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# TRAVEL CLOSE TO HOME



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One of the most exceptional aspects of living in British Columbia is that you really don't have to travel very far to find a great vacation spot. We're just lucky that way. Recently, I had the pleasure of spending several wonderful days in Osoyoos; a little desert town in the South Okanagan. Famous for its hot summer weather, great lake, and up-and-coming wine culture, I stumbled across an equally impressive little gem—Watermark Beach Resort.



## WATERMARK BEACH RESORT OSOYOOS, B.C.

This is a family friendly resort that is also perfectly suited to couples, thanks to the clever accommodations design. In the main building, Watermark offers luxurious one, two and three bedroom suites. On the beachfront, a separate bank of private villas hugs the lakefront walkways and 1000 feet of sandy beach. Our large two-bedroom villa had a comfortable residential feel to it with a large living space, two full bathrooms and a modern well equipped kitchen. My favourite part of the villa was the beachfront terrace with lounge chairs, barbecue and fabulous views of Osoyoos Lake.

### *Must try experience*

**VIP WINE TOUR:** Rated one of the top 10 wine regions in the world, you must indulge in the wine country experience! For 2015, Watermark has partnered with Okanagan Wine Country Tours, offering luxury VIP wine tours.

### *Must try regional wines*

**TINHORN CREEK: 2013  
GEWURZTRAMINER**

pale lemon colour with rose petals, lychee, pink grapefruit and spice

**ROAD 13: JACKPOT VIOGNIER  
ROUSSANNE MARSANNE**

rich gold colour with apricot, jasmine, vanilla and tangerine

**CULMINA VINEYARDS:  
HYPOTHESIS**

deep red colour with dark fruit, spice, red plum and toasted oak



Watermark Beach Resort offers a swimmable lake with soft, sandy beach but in case you are not a lake dweller, the resort has you covered. The outdoor pool, poolside bar, waterslide and two hot tubs are guest favourites. Executive Chef Adair Scott and his kitchen team offer delicious full dining service, served al fresco. I recommend the beef tenderloin carpaccio, quinoa and roasted cauliflower salad, and the braised lamb shank with Grana Padano polenta.

The resort is centrally located for exploring the South Okanagan region. We headed out each day on a different journey. A few days were reserved for culinary adventure with a trip to Covert Farms, winemakers' dinner at Backyard Farm Chef's Table, and a fabulous twilight dining experience at Miradoro Restaurant. Other days were spent getting to know the wineries including Road 13, Hester Creek, Gehringer Brothers, Stoneboat, Rustico, Burrowing Owl, and an entire afternoon with the Oldfields at Tinhorn Creek. We also spent a fun afternoon on a "Sip and Cycle" outing with Richard Cooper of Heatstroke Cycle; a unique guided wine tour of the Golden Mile on Pedego electric bikes.

The promise of blue skies, sparkling water and crisp wine will lure you to South Okanagan, but the Watermark Beach Resort is one of those places that will keep you coming back. Just a few hours from Kelowna or Vancouver, this is truly affordable luxury in the middle of Canada's only desert. Just get here. They will take care of the rest.



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