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Art+Cycle=Enlightenment “Vancouver Style”

“Great art picks up where nature ends.” – *Marc Chagall*

ROBSON STREET: The best thing happening in Vancouver this summer is the International Sculpture Biennale. Over 20 major sculptures, created by some of the world’s most important sculptors, have been installed throughout downtown, along the thoroughfares and pathways frequented by Vancouver’s singularly active population. What could be more fitting for a City so enthralled by its natural setting than an open air art exhibit, with the mountains and sea as the backdrop?

Art + Cycle = ArtCycle. The most pleasurable way to view these sculptures and the City is onboard a bicycle. With this in mind The Listel Hotel has created a new two night package called “ArtCycle”. The elements of the package include –

- Two nights in a luxurious Gallery Floor guest room, where the Hotel features original and limited edition artwork created by the prestigious Buschlen Mowatt Gallery, the founders of the Biennale.
- A full-day (8 hour) mountain bike rental for two (or rollerblades).
- A breakfast for two in either O’Doul’s Restaurant & Bar or the privacy of your own room.
- A boxed gourmet lunch for two provided in an insulated picnic backpack.
- A Sculpture Biennale map.
- An in-room massage for two.
- Optional: an expert escort for your bike tour (additional cost).

The package is available from May 12 to October 14, 2006 and is based on double occupancy. Priced at \$799.00 CDN per stay (two nights), per room (plus applicable taxes and gratuities) it is unquestionably one of the best values in the city.

The package is not restricted to weekends or weekdays. All prices are in Canadian Funds.

The Biennale. The Vancouver Sculpture Biennale is a citywide installation created to challenge Vancouver’s citizens and visitors to explore the beauty of Vancouver, its “Open Spaces”, and the importance of sculpture in public places in an urban environment. 20 major sculptors, representing 10 nations, and the “best” of these nations, have installed along the bike paths, walking paths, urban plazas and neighbourhoods along the waterways surrounding the City of Vancouver. Via the Biennale, the City of Vancouver becomes an open air museum, free for all to engage and enjoy, 365 days per year, 24/7.

The Vancouver International Sculpture Biennale is unique in the world of Biennales, in that it is the only one in the world with a focus on sculpture and the urban landscape. The Vancouver International Sculpture Biennale is a celebration of Vancouver’s lifestyles, public spaces, cultural tourism, and the beginning of a legacy that will continue to bring the world to our shores for decades to come.

The Hotel. Dubbed “a cultural tourist’s dream*” and “Vancouver’s most art-full hotel*”, The Listel Hotel has been making a splash on the Vancouver hospitality scene for a very long time. Located on the city’s most eclectic shopping and dining street, The Listel has a sought-after location and a reputation for creative partnerships with some of the city’s most significant cultural organizations. The hotel is also home to O’Doul’s Restaurant & Bar where an award-winning wine list (Wine Spectator “Award of Excellence” annually since 1997) is rivaled only by a remarkable menu and some of the hottest live jazz in the city – every night of the week.

For additional information on the hotel's facilities and services as well as rates and availability please view the hotel's web site at www.thelistelhotel.com or by e-mail at moreinfo@thelistelhotel.com. The hotel's toll-free reservation line is 800.663.5491.

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