

# DATE NIGHT WITH TILA

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## OPUS VANCOUVER REVIEW



**OPUS Hotel** was such a pleasure staycation for us, it's no surprise my Snapchat blew up during my stay. I had people asking if this was a new hotel, another raving about the tub (it was my fave too), the breakfast, the dog amenities. I was actually quite busy just answering questions. If you've been following me for a while now you'd know, I love staycations.

Yes, it's the season to be jetting off to various beach destinations... yep, everyone's off on their summer jollies, is it just me or my entire Snapchat friends are off in Mexico somewhere? But what about those of us who can't get that much time off work (I'm looking at you, workaholics), but are in desperate need of a break (again, looking at the workaholics!) I found an alternative – and trust me, this definitely matches up to all those holiday pics you've been enviously eyeing up on Instagram.



I have to start, if you've read any of my previous hotel reviews, I almost never mention "check in" because well... the majority of the time it's basic, I expect an email that drops in my inbox confirming my arrival. And it ends there. Whereas, Opus blew me away with their prior check in service. Yes prior. To commence my arrival, they sent me an email requesting if I want to check in early (reducing the wait time at the desk), I checked in online (really easy and simple procedure), I even get to determine preferences like I fancy a high floor, I can request things like that.. love it!

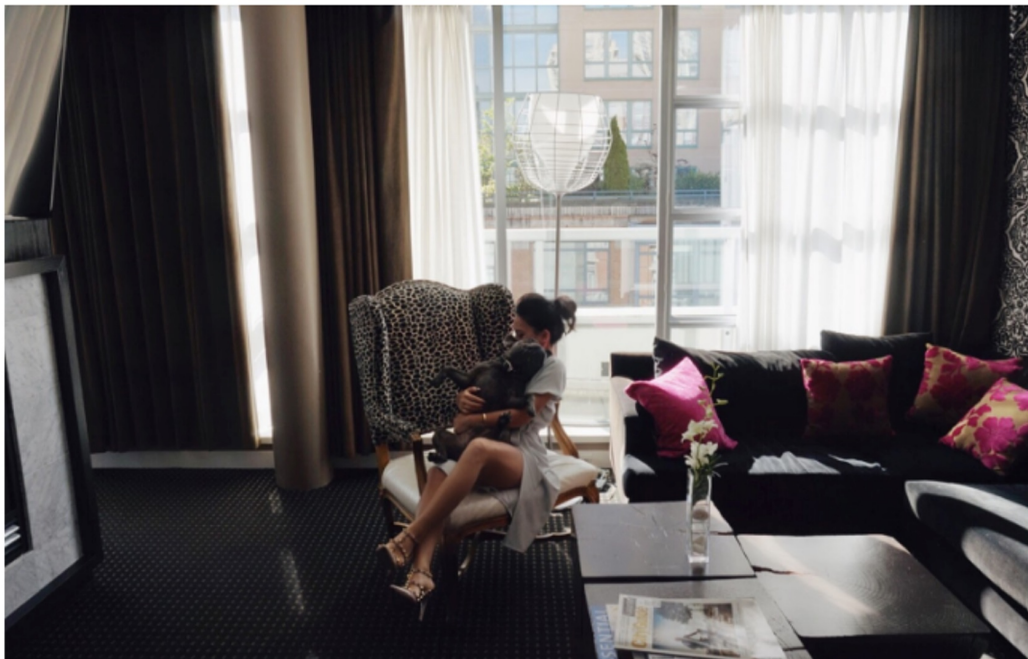
They exceeded my expectations when I received a text (not email, a text) of my check in request confirmation. It can't be a robot doing so, which delivers an extra personal touch. The following day, as soon as it was 8 am, I received another ding on my cell affirming my room will be ready at 12:00 pm. I mean, I am not coming from far at all, I can crawl to the hotel if I wished. But, if I was to say, travelling a far distance, this is the sort of detail that would set this hotel apart from the big guys like Fairmont and Shangri-La. Throughout the hotels, I've stayed at (which they're all 5 stars), this was by far the best check in experience I've ever received.

## THE ROOM



I spent a night in their Signature Opus Room, located on the highest floor of the building, corner suite with floor-to-ceiling windows, wrap around Juliet balcony and sweeping views. Luxurious bathroom with heated tile floor jetted soaker tub with panoramic window and separate walk-in shower. I know, already swept away with the sound of all that. Living room, bar area, a second washroom, and a cozy spacious bedroom to top it all off. The bed was heaven!

Small details such as the entertainment system (I just love and miss the CD players), IPAD for your enjoyment, the pet amenities (toy, towel, treats and feeding bowl... I was dying over it!!! So Cute). My dog loved the toy!!! It was such an amazing display from the hotel. Two sided fireplace, 2 separate TVs for the living room and bedroom. Water is complimentary — can't believe some hotels don't get something as simple as this.



