

The Westin Nova Scotian Celebrates 85th Anniversary

Hotel celebrates with special room offer and menu at Elements celebrating nine decades of service

Hotel encourages associates, guests and locals to perform 85 acts of kindness with #Westin85

June 18, 2015 - Since opening on June 23, 1930, The Westin Nova Scotian has been a downtown Halifax landmark and a fixture in the community. From hosting royalty including Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth in the 1950s and 1970s and Princess Charles and the late Princess Diana in the early 1980s, The Westin Nova Scotian has been a celebrated member of the Halifax community.

To celebrate 85 years of welcoming guests and visitors to the city, the hotel is offering a very special rate through the end of June starting from just \$85. The hotel is offering 85 rooms starting from \$85 for traditional guestrooms with one queen or two beds and upgraded room types available at an additional cost. This special anniversary rate is available on Thursday, Friday and Saturday arrivals, with a maximum three night stay. Rates are fully prepaid at the time of booking and priced per room, per night, based on single/double occupancy and availability. A limited number of rooms are available at this special rate. To book call 866-716-8101 and mention rate plan BDAY or visit www.thewestinnovascotian.com/85-years

As well as a part of the celebration, the hotel's restaurant *elements on hollis* is offering a special Anniversary menu that is celebrating the nine decades that the hotel has been open and operated in. From June 22nd through 27th, the menu will feature a three course meal with nine signature items that reflect the character and times of each decade including the Railway Years in the 1930s, the Expansion Years in the 1950s or the Birth of Westin Hotels in Eastern Canada in the 1990s. As well, guests who are 85 years young on June 23, 2015 will eat for free at Elements restaurant in celebration of the day the hotel opened to the public.

As an active member of the community since the hotel opened, the team at The Westin Nova Scotian knows the importance of giving back. To recognize and celebrate the hotel's commitment to the community, the hotel team is encouraging associates and guests to perform 85 acts of kindness to celebrate. These random acts of kindness can take on many forms including the hotel's volunteer efforts, donation of Starwood Preferred Guest bonus points and more. These efforts are taking place through the end of June and are being shared on the hotel's social channels and are encouraging guests and locals to share using the hashtag #Westin85.

The "Nova Scotian" originally opened its doors on June 23, 1930 in Halifax, Nova Scotia. The hotel boasted 130 rooms, five suites and the elegant Atlantic Ballroom which accommodated up to 275 guests for dinner. The beautiful hotel was reminiscent of grand hotels seen all over the world.

The hotel is one of the original railroad hotels owned by Canadian National Railways, which built landmark hotels all across Canada in the 1880s. The hotel helped to connect Halifax to the rest of Canada, and grew in size in the late 1950s, when another 161 rooms were added including nine more suites. At the time, significant Halifax conference space was created including the famous Commonwealth Ballroom, which has hosted royalty and dignitaries from all over the world.

Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth visited the hotel twice, once in the 1950s and once in the 1970s. Also, Prince Charles and the late Princess Diana hosted their only official Royal dinner on an Eastern Canadian tour at the hotel in the early 1980s. In April 1996, New Castle Hotels & Resorts of Shelton, CT, purchased the hotel and proceeded to invest \$4 million to upgrade the historical property. The grand hotel re-opened on August 8, 1996 as The Westin Nova Scotian. The heritage hotel now offers 310 guestrooms, including 10 suites and 23, 000 sq. ft. of meeting space.

About The Westin Nova Scotian

The Westin Nova Scotian, is located in the Halifax Seaport District, overlooking the Halifax Harbour. The CAA/AAA Four Diamond Halifax hotel the ideal place to savour the sights and sounds of this beautiful, walkable city. The Westin Nova Scotian is proud to have been awarded 4 1/2 stars by Canada Select. For more information, visit us online at: www.thewestinnovascotian.com.

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