



Totems to Turquoise (by Trolley)!

The Listel Hotel welcomes visitors to Vancouver's most extraordinary exhibit



ROBSON STREET: Together, North America's southwest desert and northwest rainforest account for a surprising proportion of the world's finest native art. Vancouver is playing host to a landmark art exhibition, Totems to Turquoise, that does put them together – 500 superb pieces – the new and the old, the Haida and the Hopi, the Nisga'a and the Navajo, the wet and the dry. You might think this would produce a collision of cultures, but the result is more of a collusion of cultures – a conspiracy of beauty.

The exhibit runs to March 25, 2007 at the Vancouver Museum. It is being mounted by the American Museum of Natural History in collaboration with the Bill Reid Foundation.

Totems to Turquoise has its roots in Vancouver. In 2000 there was a cultural exchange between artists from the Northwest coast and Southwest desert – two completely opposite environments. Yet something clicked. The artists found bonds that went deeper than these differences: similar world views, spiritual values and an ongoing commitment to tradition. One thing led to another, and the result is this exhibition.

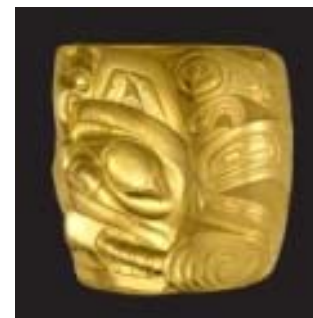
The Listel Hotel is a proud sponsor of the exhibit and is also pleased to offer a special overnight room package.

Elements of the Totems to Turquoise package include:

- One night's accommodation in a Museum Floor room where Zen-like, ultra modern interior design pays tribute to all things original and distinctly British Columbian. 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 \$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 (Liliget Feast House is closed on Monday & Tuesday).
- Breakfast for two.
- Transportation to the exhibition – and around the city ("hop on, hop off") – onboard The Vancouver Trolley Company.
- Admission for two to the Totems to Turquoise Exhibit

The package is available until March 25, 2007 and priced at \$299.00 CDN per stay (one night), per room (plus applicable taxes and gratuities) it is unquestionably one of the best values in the city. Please note, package is unavailable on Mondays & Tuesdays due to Liliget Feast House's hours of operation. 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.



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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 or by e-mail at moreinfo@thelistelhotel.com. The hotel's toll-free reservation line is 800.663.5491.

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