

FOUR SEASONS HOTEL SEATTLE

Discover The Redesigned

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Photo courtesy of Hotel Hassler, Roma.



Seattle, Washington, lies nestled amongst snowy white-capped mountains, emerald green forests and dark cerulean waters. The Four Seasons Hotel Seattle resides in the heart of this vibrant city, one block from the famous Pike Market Place. Come and experience Wimberly Interior's interpretation of this magnificent region at the newly remodeled hotel. Take pleasure in the stunning views of Elliott Bay, the Seattle Great Wheel and bustling city scenes from high above the waterfront. Relish the new comforts afforded in each of the hotel's opulently designed rooms and suites and dine in the Goldfinch Tavern. Spoil yourself and indulge in luxurious treatments at Seattle Spa and Wellness located on the third floor.

DECADENCE BY DESIGN

The Four Seasons Hotel Seattle maintains one of the city's largest floor plans, and the newly designed rooms and suites bring the beauty of the outdoors inside by embracing nature's diverse colors and textures. Rooms are accented with handsome shades of blue and brown that represent the waters, forests and the nearby mountains of Puget Sound. Sophisticated caramel-toned leather headboards, dark marble stone and vibrant artwork depict the sights and sounds of Seattle life creating an intense sense of place.

The hotel's remodel encompassed all 134 expansive guest rooms and 11 of the 13 high-end suites. Rooms feature raw wood and natural materials, Nespresso machines, Bodum tea-kettles and minibars filled with local treats. The marble bathrooms include L'Occitane Almond Collection bath amenities, deep soaking tubs, rain showers and vanity mirrors with integrated televisions. The renovated rooms accommodate the modern traveler with multiple easily accessible plugs and USB ports, wall scones with reading lamps and 55-inch flat-screen TVs with streaming capabilities.

Suites include all the above, and several boast a gas fireplace and sectional sofas, the perfect place to savor a cup of one of Seattle's premium coffees on a drizzly morning or a glass of one of Washington's incredible wines before an evening out on the town.

My stay at Four Seasons Seattle Hotel was heightened by tickets to Taste Washington, a yearly event featuring more than 235 Washington state wineries and more than 65 Pacific Northwest restaurants. After checking into my well-appointed suite, I headed downstairs for lunch at the Goldfinch Tavern.

DELIGHTFUL DINING

Laura, the afternoon bartender and my server, greeted me as I walked into the Goldfinch Tavern. She was charming, attentive and efficient. I ordered the highly acclaimed seafood soup created by Executive Chef Ethan Stowell.

The bowl was filled with whole baby clams, crunchy carrots, crisp celery, tasty broth and sweet Dungeness crab. Each spoonful was rich, thick and perfectly seasoned pairing excellently with my glass of Pascal Jolivet Sancerre. The green salad with sherry vinaigrette, cucumbers, radishes and delicate red and yellow flower petals made for a delicious accompaniment to this fantastic lunch.

DEEP FOREST BLISS MASSAGE

The Seattle Spa and Wellness at Four Seasons Seattle Hotel is magnificent, and I definitely recommend the Deep Forest Bliss Signature Massage. After relaxing in the sauna, I meandered to the lounge and rested in the serene setting. The Deep Forest Bliss Signature Massage is an incredible 80-minute, full-body treatment where locally inspired body oil with touches of balsam fir and white pine are massaged over the body soothing the skin. My masseuse, Nicole, was professional and well-adept at her job.

After a deep-tissue massage, Nicole rubbed apricot-scented oil into my scalp massaging the oil deep into my skin. I could feel the tension melt away as she worked. After she finished, she wrapped my head with a hot towel and proceeded to work on my feet. I was shocked at how much tension was held in my extremities. The time passed all too quickly, and soon Nicole was wrapping my feet in hot towels and undoing my headwrap. She removed the wraps from my feet and dried each foot with a warm towel. I was forlorn when she finished. I could have basked in this extravagant treatment for hours, but it was time for me to get dressed for the first exciting event at Taste Washington, the Red and White Party. Before leaving, Nicole shared pertinent information on how to wash the oil out of my hair so that it would style with ease for the evening's event.

DELICIOUS DRINKS AND APPETIZERS

The hotel offers guests transportation in the hotel car on a first-come, first-served basis. I ordered a Lyft to take me to the Aqua restaurant for the Red and White party. After sampling a variety of wines from 30 of Washington's premier esteemed wineries and tasting delicious appetizers curated by Executive Chef Kevin Benner, I returned to my suite. I took the time to slow down for a moment, savor a bath in my deep soaking tub, and then slipped under the soft down duvet where I snuggled up with multiple down pillows of varying shapes and sizes and drifted off to sleep. The following morning, I awoke refreshed and excited about the remaining Taste Washington events.

Stop by Seattle, Washington, and enjoy an upscale vacation at Four Seasons Seattle Hotel any time of year; but for a real treat, plan your trip for March 19-22, 2020, and buy tickets to next year's Taste Washington and take pleasure in some of the finest offerings of the state. ■



