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EVEN IF YOU DON'T HAVE an extravagant summer trip to Europe on the books, it doesn't mean you can't get an amazing vacation experience right here at home. Instead of going the typical hotel or all-inclusive resort route, I like to think outside the box when choosing my escape by picking stylish experiences with lodgings that have unique architecture or history and exceptional decor. My top choices include The Ferg, an intimate Scandi-style Picton, Ont., boutique B&B with an inviting porch that sits under a maple tree's canopy; a rustic self-managed Canadian tour with CapeRace Cultural Adventures in St. John's, N.L., where you can choose from a string of charming, colourful seaside cottages, each with its own vintage esthetic; and Le Monastère des Augustines, a converted cloister in Quebec City that offers an array of holistic wellness getaway packages in a historical setting. Each is completely different, yet, no matter which one suits your vacation style, they all provide the perfect Canadian summer escape.

EDITOR'S HOME ADVICE

Sweet Sanctuary

The rooms at Le Monastère des Augustines in Quebec City reflect the building's past as the home of the Augustinian Sisters.

Le Monastère des Augustines

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SUMMER GETAWAY HOTEL ESSENTIALS

THERE ARE A FEW IMPORTANT THINGS I LOOK FOR IN A HOTEL THAT I KNOW WILL MAKE MY VACATION EVEN BETTER.

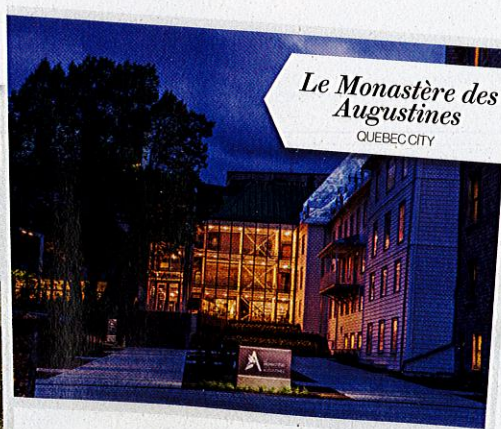
1. First, I try to ensure that my room has a great view. It makes being in a hotel room less like a cell and more like an oasis.
2. Second, I like to check that the hotel has nice linens—this can make or break the stay for me! Sleeping on soft, luxurious bedding contributes to a more restful night's sleep, and who doesn't love getting cozy in a plush robe?
3. Finally, I usually opt for a spot that offers a good breakfast. It really is the best way to start a day of vacation.



The Ferg
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