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SKWACHAYS LODGE

For the Love of Art



Just when you think you know your city inside and out, it manages to surprise you. Walking along a stretch of Pender we had traversed many times before, we noticed an older building sandwiched between new condos with a totem pole on the roof. Heading inside, we walked into the Skwachays Lodge hotel only to discover that its front desk was located inside an art gallery. It doesn't get weirder than that...or does it? It did! As it turns out, the lodge is Canada's first Aboriginal arts and culture hotel, with the Urban Aboriginal Fair Trade Gallery specializing in Northwest First Nations art. With such a unique collection on display, the gallery is worth a visit any day.

P.S. The gallery is open seven days a week: from 10am to 4pm Monday through Friday, and 11am to 5pm on the weekends.

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Gastown

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31 West Pender St

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