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## A TOUCH OF THE ORIENT *Asian elegance at the Hotel Grand Pacific*

When guests walk into the Hotel Grand Pacific, they'll notice that this isn't your run-of-the-mill Canadian hotel. There's something a little different, a little exotic about the place. Scratch below the surface and they'll find a number of Eastern touches that pay respect to the hotel's Asian owners, and give the property an elegant but relaxed atmosphere that combines Canadian hospitality with the attentive service of the Far East.

### **Balancing Heaven and Earth**

While other hotels may thrive on offering frenetic energy, the Hotel Grand Pacific presents a harmonious and calm environment, encouraging guests to take a deep breath and unwind. This atmosphere is no happy coincidence – the hotel was built according to the principles of Feng Shui, an ancient Chinese system of aesthetics aimed at balancing Heaven and Earth, improving one's life by receiving positive Qi. To further add to the property's auspiciousness, the whole building was constructed to echo the shape of a dragon – a symbol of strength and good luck in Chinese culture. For many guests, the most obvious sign of this design is the glass canopy over the hotel's entrance, which forms the dragon's spine, with the duck pond as a wing. Guests will also notice nods to the hotel's Asian heritage tucked in among the art, furniture and décor.

### **To a Tea**

Victoria has a long association with tea, but the Hotel Grand Pacific comes to the steaming hot beverage from a different direction than most. The hotel's distinguished tea program is heavily influenced by Asian culture, with a mix of single-estate teas and blends, all presented in a culturally appropriate way. Teas are curated in the same way that a sommelier chooses a wine list, and the hotel works with Silk Road Tea Company's resident Tea Master Daniela Cubelic on both the selection and staff training. Along with enjoying a soothing cup (or sip from a traditional porcelain gaiwan) with the hotel's West Coast Tea service in the afternoon, guests can also try innovative tea-based cocktails in The Pacific Restaurant and Lounge.



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### **Realign body and spirit at SORA Spa**

Offering a sense of Eastern tranquility, guests can feel their tension melt away as they experience one of the signature treatments on offer at SORA Spa. The intimate and calming space offers guests therapeutic treatments, blissful relaxation and esthetic services. Start with a comforting brew from the spa's tea bar in the lounge before embarking on a wellness experience: the menu of services includes Asian-influenced treatments including traditional Thai massage, Thai stem massage, a pedicure that begins with a star anise foot soak, and facial and body treatments using ingredients such as Japanese ginkgo biloba, mandarin essential oil and tropical fruits..

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