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## Weekend Getaway to Victoria BC and the Magnolia Hotel

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Want an escape with a little taste of the English isle? Head to Victoria, BC for a quick jaunt! It would be perfect with a stay at the [Magnolia Hotel!](#)



## Super Stylish and Chic Magnolia Hotel in Victoria, BC



Travel can be complicated, but I usually find that picking the place is the hardest part. It's kind of like going out for breakfast – do you want sweet pancakes or a savory hash? Once you decide that part, the hardest part I think, then it's all easy. And that's how I think about travel. When we finally decide if we are going somewhere warm or chilly for our travel, the decision is really easy. Ben and I are apparently strange in that we love chilly destination travel. Luckily for us, our choice of destination was crisp and chilly, perfect for the impending winter, and right across the border in Victoria, BC!

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Ben and I chose to stay at the Magnolia Hotel right on the Inner Harbor of Victoria's downtown, where you are right in the middle of all the action with some of Victoria's famous landmarks a five minute stroll away. We arrived slightly early, electing to have lunch before we checked in at 10 Acres restaurant. Once we checked in, our first goal was jump on the bed. \*Kidding!\* But look at this room!! How could you not want to?



Our friends at Magnolia Hotel ensured we had the most perfect welcome, with Roger's Chocolates laid out, and their signature turndown service Bailey's Hot Cocoa ready to go. We did have a fire place after all – and we absolutely used it!

And can we agree that this view from our room is just beyond?! British Columbia's Parliament building is lit up all year long, and from our room you could see the whole thing shining from downtown. At Christmas, it's even more spectacular, if that's possible!





Back at the hotel, Ben and I met with the general manager and sales manager to talk travel, food and everything under the sun. They gave me the low down on the hotel's history, it's recent remodel efforts, and that they're Canada's only Forbes 4-star hotel. We sat down at the attached Catalano restaurant, chatting, and eating cicchetti – small appetizers – like their over the top, might be my new favorite, pan fried brussels sprouts with pecorino, and pork chitlins that were out of this world. So crunchy!

[Victoria](#), you were absolutely captivating, and just what two burned out 30-somethings needed. We are so lucky that it is a hop, skip and jump away. It's so close – but a world away. I can't encourage you enough to stop in for a visit, and be sure to lay your head at the [Magnolia Hotel](#) – and stop in at the spa. Let me know how it is – it looks dreamy!

