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TRAVEL

ENJOY SWEET RETREAT

Taste the high life with a chocolate-themed hotel package

Emma Watson

A city hotel has combined the coolness of winter and the lure of chocolate to bring couples the perfect, indulgent experience.

Radisson on Flagstaff Gardens is offering a luxurious Chocolate Winter Escape Package in a chocolate-themed room.

Valet parking, silky smooth hot chocolates and a tray of chocolatey treats greet guests upon arrival – so do city views and the choice to stay cosy inside with your sugary stash or get out and explore all that Melbourne has to offer.

And with the Queen Victoria Market a mere stone's throw away, as well as trams practically waiting at the hotel's doorstep, visitors won't find exploring difficult.

Radisson director of sales and marketing Colette Tobin said the chocolate package offered guests a taste of something different.

"It's a package with a difference. Most people I know are chocoholics – I only know one or two people that don't like chocolate and they seem to be the exception rather than the rule," Ms Tobin said.

"I think it's a great way to indulge and you can still go and do the usual things you do when you visit Melbourne. Whether it's a

theatre show or shopping or restaurants or the football – it's just a great way to experience Melbourne with a difference."

The package could become a yearly feature unique to the Melbourne hotel, which has teamed with Ganache Chocolate to make "every chocolate lover's dream come true".

While guests are given a small taste of what Melbourne-based chocolatier and Ganache owner Arno Backes concocts when they arrive at the hotel, the Collins St store awaits just a few blocks away.

The writer was a guest of Radisson on Flagstaff Gardens.

CITY GETAWAY

The Chocolate Winter Escape Package at Radisson on Flagstaff Gardens starts from \$279 a night and includes overnight accommodation for two in a chocolate-themed room, welcome hot chocolate on arrival, room service breakfast for two, overnight valet parking and Ganache Chocolate take-home gift. The package is available until August 31. Details and bookings: radisson.com/melbourneau





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