

## **\*Important Notice\* regarding your hotel accommodations**

Please note that our hotel block at the Fairmont Vancouver, our host hotel, is completely sold out at this time. **But the good news is** that we have two wonderful alternate hotels giving us group discounts.

***Be sure to book now!***

***Vancouver hotels sell out quickly during the summer months***



- With a prime location right on Vancouver's harbor, the Fairmont Waterfront offers up some of the city's most spectacular views. Plus it's perfect for exploring downtown AND only three blocks from the Fairmont Vancouver. Our special Symposium rate starts at C\$339 (approx. \$250USD) per night. [Book the Fairmont Waterfront here.](#)



- The Hyatt Regency is located on Burrard Street, in downtown Vancouver, a five-minute walk from the Fairmont Vancouver (seen above from a guest room). Accommodations feature breathtaking city views and Vancouver's beautiful skyline. Our special room rate at the Hyatt starts at C\$329 (about \$245USD) per night and is available on a first-come, first served basis. [Book the Hyatt here.](#)

***And it gets even better!*** Due to our unique relationship with these hotels, we can offer you these same special rates for a total of six additional days – three days both before and after the event. **From July 22 through July 31 you can enjoy these great savings and fabulous Vancouver!**

## Get the Royal Treatment at Our “Castle in the City”

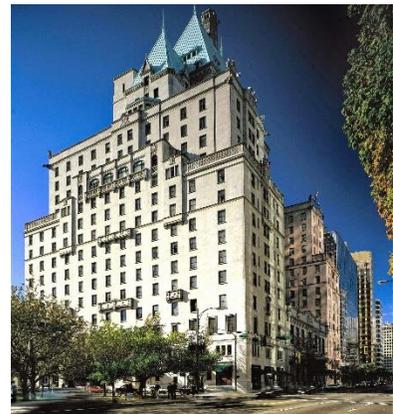
All of our sessions and exhibitions for the Symposium will be at the luxurious **Fairmont Hotel Vancouver.**

**UNFORTUNATELY, OUR ROOM BLOCK IS SOLD OUT  
SEE ALTERNATE HOTELS ABOVE**

Even if you stay nearby at one of our alternate hotels, you can still enjoy the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver and the amenities that we have arranged for you during the Symposium.

For instance, you could unwind at the Notch 8 lobby bar and restaurant where you will get 25% off your lunch or dinner. Or you could stroll over to the Absolute Spa, complete with upscale lounge and complimentary spa cuisine.

You could also visit their state of the art health club, featuring an indoor heated pool, sauna, and Jacuzzi. Plus, you have complete access to Sitka Physiotherapy & Wellness Studios. There you can enjoy Pilates and Yoga classes, plus personal training.



Its first-class location and architecture might be why locals refer to the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver as “the Castle in the City”.

Modeled after a 15th century chateau, it has a medieval elegance combined with a central location downtown. You’ll enjoy the best of modern food and culture as you relax in “your castle.”

Built in 1939, British royalty King George VI and Queen Elizabeth christened the hotel on their royal tour of Canada. They stayed here right before heading to the U.S.A.

So when we say it's a castle fit for a king...that's actually no exaggeration.

As one of our attendees, Don R. noted – it's a *"spectacular grand hotel."*

And another one of our attendees told us the hotel had *"excellent service, and a great place to stay and dine."*

As you can see, WHERE we are having our conference is as important to us as WHAT you'll learn during our conference. And in both, the priority is on first-class treatment for our attendees (you).

Also, the Fairmont Hotel is right in the heart of downtown Vancouver. You'll have great access to all the scenery, entertainment and shopping this amazing and compact city has to offer. You'll be right in the middle of the action.

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS – SEE ABOVE FOR ALTERNATE HOTELS – OUR ROOM BLOCK AT THE FAIRMONT HOTEL VANCOUVER IS SOLD OUT AT THIS TIME.**

Recommended hotel nights: Check in Monday, July 24, and check out Saturday, July 29.

## Vancouver

### "No other city on earth is like it"

Vancouver has been the location of our Symposium since all the way back to 2004. And there's an important reason for that.

No other city on earth is like it.

*The New York Times* calls it "gorgeous ... sophisticated," and "Manhattan with mountains..."

And *USA Today* writes that it is "the supermodel of North American cities."

Even *The Daily Telegraph* raves it is "a city unlike any other..."



And that is why I love Vancouver more than any other city in the world.

But the major newspapers or publications' reviews aren't all that important to me. Instead, I pay attention to the feedback from our attendees...

Again – my allegiance is to YOU and you alone.

So it's great to hear from people like Gloria W.

