

# Trump Vancouver named by Forbes as one of the world's most luxurious hotels

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The exterior signage of the main entrance into Trump International Hotel & Tower Vancouver. (Trump Vancouver)

While Trump International Hotel & Tower Vancouver may have a diminished appeal for some due to its branding, when the hotel property is judged merely by its technical merit it is amongst the world's most luxurious.

**Forbes Magazine** has named the hotel in downtown Vancouver as one of the world's most luxurious hotel properties of 2018, based on the publication's recent evaluation of the property. It sent "incognito inspectors" to experience and "verify" the luxury of hotel properties worldwide.

The publication cites the 616-ft-tall building's unique architecture designed by the late architect Arthur Erickson, with a design that twists up to 45 degrees from the base of the skyscraper – the second tallest building in the province.

Due to this twist, each of the 147 hotel rooms – ranging from 343-sq-ft to 1,500-sq-ft – have a different layout. The rooms are "lavishly furnished" with leather and chrome headboards, European oak hardwood floors, and spacious wardrobes.

Bathrooms in all guest rooms have Nublado Italian heated marble, Toto granite sinks, and freestanding Victoria and Albert soaker bathtubs.

And when it comes to in-room gadgetry, high-tech Creston touch screen system controls everything inside the room – everything from lighting to shades to the temperature.

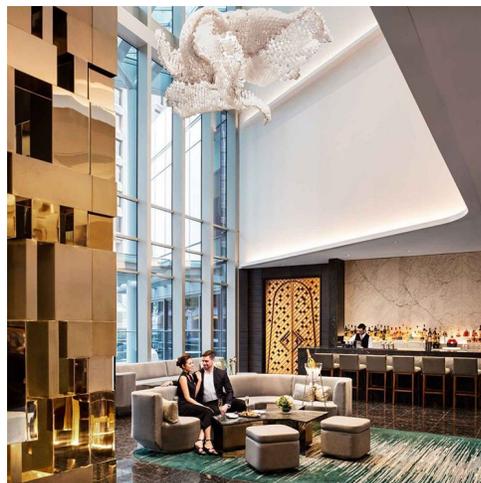
The hotel takes up the first 21 storeys of the 63-storey tower, with rooms located within the upper floors of the hotel portion of the tower offering some views.

As for amenities and services, for those who want to workout, the hotel provides footwear and apparel by Under Armour. For those who want to workout without leaving their room, the concierge even delivers light workout equipment up to the rooms.

The concierge service also arranges personal shopping, customizes rooms, and schedules the hotel's chauffeured Rolls-Royce Ghost Series II car service.



Other features that provide Trump Vancouver with its Forbes accolade include the "sleek and sophisticated setting" of the Trump Champagne Lounge, The Spa by Ivanka Trump, and a location of Hong Kong-based Mott 32 restaurant.



As well, the hotel has a wide artwork collection of 180 pieces created by Mexican-born Vancouverite Miriam Aroeste with a theme of love and inclusiveness.

However, the Drai's Nightclub – an 8,000-sq-ft pool bar nightclub – closed last month due to an apparent low demand for a Las Vegas-style party experience. The space is still available for private functions and events, and it will reopen by the end of the year with a new concept.

"Trump Vancouver combines glamour and understated design to create a space that exudes quiet opulence," reads Forbes' description of the hotel property.



"A muted colour scheme and extensive meeting facilities bring a business-friendly air to the hotel, but this is softened by local West Coast touches, such as meeting spaces named after Vancouver neighbourhoods, light woods in the rooms and locally sourced drinks in the private bar."

The hotel officially opened in early-2017 with the presence of Donald Jr. and Eric Trump, and it was the only Canadian hotel to receive accolades in Forbes' 2018 list, which named 58 top hotels in 17 countries.

Last fall, hotel owner and developer Holborn and TA Global earned seven awards at the 2017 Americas Property Awards for their work with Trump Vancouver.

It should be noted that the Trump Organization does not own this tower, but it does operate the hotel portion of the building. Holborn and TA Global acquired the licensing and marketing rights to use the Trump name and brand.