I stayed in the Dede room, one of the five fictional muses created by interior designer Robert Bailey. The signature suites are daring, dramatic, and over the top much like the Los Angeles based actress Dede. Each room reflects the subtle to avant-garde tastes of their muses, representing the personality and preference of the hotel guests. If you're curious, the other muses include rock star, doctor, an actress and a food critic. This was a unique attribute of this hotel, definitely one of a kind. If you have ever stepped foot in any of the other Vancouver hotels (yes I am talking to myself), this is unquestionably a refreshing change of scenery.



Love the bath amenities, cilantro conditioner was actual to die for. The scent of the rum body wash, I am in love and need it in my house!

My favourite feature was the open plan bathroom with a deep bathtub, calling your name inviting you to soak whilst gazing at the skyline. The bathroom was decked out in marble and even had a mini TV above the bath, as well as a rain shower too.

Words of advice: don't underestimate how much soap it takes to create bubbles for a jetted tub..... just a warning in case you don't want to be cleaning while on your vacay.

## OPUS BAR - BREAKFAST



Included in our suite was the continental breakfast for two. At first, I called room service and wanted to order breakfast thinking they can bring it up for me. However, because it's a buffet style option, they politely asked us to dine in the lounge. I really wanted to order their other items, but they couldn't bring the comp breakfast with them so we just went downstairs. The options here are very simple, don't expect it to be anything fancy or heavy. I wish the bread was toasted, the bagels were a bit on the cold side. I did, however, enjoy the coffee and in-house scones (freshly baked from the kitchen).



## PET FRIENDLY



My favourite part of this hotel? Definitely, the pet amenities takes the award here. I love my Frenchie and travelling with him can be hard at times. At Opus, they make it a great experience for human as they do for your fur child! Opus offers pampering your pooch packages which include; yes in room massage, designer outfits and even an in-room photo shoot for your pet!! King would've been a great model. Opus Hotel Bow Wow Butler can help with anything from birthday cakes to manicures for your pup and the option of hiring a licensed dog walker. I cannot get enough of this! A little over the top? Sure why not. We love our pets! And so do they. Opus does not have any weight restriction or extra charges for furry friends. All hotels I've stayed at previously charges for pets. This is a luxury!

## LA PENTOLA



For dinner, we were super lazy to go anywhere (go figured I am on vacay here!!!), the best thing about staying at a hotel is you can take the elevator down to get food. I've never tried La Pentola before we so opted for the in-house restaurant. Seating was prompt, arrived at 9ish, for a Saturday night in Yaletown, the atmosphere was noticeably quiet. We ordered their chicken paradelle, roasted cauliflower (SO GOOD!!) and their squid. I ordered a glass of wine and called it a relaxing night.

I am lucky to live downtown, but for those of you who are residing in different areas of Vancouver, Opus is a hidden oasis within our metropolis. You have the parks, the restaurants, the nightclubs, the unique local boutiques for shopping. And for those of you who are just visiting this beautiful city, you too are in the right place.

The truth is, this location is perfect. Yes, central downtown is closer to the main shopping malls and other tourist attractions. However, because downtown isn't that big anyways, it's not a hassle to get from A-B, I would much rather stay in Yaletown. If I didn't live here, this strip would still be my go to.

We simply cannot wait to return to Opus ultimate oasis of chic comfort and cool style, and would like to thank the team at Opus for all of their collective warmth, politeness and extremely kind service.

-- wrap it up --

location: Located 30-40 minutes drive from Vancouver airport

hotel facilities: 1 restaurant, 1 bar, comp wifi, welcome beverage, iPad in every room, mountain bikes, fitness centre, in room spa, super pet friendly

service & personalization: the amenities for my puppy was beyond the best amenity ever (he's been to 6 hotels now and this was the best)

rooms & amenities: huge room, refreshing fancy design & decor, robes, coffee machine (but no tea??), entertainment system, 2 bathrooms, jetted tub, balcony, charger for phone in room

food & drink: well priced for downtown, but honestly, there's a lot more choices in Yaletown that I would prefer, it's great if you don't want to leave the area. Happy hours great at the bar.

parking & shuttle service: valet parking or \$40 underground, complimentary car service within dt when I went & weather: May & mid 20's sunny

price: \$1300 CAD for Signature Suite. Room starts at \$360 CAD

**My Advice:** So many things to do and eat in the area!! Minami is my fave sushi restaurant, West Oak is another go to for lounge drinking vibe. Pierres the only club I go to nowadays. If you're craving a burger, Romers great. For greek food check out the Greek By Anatoli. Italian cuisine? You can find me at Cioppinos. My fave dog park is Emery Barnes Park. Remember to grab Bella gelato on the way there. The hotel is central to amazing coffee, blo dry bar and bunch of salons nearby for you to get red carpet ready. That was the longest advice I ever gave!

*Disclosure: I was a guest at the hotel, all views are my own and accurately reflects my stay. If you have any questions at all regarding this post, please feel free to contact me.*

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