

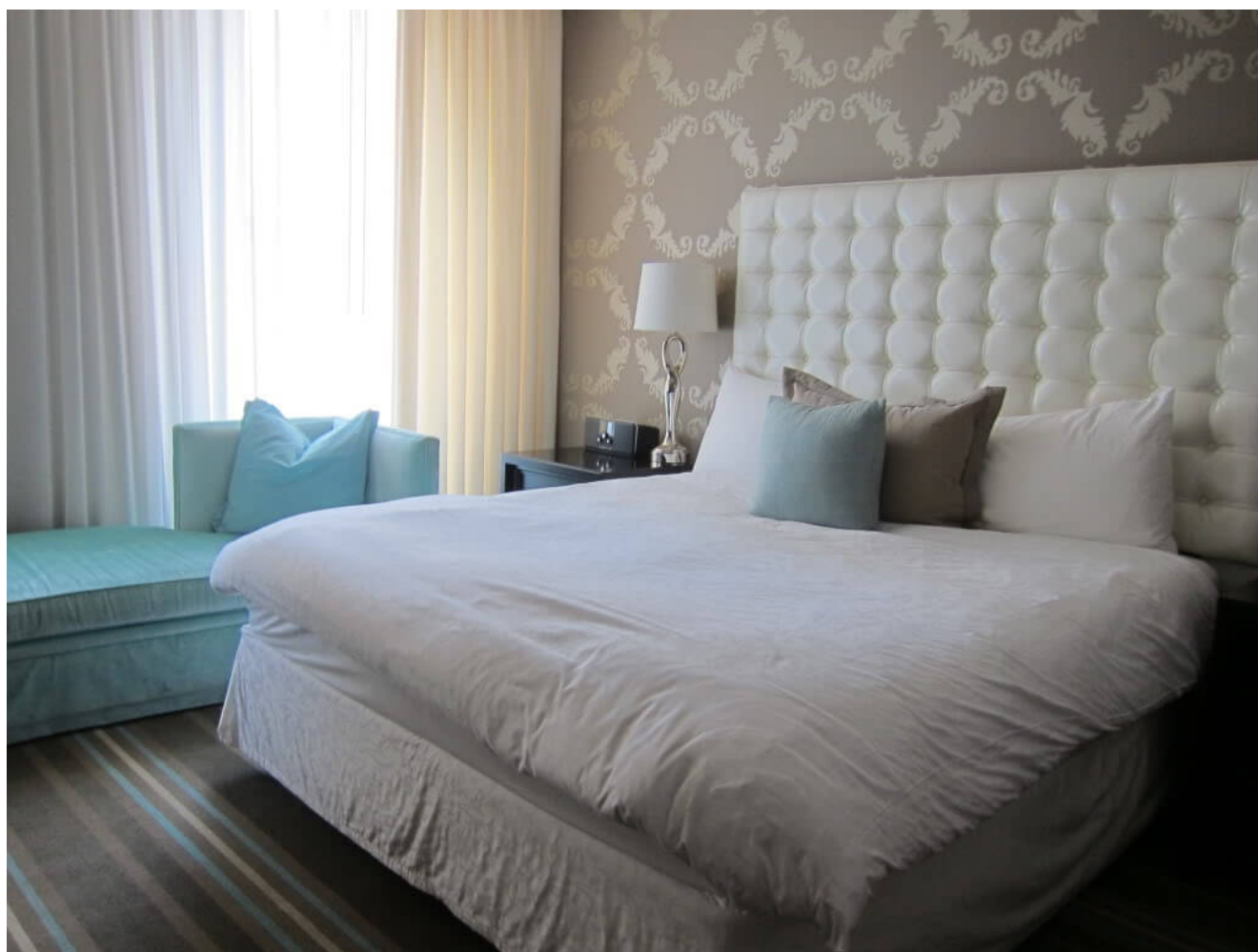
REVIEW: The Nines in Portland



The Nines in Portland is an interesting property. It was

recently remodeled, and has a lot to offer in terms of location and contemporary style, but what detracted me from giving it a full recommendation are the smallish rooms and mediocre bathrooms.

Located centrally in downtown Portland – the Nines is the hip luxury hotel in the SPG group. It's got a very cool farm to table restaurant, a very comfy lobby that I could spend hours in, and really great service from the staff.

