



Banff Springs Hotel

The Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel is an icon of the Canadian Rockies. Perched above the town of Banff in Banff National Park, this classic luxury hotel has more than 750 guest rooms, 12 restaurants, a bowling alley, ballrooms, tennis courts, and is a national historic site.

The original hotel was built in 1888 by the Canadian Pacific Railway. It was one of several grand hotels built along the rail line, to attract visitors who would use trains to travel the country. It was accidentally designed to face the wrong direction, with no view of the mountains! A new tower was built in the right direction in 1914, and was the tallest building in Canada at the time.

In 1926 the original hotel was lost in a fire, and new wings were built around the tower to form the core of today's hotel. It has been renovated several times since, including work in 1968 that allowed the building to be used during the cold Canadian winter. The Banff Springs Hotel was visited by King George VI during a royal tour of Canada in 1939.



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