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**Victoria, BC Banks on the Lure of the Titanic**

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Just when you thought you'd heard the quote "I'm the king of the world!" for the last time, comes news that a mega-sized celebration of the Titanic and everything associated with it is set to hit land in Victoria, BC. With an exhibition of Titanic artifacts, special Titanic room rates and even special Titanic brews, Titanic nostalgia resurfaces in Victoria this month with almost the same amount of fanfare with which the doomed oceanliner set sail nearly a century ago.

Here's a look at what Victoria has got planned for its new millennium Titanic celebration:

**Titanic Marks 95th Anniversary In Victoria**

On April 14, 2007 - 95 years to the day the Titanic struck the iceberg that sent it to the ocean floor – the Royal BC Museum in Victoria, BC will launch a six-month presentation of *Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition* until October 14, 2007. This traveling exhibition features more than 280 artifacts recovered from Titanic's undersea resting place in a series of galleries that trace the life of the "unsinkable" ship - from its design and construction through to its discovery, recovery and conservation. As visitors climb the gangplank, boarding passes in hand, they will become immersed in the passenger experience.

Authentically recreated first- and third-class corridors and cabins, outdoor café and boiler room are appointed with artifacts recovered from the shipwreck site 3,800 m (12,500 ft.) below the surface of the North Atlantic Ocean. The Royal BC Museum is the first venue in Western Canada to present this assembly of artifacts collected by RMS Titanic Inc., the only company in the world authorized to recover artifacts from the Titanic wreck site. For more information visit [www.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca](http://www.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca).

**First Class Fare at the Fairmont Empress**

Restored to her turn-of-the-century beauty and poised to celebrate her 100th anniversary in 2008, The Fairmont Empress Hotel in Victoria, BC will showcase a Dine and Discover Package in celebration of *Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition* showing at the Royal BC Museum April 14 - October 14, 2007. The package includes one-night accommodation in a Fairmont room, two tickets to *Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition*, a Titanic-themed chocolate amenity and a \$50.00 CDN food and beverage credit. Rates begin at \$289.00 CDN/\$249.00 U.S.

Starting in April and running throughout the Titanic exhibition, guests can also savor a unique selection of Titanic-inspired courses featured on the daily fresh sheet of the Empress Dining Room. Recipes and menus which were served on-board the Titanic will be offered with the Chef's modern twist. Also, the Willow Stream Spa at The Fairmont Empress is offering the Titanic - Power of the Sea Thalasso Kur spa treatment designed to harness the power of the sea and its healing properties. For more information visit [www.fairmont.com/empress](http://www.fairmont.com/empress).

### **Hotel Grand Pacific Offers Titanic Times Two**

The Hotel Grand Pacific in Victoria, BC will offer two Titanic-themed packages to suit both couples and families in honor of Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition. The RMS Titanic Package includes one night in a deluxe "stateroom" including Titanic-inspired Edwardian cocktails for two in the Pacific lounge and two tickets to *Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition*. Guests will be treated to aesthetically-recreated amenities in their room to make them feel like First Class passengers. Rates for the RMS Titanic Package begin at \$189.00 CDN/\$163.00 U.S. based on double occupancy.

Designed for families, the Unsinkable Pajama Party includes two nights in a deluxe guestroom for two adults and two children, goody bags with a Titanic book for the kids, a free in-room kids' movie or two Nintendo sessions, bedtime cookies and milk for the kids and free admission for the whole family to the Royal BC Museum, *Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition* and the National Geographic IMAX Theatre. Rates for the Unsinkable Pajama Party begin at \$435.00 CDN/\$375.00 U.S. For more information visit [www.hotelgrandpacific.com](http://www.hotelgrandpacific.com).

### **Titanic S-"Ales" Into Spinnakers**

An age-old legend that 20,000 bottles of beer were lost at sea when the Titanic sank has inspired Spinnakers Gastro Brew Pub & Guesthouses in Victoria, BC to brew a ceremonial Titanic Stout as well as two other special craft beers - The Unsinkable Molly Brown Ale and a pale ale forebodingly named Iceberg - to mark the opening of *Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition*. Spinnakers will also offer a Titanic-themed package including a one-night stay in Spinnakers' 1884 Heritage House, two tickets to *Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition*, a deluxe breakfast basket delivered in the morning, a beer and chocolate pairing in the pub/restaurant and hand-made truffles and two complimentary Titanic-themed beers in the room upon arrival. Rates begin at \$179.00 CDN/\$155.00 U.S. based on double occupancy. For more information visit [www.spinnakers.com](http://www.spinnakers.com).

Whew! That's a lot of Titanic! No word yet on whether **Leo Di Caprio** or **Kate Winslet** will be making appearances to mark the celebration.

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