmont Hotels & Resorts has hosted **5 GENERATIONS** of the British Royal Family.

During a wedding reception at **The Savoy, A Fairmont Managed Hotel** in 1946, Queen Elizabeth II (then Princess Elizabeth) was seen in public with her future husband, Prince Philip of Greece, **FOR THE FIRST TIME**.



Two iconic properties, **Hamilton Princess & Beach Club, A Fairmont Managed Hotel** in Bermuda and **Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise** are both named after Princess Louise, the **DAUGHTER OF QUEEN VICTORIA**.



Over 6 million CUPS OF TEA are served at **Fairmont properties** annually.

Kate Middleton, now the Duchess of Cambridge, **FIRST CAUGHT PRINCE WILLIAM'S EYE** during a 2001 fashion show at **Fairmont St Andrews** in Scotland.

In an episode of *Suits* (the show that shot Prince Harry's fiancé to fame) Meghan Markle's character is seen **PLANNING HER DREAM WEDDING** at **The Plaza, A Fairmont Managed Hotel** in a scene that was actually filmed at the **Fairmont Royal York** in Toronto!

CANADA is the country most visited by **Queen Elizabeth II**. She's visited **27 times** since the beginning of her reign.¹



When King George VI and Queen Elizabeth stayed at the **Fairmont Hotel Vancouver**, they took up the Royal Suite, **Lieutenant Governor Suite** and the Morningside Suite. 66 years later, **the Lieutenant Governor Suite appeared in 50 SHADES OF GREY**.

¹ <https://www.rd.com/culture/queen-elizabeth-travel-country/>

Suites Fit for a Queen or King, or future Princess...



Gold Plated Taps

THE PLAZA's Royal Suite in New York is accessed by its very own private elevator and features three lavishly decorated bedrooms, a sumptuously decorated living room with a grand piano, a dining room that seats 12, not to mention 24-carat gold plated bathroom fixtures.



360° Castle Peak Views

In Alberta, **FAIRMONT BANFF SPRING's** Royal Suite was specifically designed for royal visitors. Located in the pinnacle of the Castle's peak, the suite and master bedroom offer magnificent panoramic views.



Cashmere Mattress Springs

As if sweeping views of the Thames, a private bar and a "Morning Room" weren't regal enough, the Royal Suite's master bedroom of **THE SAVOY** in London features a stately four-poster with a hand-sprung mattress, each of its springs wound with cashmere wool.



The King's Cabin

With six bedrooms, enclosed verandas and two majestic stone fireplaces the Outlook Cabin at **FAIRMONT JASPER PARK LODGE** is quite possibly the most majestic cabin in the world, having hosted King George VI and Queen Elizabeth I in 1939 as well as Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip in 2005.



Imperial Splendor

Newly renovated, the sumptuous 1600 sq.ft. Royal Suite of **FAIRMONT EMPRESS** boasts a stunning new spa bathroom and the same harbor views enjoyed by its earliest royal visitors.

In case you bump into Her Majesty during your stay...²

Do's

Address The Queen as Your Majesty initially, and then by Ma'am (pronounced like "jam") as the conversation continues.

Offer a polite courtesy or subtle bow. For ladies, place the right foot behind the left heel and bend the knees slightly.

Talk about corgis. The Queen loves her dogs.

Don'ts

...address The Queen first! Speak only once spoken to.

...bend down to the ground. A neck bow – just a little more than a nod of the head – is the appropriate gesture for men.

... initiate a conversation. Remember the first Don't!

...touch. Unless The Queen offers her hand in greeting, keep your paws to yourself.

² <http://www.canada.com/life/royals/meeting+royalty/5003414/story.html> & <https://www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/meeting-royal-family.html>