## VICTORIA

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## Victoria named #2 Best Small City by Conde Nast Traveler

Magnolia Hotel & Spa also recognized by Conde Nast Traveler as #14 Best Hotel in Canada

**VICTORIA, B.C.** – Premier travel publication Conde Nast Traveler has named Victoria as the #2 Best Small City in its annual Readers' Choice Awards. This is the second time Victoria has been named the #2 Best Small City by Conde Nast Traveler, the first occurring in 2017. Victoria's Magnolia Hotel & Spa was also named #14 Best Hotel in Canada in the Readers' Choice Awards.

Victoria was ranked ahead of destinations such as San Sebastian, Spain, Cambridge, United Kingdom and Salzberg, Austria.

Conde Nast Traveler's Readers' Choice Awards cover numerous categories in travel and tourism, including hotels, resorts, cruise lines, spas, cities and more. All winners were independently selected by Conde Nast Traveler readers. Hundreds of thousands of respondents submitted ratings between April 1 and June 30, 2022. Candidates are judged on a set of criteria relevant to their category, based on a standard five-point scale.

The Condé Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards are the longest-running and most prestigious recognition of excellence in the travel industry.

## **Quotes:**

"It is an honour for our destination to be named by Conde Nast Traveler as the #2 Best Small City. Conde Nast Traveler is an established and reputable publication. The world-class hotels, restaurants, and attractions for which Greater Victoria is known will reach a wide audience through this ranking. I would also like to congratulate the Magnolia Hotel & Spa and their General Manager Bill Lewis on their award. The Magnolia is an amazing property and a major asset for Greater Victoria." - Paul Nursey, CEO – Destination Greater Victoria.

"We are immensely proud of the dedication and resilience our team has shown over the past few years and to receive this recognition, as well as being named to Travel + Leisure's World's Best Awards earlier in the year is a true testament to them. We pride ourselves on connecting with guests and personalizing their stay down to the smallest detail. As we enter our 25th year in 2023, we are honoured that our guests chose to vote for us and appreciate the service that we offer." - Bill Lewis, General Manager of the Magnolia Hotel & Spa.

The 2022 Conde Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards are found here: <u>https://www.cntraveler.com/inspiration/readers-choice-awards</u>

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