

TRAVELLER

Vancouver

After soaking up the best of Canada's glittering glass city by the sea, where will you rest your head? An ultra-hip loft space, an active art gallery or a five-star suite with a mountain view?

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YALETOWN

What was once an avoidable industrial zone of warehouses and rail yards has morphed into one of the city's most stylish areas, where high-density, high-rise living blends seamlessly with lush, green, park spaces and, of course, the omnipresent seawall ringing the water's edge. The warehouses are now boutiques or modish restaurants and ritzy wine bars, and in summertime streets ring with the clink of glasses from the dozens of patios along Mainland and Hamilton streets. Take the Aquabus ferry to Granville Island from the wharf at the end of Davie.

01 We recommend: THE OPUS

Stripped down floor-to-ceiling glass on the outside, jewel-box bright with sensuously swagged fabrics and a daring colour palette on the inside, the independently owned Opus is the city's sexiest boutique hotel. The design concept takes its lead from five 'room muses', offering minimalist chic to exotic modernist decor.

Plush rooms and suites scream decadence from the purple paisley wallpaper and flatscreen room divider fireplaces to cheeky soaker tubs overlooking neighbouring offices and apartments — and yes, blinds are available for shy guests.

Check-in comes with a glass of bubbly and complimentary town car service. Rooms are

packed with a raft of tech toys, including iPads and Galaxy mobile phones, which can be taken off the premises. Better still, long, late lie-ins are encouraged, thanks to the complimentary PressReader app which accesses 2,300 newspapers in 55 languages.

The lobby's craft cocktail bar, a hub for the funky Yaletown set, hums with live music and DJs five nights a week. Meanwhile, focusing on rustic Italian served alla famiglia-style, La Pentola offers fresh farm-to-table flavours and fun eight-course monthly supper clubs.

Rooms: Doubles from C\$279 (£138). vancouver.opushotel.com



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