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The Look of Love...Magnolia Hotel & Spa

Ripe, luscious fruits nestled together in the complimentary fruit bowl, fresh flowers adorning the centre lobby table, and custom-designed elegant furnishings are a few of the lovely European touches gracing the intimate lobby and guest rooms of the Magnolia Hotel & Spa. Located in the prime inner harbour neighborhood of Downtown Victoria, British Columbia, this exclusive boutique hotel is a classy find.

With 63 guest rooms offering floor to ceiling views of either the city's downtown, or harbour, the hotel and spa were recently celebrated by Conde Nast Magazine readers as one of the "Top Three Hotels" in Canada. The results were derived from the largest independent poll of consumers' preferences, The Conde Nast Readers Choice Survey, second in size only to the U.S. Census.

You can stroll the waterfront at your leisure, taking in shops, galleries and the Royal BC Museum, this property and city will make it on your list of favourite getaways too – rest assured.

Pleasure For The Senses

Sanuk translates from Thai to English as "pursuit of happiness" – which in this cases applies to every single one of your senses. A restaurant that is at once as pleasing to the eye as it is to your palate, Executive Chef Patrick Lynch and his amazing team have put together a dining room and menu worth seeking out.

Soothing Sanctuary

The Aveda Spa at Magnolia Hotel is quiet and intimate, tucked away on the second floor of the hotel. The services are here and they are decidedly wonderful. Advanced reservations are recommended, so book your treatments at the same time as your hotel reservations.

Offsite Pleasures

One of our favourite spots for seasonal, and the occasional themed noshing (the Titanic promotion was fabulous with brews like the Unsinkable Molly Brown), is Spinnakers Gastro Brewpub. Gazing out over the water, the service and the food are hard to beat, but the beers are quite simply...outstanding. Celebrating the warmth of the fall season is the return of Vanilla Spiced Pumpkin Porter. Yum!

Trip Details

Visit these sites: www.magnoliahotel.com – the hotel's website offers a tantalizing introduction to a wonderfully romantic getaway, book your ferry reservation at www.bcferrries.com and see www.spinnakers.com. For what's happening around Victoria, visit www.tourismvictoria.com. More about Conde Nast Readers Survey at www.concierge.com.