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## **ROWENA'S INN ON THE RIVER HAS DEEP FAMILY ROOTS EXPLORE B.C.'S FRASER VALLEY FROM THE TRANQUIL PRETTY ESTATES RESORT**

HARRISON MILLS, B.C. — Pretty Estates Resort is home to Rowena's Inn on the River, Sandpiper Golf Course and River's Edge Restaurant.

PRICE: \$129 to \$400 per night. Accommodations vary in price by season and whether you choose to stay in one of the five rooms in the inn itself, or one of four luxurious cottages.

LOCATION: Located within scenic Harrison Mills, in B.C.'s Fraser Valley, Rowena's Inn on the River is a 1.5 hour drive from Vancouver. You can also get there by boat or small plane; there's a 3,380-metre airstrip. If you want to kick back and relax, venture to Harrison Hot Springs. If you're the active type, consider hiking, horseback riding or paragliding. In the winter months, there's an abundance of skiing and skating nearby. If you're a foodie, sip wine from grapes grown a few kilometres away. This is as local as it gets.

DINING: River's Edge Restaurant caters to athletes and gourmands alike. The on-site eatery serves up sandwiches à la the hearty club with French fries for lunch. The dinner experience is fine dining, but no tie is required, and the fare is delicious. Do yourself a favour and try the baked escargot appetizer. It was so good, we ordered a second round.

COMFORT AND DESIGN: If you're in need of quiet, this location can't be beat. Every room on the 160-acre estate overlooks the Harrison River and the Coast Mountains. There are walking paths through the landscaped lawns, open fairways and 180-foot Douglas firs. An abundance of eagles nest here, so much so there's a bald eagle festival to celebrate them each November.

SERVICE: The resort has mastered the art of hospitality. What makes the property so special is the many family heirlooms and talking pieces peppered throughout the inn. The owner and innkeeper, Betty-Anne Faulkner — one of the four Pretty family children — grew up here. This was her family home and retreat from 1924 until 1992, when the property began its transformation. She's a storyteller and happy to share the property's great history with anyone who asks.

DOWNSIDE: None. I left feeling refreshed and rejuvenated.

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