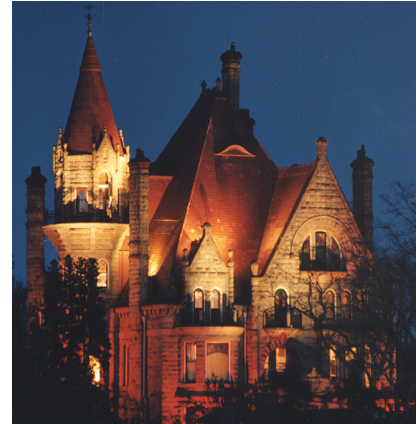


**Experience the
magic
of an evening at
Craigdarroch Castle**



RENTING THE CASTLE

When you rent the Castle, you rent the whole Castle, top to bottom. All the restored rooms are available for viewing, as they are during the day.

As a designated National Historic site, Craigdarroch Castle is an exceptional place to entertain personally or for business. As your guests arrive through the Porte-Cochere Entrance and enter the Main Hall, they immediately encounter the magnificent sweeping open oak staircase rising four floors to the Dance Hall. Lavish Victorian era furnishings and decor, exquisite stained glass, and detailed woodwork carved by artisans of days gone by....these all combine to create a warm and expansive entertainment site.

On the first floor, drinks and edibles in hand, your guests can wander into the Library, through the Drawing Room, into the Dining Room (except when Christmas decorations are installed), past the Smoking Room and the Breakfast Room. From the Main Hall, guests then ascend the grand staircase, past the Alcove (and perhaps a musical trio) and up to the second floor. There they can peruse Joan Dunsmuir's bedroom (with panel displays describing Craigdarroch's history); Joan's Sitting Room; family bedrooms; servant's quarters and further panel displays of the history of the Castle's occupants following the departure of the Dunsmuir's.

On the third floor, guests can view the huge Games Room with its impressive billiard table, an original bathroom, family rooms and servants' quarters. From the Dance Hall on the fourth floor, they can view the snowcapped Olympic mountains to the South, then climb to the Tower for a panoramic view of Victoria and the Straits of Juan de Fuca.

Craigdarroch Castle was built for entertaining. You can hire a small ensemble of musicians to suit your taste; jazz trios; strings; pianists; vocalists; comedians and/or play your own selection of CD's or tapes. The Steinway pianos in both the Drawing Room and the Dance Hall are available for use by a professional pianist. Please note that we do not allow dancing because of potential damage to the Castle that is, in and of itself, an artifact. With the open staircase, the acoustics are wonderful and music can be heard all through the Castle. If you need some suggestions, we have an extensive list of entertainers from which to choose.

Bar service is limited to white wine (no red wine), champagne, beer, non-berry cider and non-staining soft drinks. A Special Occasion Liquor License is required if liquor is to be served and we can provide information to assist you with that process. The bar will be placed in a location that best suits the size and type of event and food is offered by tray service where by your caterer can circulate and serve your food selections. This allows your guests to enjoy wandering through beautiful Craigdarroch Castle while supping on delicious food and drink. To help you with your selection of a caterer, we can suggest some talented and experienced companies that we have successfully worked with in our very specialized museum environment. They can create dining magic to suit a range of budgets.

Your rental agreement includes indoor and outdoor non-commercial rights for photographs and videos. Further details regarding commercial rights are covered in the rental agreement and will be discussed as part of the rental process.

For business cocktail parties or receptions, we can host a maximum of 200 people.

There is a three-hour minimum rental charge for all events starting at \$1900.

Craigdarroch Castle Historical Museum Society is a non-profit charitable organization and your event fees go toward the ongoing restoration of this National Historic Site.

If you would like more information or to book an event, please call:

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