

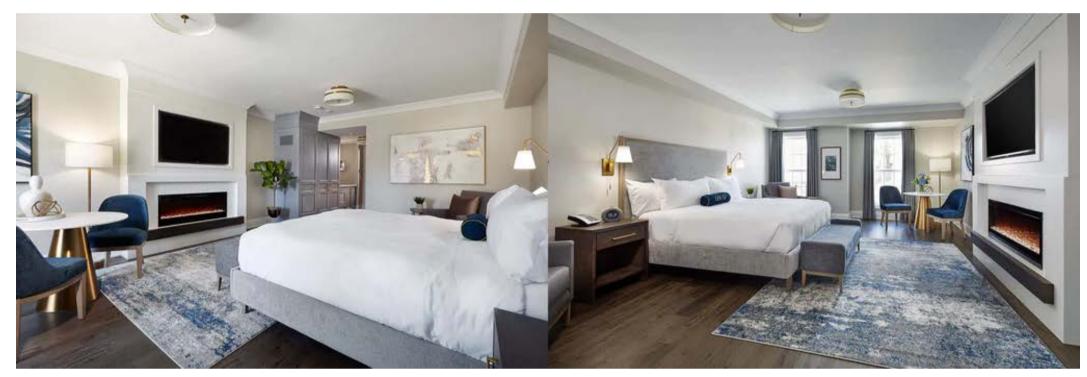
## Three Ontario Getaways to Visit Now

It's no secret we love a road trip that leads to a very comfortable hotel. Here are the latest accommodations we rate as worthy of booking, again and again.

## 124 Queen, Niagara-on-the-Lake

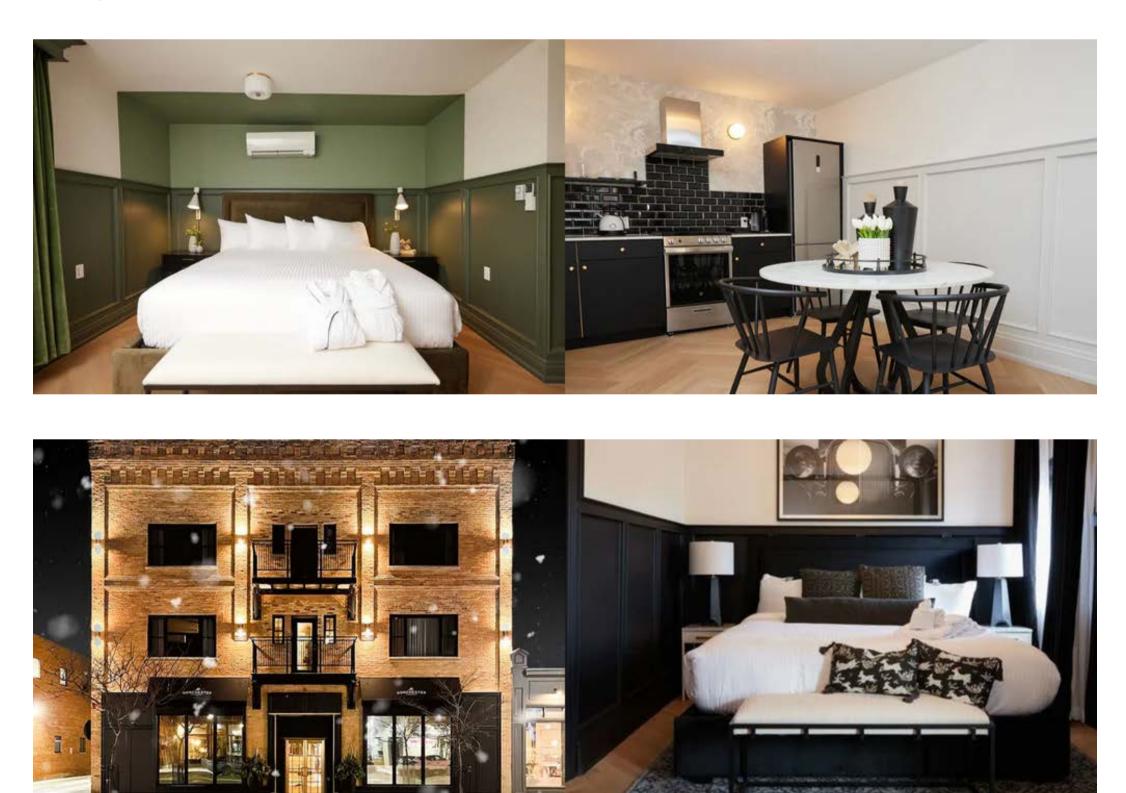
You probably know many reasons to visit Niagara-on-the-Lake – charming 19<sup>th</sup>-century homes, acclaimed wineries, fabulous theatre – and now there's one more: 124 Queen Hotel & Spa. It opened its newly renovated space in 2022, and the delightfully compact red-brick façade belies what's behind the royal-blue front door: 72 guest rooms, a swish cocktail bar and a whopping 12,000-sq-ft spa (that's not a typo!). We slept in a one-bedroom suite boasting a kitchen, living area, double-sided gas fireplace and bathroom so big we could have played badminton in it. The spa is a European-inspired oasis chockful of blissed-out features such as hot and cold plunge pools, a eucalyptus steam, even a snow room (with actual shaved ice snow flakes). The owners, two local residents passionate about preservation, acquired the acclaimed Treadwell Farm-to-Table Cuisine restaurant, just steps from the property. It composes scrape-the-plate delicious food with provenance – locals will not allow the lobster club to be taken off the menu. Whether you go here for a weekend stay, a spa treatment or a meal – just go.





## **The Dorchester**

If you haven't been to Collingwood yet, The Dorchester is a wonderful reason to put this impossibly pretty town on your to-do list. The heritage property dates back to the 1890s and was one of Collingwood's first hotels (with the town's first elevator). It had fallen into disrepair when Tammy and Chris Millsap, a couple born and raised in the area, purchased it in 2021. Fascinated by its history, they were determined to restore the hotel to its former glory - an ambitious goal that we think they exceeded. The Dorchester offers 30 individually decorated rooms brimming with stylish verve - think whimsical wallpaper, glorious colour and ample square footage. Our Deluxe King Studio was supremely comfortable and thoughtful details, including a turntable, exclusive signature toiletries and lavender pillow sachets, made the stay restful and memorable. The Dorchester just opened in December 2022 yet already beckons as a spot to relax and cocoon, as well as explore all that Collingwood has to offer.



## **The Kimpton Saint George**

This is our favourite staycation destination in Toronto. We love The Kimpton's Bloor-Yorkville location that's walking distance to great art, shopping and restaurants. We love the whimsical design details (you don't see a lot of interior arches in Toronto hotels) and we love that the custom art and furniture is crafted by local artisans. The hotel is also pet-friendly and has cool complimentary perks, like a yoga mat in every room, cruiser bikes for exploring the city and a wine hour that's held every evening in the lobby. Hole up for a relaxing staycation or use it as a base for checking out the city – it's a comfort either way.

