

Miraj Hammam
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One of only two traditional Islamic steam baths in North America, Miraj Hammam's Middle Eastern heritage, is reflected in its design. The exterior entrance features wrought-iron grillwork, gates and a canopy. From there, wooden double-doors carved with Persian archways provide entry into the reception area, complete with tiled-floors, columns, arched-passageways, curved ceilings, replica Moroccan lamps and a trickling fountain set in a mosaic tile design--all finished in rich warm colours. After a quick shower and donning a sarong, guests proceed to the hammam chambers filled with a low mist steam, complete with Jerusalem gold marble slabs on which to rest and a large marble fountain in the centre of the room. After spending time in the two steam areas, a gommage (a full scrub with authentic black Moroccan soap) is applied to the body. Following the gommage, guests may receive a massage, facial or simply continue on directly to the Sultana Lounge. In this room one may unwind on an expansive velvet lounging area replete with silk cushions and partake in Middle Eastern tea and sweet cakes. 1495 West 6th Avenue, Vancouver. 604-733-5151.
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