



# THE LISTEL HOTEL

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## Coastal Cool makes a splash!

*The Listel Hotel's popular First Nations focused package "Coastal Cool" is paddling out for its 4<sup>th</sup> great summer.*

ROBSON STREET: In keeping with their commitment to the arts and culture, The Listel Hotel has again gathered the products of the city's most interesting First Nations owned and operated companies to create the package "Coastal Cool". The elements of the package include –

- Two nights in a Museum Floor room where Zen-like, ultra modern interior design pays tribute to all things original and distinctly British Columbian, including the First Nations art that festoons the walls. From the native-carved cedar headboard to the works of First Nations artists such as Musqueam painter Susan Point and Kwakwaka'wakw potter Judy Cranmer, these rooms embody high style and high comfort.
- A two-hour Takaya Tours Northwest Canoe Adventure that includes traditional songs and legends and a cultural history of Burrard Inlet as well as return transportation. Takaya Tours is owned by the Tseil-Waututh Nation of North Vancouver. The Waututh or "People of the Inlet" are part of the Coast Salish linguistic community and have occupied the land and waters of Vancouver since time out of mind.
- A \$75.00 gift certificate for dinner at Liliget Feast House, Vancouver's lone but proud practitioner of Pacific Northwest First Nations cuisine and winner of Where Vancouver magazine's "Best Ethnic Cuisine" award for 2002. This tranquil, downstairs room was designed by Vancouver's most acclaimed architect – Arthur Erickson – and recalls a Northwest Coast longhouse. The menu features such First Nations delicacies as oolichan, fiddleheads, alder smoked salmon, kelp and Wapiti elk tenderloin.
- Admission for two to the UBC Museum of Anthropology, where soaring glass walls - also designed by Arthur Erickson – show off a pantheon of totem poles, full-scale Haida houses, feast dishes, canoes, masks and jewelry – one of Canada's most extensive Northwest Coast collections.
- Upon arrival, a bottle of Pinot Noir from NK'Mip Cellars, North America's first aboriginal owned and operated winery, operated by the Osoyoos Indian Band.
- A dark chocolate medallion designed by First Nations artist Robert Davidson and made by his company, the city's most innovative chocolatiers, Chocolate Arts.
- A copy of the Museum of Anthropology's acclaimed book "Objects & Expressions".

The package is available from June 1 to August 31, 2006. 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, although there are some limitations due to opening times at the Museum of Anthropology and Liliget Feast House. All prices are in Canadian Funds.

From potlatches to longhouses, talking sticks to totem poles, nothing is more compelling for a visitor to British Columbia than its First Nations cultures. Since the inception of the "Museum Floors" - 44 guest rooms of the hotel featuring art curated by the University of British Columbia's Museum of Anthropology - The Listel Hotel has been keen to offer its guests an authentic First Nations experience, a sampling of our rich, indigenous cultures.

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.

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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](http://www.thelistelhotel.com) or by e-mail at [moreinfo@thelistelhotel.com](mailto:moreinfo@thelistelhotel.com). The hotel's toll-free reservation line is 800.663.5491.

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\* Robin Laurence, Visual Arts Writer, Georgia Straight, September 2002