



CATHEDRAL MOUNTAIN LODGE

Biography

James Holmes, Executive Chef

James Holmes, 35, is the Executive Chef at Cathedral Mountain Lodge located in Yoho National Park and the Canadian Rocky Mountains. Chef James is one of Canada's most passionate young chefs and is rising quickly within the culinary world.

Born and raised in Ontario, Canada, Chef James moved to British Columbia in 1996. In 2003, he sparked his fervour for cuisine when he studied at Dubrulle Culinary Art Institute in Vancouver. After finishing school, he commenced an apprenticeship with the prestigious Westin Bayshore Hotel and received a silver medal at the Annual BC Chef' Association's, "Hot Compation." Chef James' career at Cathedral Mountain Lodge was launched when former Executive Chef Blair Whiteley led James to open the lodge as his Sous Chef. Two years later, Whiteley moved on to other endeavours and Holmes stepped up as the new Executive Chef. Since the lodge's opening in 2006 and all the national and international media success, Holmes strives to continue the legacy. When he takes a rest from cooking, he enjoys biking, skiing and living in Canada's playground, the great Yoho National Park.

Free Range, organic, traditional European ingredients and regional fresh water fish are culinary concepts that inspire Chef James to create his unique menu style. He aims to keep the flavours simple, enabling his passion for food to speak for itself and carries forward his dedication and appreciation for fine cuisine to his team, servers and guests. Often, you will find him drifting through the intimate 30-seat dining room sharing his love and passion for food with his guests, creating memorable experiences for all.

Come savour his mouth-watering Maple whiskey and vanilla apple butter seared Scallops, or tantalize your senses with a scrumptious Duck Confit "shepherds pie" and finish your evening with a succulent chocolate pate crested with Vanilla salt, accompanied with lavish Bing Cherry white chocolate gelato. In addition to the delectable cuisine at Cathedral Mountain Lodge, guests can enjoy an abundance of activities on their doorsteps including naturalist guided hiking tours, rock climbing, caving, canoeing, kayaking, white-water rafting, mountain biking, fishing and horseback riding. Nearby naturalist attractions also include glacial-fed lakes such as Lake Louise, dramatic waterfalls including 380-metre-high Takakkaw Falls and the Natural Bridge that the Kicking Horse River physically carved out of solid rock.

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