She said that the city was actually her favorite part of the conference and she wrote us this nice note:

*"We have been to other conferences in the US but we prefer [the Vancouver Symposium] because we especially enjoy the city of Vancouver."*

Some attendees enjoy Vancouver so much that they make the Spratt Natural Resource Symposium part of their summer vacation:

*"We brought our teenagers!"*

If you have never been to Vancouver, you are in for an amazing time.

I actually come here for several months of the year. I spend my time hiking the fantastic trails around the city. If you like to hike, like I do, you'll love it.

But this city has so much to offer. People with all kinds of interests and hobbies are sure to have a blast. Every background and taste will make memories to cherish for life.

Vancouver lies between the Coast Mountains and the Pacific Ocean. Summers here are the absolute best time to enjoy everything this city offers. And there are plenty of things to enjoy both indoors and outdoors.

The Toronto Venture Exchange is right here. It's the epicenter of the natural resources financing industry. But that's not the main reason we're meeting here.

**We come here year after year because the food, entertainment, nightlife, and culture are second to none.**

The entire atmosphere makes it a marvelous place to "get away."

You could stroll down VanDusen’s Botanical Gardens and enjoy “The Maze,” their “Stone Garden” or the “Scottish Shelter.” Be sure to take in all their wildlife too (just don’t feed the animals).



Or you could see Vancouver’s night markets—the Richmond, Summer Night, and Vancouver Chinatown Markets. These unique markets have shopping experiences to die for—great food plus live entertainment.

You could also walk around Stanley Park. Check out the historic aboriginal totem poles. Plus take a look at the amazing, gravity-defying rocks balancing on end (you’ll be amazed). There’s also breathtaking beaches with wonderful views.



And if you enjoy art, head over to the Vancouver Art Gallery and check out over 9,000 works on display. It houses one of the most extensive and valuable art collections in Canada.

The list of things you’ll want to check out is endless. You can’t see them all in one trip (that’s one of the reasons why we come back over and over).

Besides the galleries, gardens, and culture, Vancouver will give you the best dining experiences you could ask for.

The food here is a special blend of Asian fusion and the best seafood you’ll find anywhere.

### **Plus their wines are fantastic.**

You could also check out what celebrity chef Gordon Ramsey calls, “the best restaurant in Canada” – Araxi. Or, if you enjoy outdoor dining, you could go to The Boathouse Waterfront Restaurant and try their fresh seafood and steak specialties.

But don’t worry too much about picking the “right” place to eat. You could pick up a stone, throw it, and whatever restaurant is closest will serve you an amazing meal.

Even if you don’t feel like going too far away, you’ll still be well taken care of. Plenty of entertainment, culture, and breathtaking views are waiting for you right in our host hotel.

## General Information

### AIR TRANSPORTATION

For airfare assistance, please call Mickey DeFilippis at +561-266-6570 or +800-926-6575. She would be happy to assist you with this. You may also e-mail her your request at [mickey@agoratravel.com](mailto:mickey@agoratravel.com) or [mickeydef@aol.com](mailto:mickeydef@aol.com).

### PARKING

If you are driving to the Symposium, parking at the hotel is available. Please contact the hotel for current on-site parking rates. There are also parking garages close to the hotel.

### GROUND TRANSPORTATION/DIRECTIONS

By car, taxi or train... there are several easy options. Please go to this website for more details: <http://www.fairmont.com/hotel-vancouver/map/map-and-directions/>

### GENERAL SYMPOSIUM INFO

Symposium attire is business casual. The hotel and conference rooms are air-conditioned and kept cool so please bring a light sweater or jacket with you.

### TRAVEL INSURANCE

For the protection of your investment, we strongly recommend that you purchase individual trip, air, health, accident, baggage and cancellation insurance. We feel it is a must these days. Feel free to contact Maria Maher at [tvfirst@bellsouth.net](mailto:tvfirst@bellsouth.net) or call our office at +800-926-6575 or +561-266-6570 for more information.

If you would like to get a quote and book your travel insurance online we offer two options: Travel Guard Insurance: go to this site

<https://buy.travelguard.com/TGI2/proc/stateselector.aspx?br=agentlink&arc=10632381&agencyemail=maria@agoratravel.com&agentlinkasp=yes> for a quote.

We hope to see you in Vancouver, British Columbia, in July 2017. In the meantime, should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our symposium team at the number below.

Best regards,

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**P.S. - Please be sure you have a valid Passport** - Starting March 15, 2016, citizens from [countries](#) other than the United States who do not need a visa to enter Canada will need to obtain an [Electronic Travel Authorization \(eTA\)](#) before flying to or transiting through Canada.

The eTA process is similar to that of the United States ESTA: travelers apply individually [online](#). They must pay CAD\$7 by Visa, Mastercard or American Express, and their eTA is valid for 5 years.