

VIRTUOSO LIFE

INSIDER'S VANCOUVER



Six hoteliers reveal where they eat, drink, shop, and unwind in the West Coast capital of laid-back, big-city cool.

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ROSEWOOD HOTEL GEORGIA



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A native of Kent, England, Meyer has lived in Vancouver for two decades. Off the clock, the managing director spends as much time as possible exploring the city and province by bike with the Georgia cycling team.

FAVORITE GUEST-ROOM VIEW: Any room facing **Georgia Street** provides a wonderful city view across to the Vancouver Art Gallery and its plaza, and farther afield, the Law Courts.

NOTABLE IN-ROOM AMENITY: Our **fragrance butler** will bring guests a tray of perfumes and colognes (such as Cartier Baiser Volé and Valentina by Valentino for ladies, and Acqua di Parma Colonia Intensa and Sauvage



Cozy and casual Nightingale.

by Dior for men) so they can try various scents throughout their stay.

BEST NEW CITY RESTAURANT: **Nightingale** (1017 W. Hastings Street) showcases local celebrity chef David Hawksworth's creativity – a cauliflower, caper, and goat Gouda pizza with fresh mint; Manila clams and Saltspring Island mussels in an 'nduja-spiked roasted-tomato broth – in a more social setting than his other restaurant.

TOURIST ACTIVITY THAT'S WORTH THE HYPE: The roughly 17-mile-long **Seawall** is the world's

longest uninterrupted waterfront path. Rain or shine it's a beautiful spot to run, bike, walk, or simply admire Vancouver's scenery.

FOR A DAY TRIP ...

A 20-minute drive south is the active West Coast fishing community of **Steveston**. Walk the wharves, buy fresh fish from the boats, and enjoy many pubs and restaurants along the waterfront. After lunch, stroll over to Garry Point Park for spectacular views of the South Arm of the Fraser River and the Gulf Islands – and to work off that plate of fish-and-chip