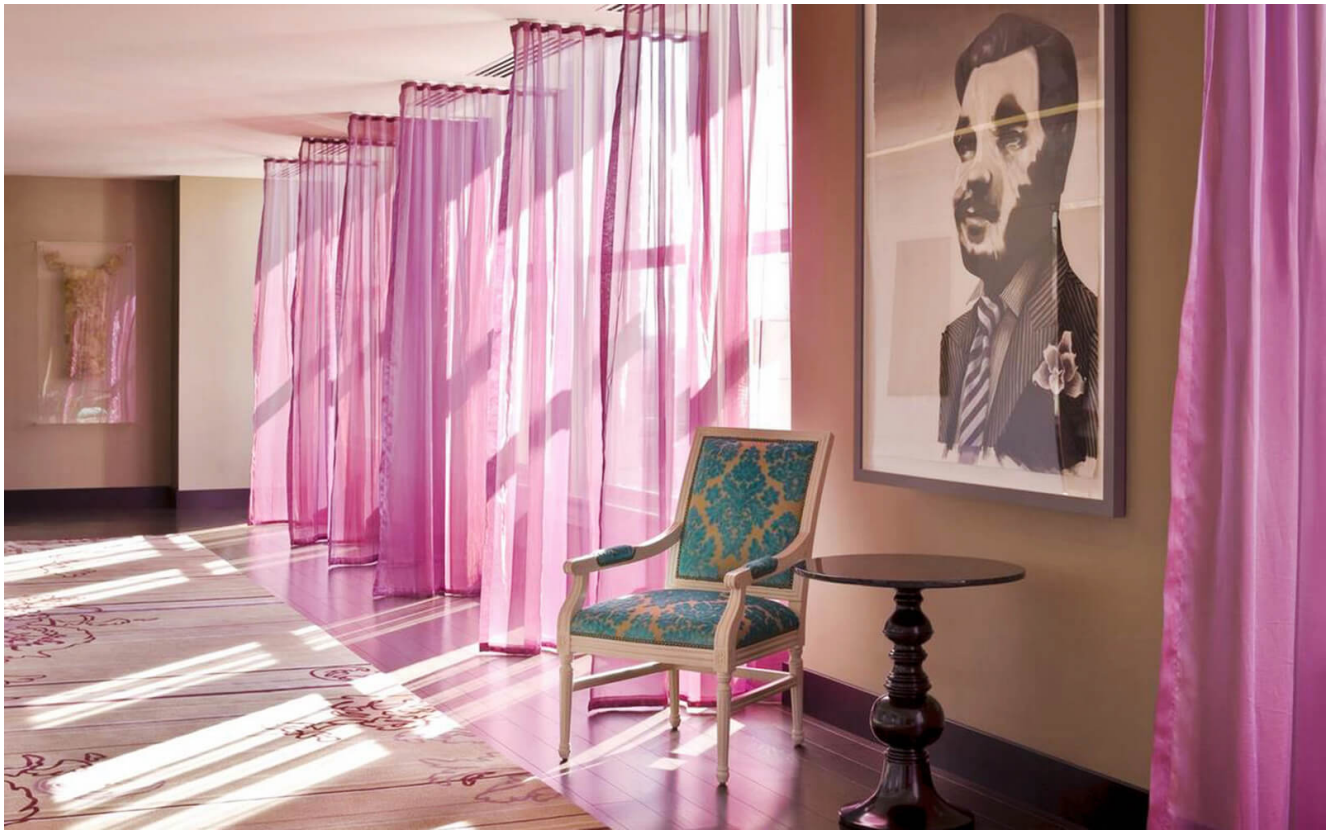


The rooms are small, but luxuriously appointed – however they do need a little more love and upkeep

I did get a chance to visit some other high end hotels in Portland, and I will say, if you're visiting the city – you should still stick with the Nines. It's got the combination of style and luxury – even if it's getting a bit long in the tooth, but location is very important in a city where you can walk to most places, and the service goes a long way.



The coolest part of this hotel is the greenhouse above the entire lobby – It gives what little natural light there is in Portland a chance at illuminating the interior of the building



Translucent pink curtains? It's gotta be hip..

PROS:

- It's trendy, contemporary, and I like the interior decor of this place
- The service is great – they're attentive and quick at handling issues

CONS:

- Rooms are small and could use some upgrades

SECRETS:

- The bar in the lobby has an incredible selection of dark liquors

OTHER THINGS TO DO IN THE AREA:

- If you love Nike, I HIGHLY recommend getting some coupons off of Craigslist and checking out the factory store, there's lots of great savings to be had there!
- Walk around downtown and just wander – there's lots of

cool little nooks and crannies around, this is a town where you can just casually meander around without a plan and have a great time doing it

REVIEW: The Roosevelt – A Hollywood Staple

The Roosevelt – I have been to this hotel many times, because it's the center of Hollywood when it comes to hotels. Drop by this place any random weekend and there's an event happening, the pool is packed with fun-loving people, and the bars are flowing.