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For the past 10 weeks The Vancouver Sun has profiled one of our province's unique lodgings.

Today we visit Prince George.

Bed and Breakfasts have come a long way in the last few years. Many boast amenities that rival the most luxurious hotels. Others offer a wide range of value-added features including bodywork and spa treatments, romance packages or kayaking and cycling adventures.

Despite the upscale trend, unlike hotel chains, no two bed and breakfasts are alike. Each has its own personality, and that personality is usually a reflection of the owner's interests, passions and sensibilities.

Each Saturday over the summer, we will take you inside a different B&B in BC that reflects some of this diversity. Hope you enjoy your stay.

## Rosel's Bed and Breakfast

### CONTACT INFO

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### WHERE

Rosel's is about a 10-minute drive from downtown Prince George, just off Highway 16 West and close to the University of Northern British Columbia.

### WHAT'S THE ATTRACTION - INSIDE

Prince George's only Canada Select 4-star B and B is located in a modern home in a newer subdivision of Prince George overlooking the valley.

The Garden Suite has a private entrance and is a very large, traditionally decorated suite with full kitchen, dining area, and bright sitting area with fireplace, TV, VCR and a selection of classic videos and books. The sliding door leads to a covered patio with couch and beyond to a beautiful leafy garden with flowers, fruit trees and croquet set. The spacious bedroom contains a king-size bed and ensuite bathroom. The suite can easily accommodate a family of four and is a great long-stay base for exploring the region.

Besides the family-sized suite, the owners are the main attraction. Rosel and Wilfred welcome you to their home with the enthusiasm of family (that you're getting along with). They delight in meeting people and sharing stories and have a background in operating a successful fine-dining restaurant. As 42-year Prince George residents, they are enamored with the area and are an excellent source of information about things to see and do.

Breakfast seems designed to tide you over till dinner. Ours included fresh fruit salad with yogurt, eggs Benedict, fresh home-baked cinnamon buns and "nothing but air -- no, really" croissants.

What's the attraction - outside

Prince George has more than 120 parks to explore. Connaught Hill Park has lovely gardens and, on a clear day, a 360-degree view of the surrounding area including rivers, forest, and the beginning of the Rockies. Fort George Park contains a first nations burial ground, a replica of Simon Fraser's trading post and the Exploration Place -- a fascinating hands-on regional science and natural history museum and theatre. Cottonwood Island Park is home to nearly 20 km of trails along the confluence of the Fraser and Nechako Rivers. It also contains the Prince George Railway and Forestry Museum with its huge collection of railcars, locomotives, trucks, fire engines, old buildings and communication equipment dating from 1899 to the 1960s. On our visit, an excellent roaming exhibit from Montreal entitled "Women Railroaders" was in the main hall.

Definitely worth a visit is the University of Northern British Columbia. With interesting architecture and great views over the city, it is located in the Forests for the World demonstration forest with a vast network of trails offering viewpoints and wildlife sightings.

Downtown Prince George offers two major art galleries, theatre companies, a symphony and, of course, shopping.

Within a two-hour radius of the city are major historical attractions such as Fort St. James National Historic Site, Barkerville Historic Town and Huble Homestead Historic Site. There is also a wealth of lakes, rivers, waterfalls and trails to explore.

#### WHAT'S THE COST

The Garden Suite is \$115 a night double occupancy, additional person \$20 and weekly rates available

#### MISCELLANY

For more information about Prince George, contact Tourism Prince George at 1-800-668-7646 or online at [www.tourismpg.com](http://www.tourismpg.com). For more information or trip planning in Northern BC, try [www.northernbctravel.com](http://www.northernbctravel.com).

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