

REVIEW: A Luxury Experience in Whistler – The Four Seasons



If you've ever perused an Apres ski list, or searched for the largest ski resorts in North America you're sure to find

Whistler-Blackcomb near the top. Part of the glorifying experience of Whistler is embodied by the fact that there's so much to do after you hop off the mountain. The Four Seasons is the logical choice if you're wanting to be close enough to the action, but far enough away to enjoy some peace and quiet.

The property is located just above Whistler Village in what is called "Upper Village", a three minute car ride or shuttle away from Whistler Basecamp, but also only a five minute walk from Blackcomb's base lift. Upon entering the hotel you're instantly greeted by cozy spaces, a living room in the corner with a TV and fireplace, a downstairs basement with a game room, the choice of two different bars/restaurants with tucked away spaces, and some other cool little nooks and crannies. I was told that this particular hotel was designed to mimic a personal ski chalet and I have to agree that the FS Resort Group did a great job designing this property.



That's the living room. I spent a lot of time here



The main lobby. Christmas decorations really jazzing it up

There's a lot to love about this hotel, the ski concierge service which makes renting equipment a breeze. You go downstairs, get fitted, and the next morning your equipment is ready to go twenty feet from the base gondola. The restaurants were both delicious and priced relatively affordably for a five star property. The staff were attentive and knowledgeable, and the outdoor pool and jacuzzi were an incredible reprieve at the end of a long day down the mountain.

I did have one minor quibble about the hotel, which is that the rooms themselves were not quite as spectacular as other Four Seasons properties. There was nothing particularly exciting about them, and the furniture could've used a refresh. However, none of this would prevent me from recommending the property to anyone visiting Whistler.



The rooms are a bit old school.

There are certainly a lot of choices in this town, especially since it had its Olympic debut a few years back, but the Four Seasons is at the top of my list and will remain there. If you are looking for other choices, however, I would recommend looking into the Sundial Boutique and the Fairmont Chateau. Both properties are a little older than the Four Seasons, but offer similar accommodations with slightly less amenities, but at a slightly lower price.

PROS:

- The awesome layout of the public spaces. It's inviting, warm, and functional
- The staff is just as good as you'd expect at a Four Seasons. Everyone from the maid to the check-in staff were courteous, thoughtful, and helpful
- The shuttle and car service really made this location easy to get to. You can call for a pickup from anywhere in town to get back to the hotel.

CONS:

- The rooms could use a refresh when it comes to the furniture

SECRETS:

- If you're coming in the winter, use the ski concierge to your advantage. They even rent out jackets, pants, and other items. Also, avoid the rush at the end of the day when dropping off your equipment, wait about 15-30 minutes past when the mountain closes and you won't be stuck dropping your rental gear back off

THINGS TO DO IN THE AREA:

- Mongolie Grill is a staple in this town, and has incredible food for a great price. It's a unique concept that's hard to find in many places and although it's not really "authentic" Mongolian food, it really hits the spot after a long day outdoors!