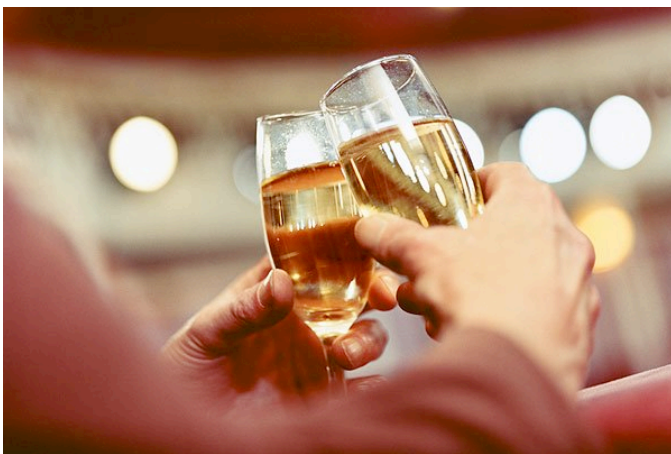


## Take a *50 Shades of Grey* Vacation

*Want to live like Anastasia Steele and Christian Grey for the weekend? These hotels can help.*

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*50 Shades of Grey* fans wanting to unleash their inner goddess over the weekend need look no further than a few pop culture savvy hotels willing to cash in on the erotic novels' popularity. These hotels are helping fans of E.L. James' erotic trilogy recreate some of their favorite scenes from the wildly popular books with special hotel packages complete with bottles of pinot gris, rides in Audis (the car of choice for Christian Grey, the novel's titular billionaire sex machine), and helicopter tours of Portland and Seattle. Couples looking to dabble in domination will have to bring their own riding crops, though, as the hotels seem more focused on the lavish lifestyles in the books than the blush-inducing erotica they're better known for.

The Edgewater Hotel in Seattle, Wa. offers a “**50 Shades of Romance**”

package, which gives guests one of the hotel's deluxe rooms, along with a bottle of Bollinger Rosé — protagonist Anastasia Steele's champagne of choice — a sailing excursion around Puget Sound, a demo drive in an Audi and a customized map to local *50 Shades of Grey* landmarks and a copy of the book for inspiration.

Portland's **Heathman Hotel**, which fans will know is where Christian and Ana had their first tryst and quite a few steamy encounters thereafter, is offering two add-on packages including the “Inner Goddess Addition” — namely a bottle of pinot gris for a mere \$40. Big spenders looking to recreate Miss Steele's birthday party can opt for the “Charlie Tango No Limits” package featuring appetizers and white wine at the hotel restaurant for six people, a helicopter tour of the city, roses for the women, dinner at the hotel and limo transfers. The package costs \$2,750, so bringing along your own billionaire to foot the bill is highly recommended.

Seattle's **Hotel Max** offers the “Fifty Shades of Seattle” package, including a two-night stay for two on the hotel's “romantic” 8th floor, which, according to **ABC News**, is decorated with photographer Amy Mullen's series “The Making of a Date” — a collection that is “sure to set the mood for love,” at least according to the hotel. The package also features a bottle of Bollinger Grande Annee Rose 1999, a 30-minute helicopter ride and a chauffeured ride in a luxury town car. Becoming your favorite character for the night doesn't come cheap, though. The package is \$1,669.

The *50 Shades* fun isn't just for those fantasy-seeking tourists in the Pacific Northwest, though. Three of the boutique Personality Hotels now offer “50 Shades of Women” packages for couples hoping to get in touch with their inner bondage geek in San Francisco. Included in the package is deluxe accommodation and a “sexy black box” — a so-called intimacy kit designed

by upscale sex toy company Minna Life, the contents of which are **best read on the hotel chain's website.**