

TOWER GREEN AT WEST IN FALSE CREEK

A new adventure in every direction

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sssst. Something really cool is happening in one of Vancouver's hottest new neighbourhoods. Want to know more? Well here's the inside scoop. Tower Green at West is getting ready to begin sales, and on launch day, every buyer will receive a custom, Tower Green bike completely free as a thank you. And make no mistake — these are very fun, very funky two-wheelers.

"People are so excited about these bikes — especially because they'll be able to pick up their bikes as soon as their sale is firm after the seven-day rescission period," says sales manager Ann Lok. "So you can be cruising around the seawall or exploring your neighbourhood even before you've moved into your new home."

Enticing Homes

Today, though, I'm here for a sneak peek at Tower Green at West's brand new, two-bedroom display suite. Like the bike, it's an attention grabber — starting right at the kitchen.

The counter is a trendsetting Italian Vicostone that looks like Carrara marble — just without the maintenance. Translation: red wine stains are a thing of the past and even a pot of boiling spaghetti won't damage the surface. My heart skips a beat when I spot the Blomberg fridge and dishwasher plus a Fulgor Milano shallow profile cooktop. But the best part? The built-in convection oven is full-sized — meaning yes, I could fit in a turkey large enough to satisfy my hungriest relatives.

Then there's the myriad subtle but oh-so-intelligent features: a pony wall that defines the living room while preserving a sense of airy connectivity, ensuite with double sinks and sconce lighting that replicates natural sunshine, even a built-in wine rack. "These homes are all about living well, and are oh-so affordable too," Ann says.

Celebrate Your 'Hood

"Such a fresh spot with a vibrancy all its own," says one participant in an online survey about the neighbourhood. "Restaurants with some of the best views in the city," says another. Yet a third considers the village plaza a great place to "stop, hang out, and usually meet some cute puppies too."

"Tower Green is poised to become an integral part of the heartbeat of False Creek," Ann agrees. "You're quite literally steps to the best of the neighbourhood's amenities — Urban Fare, London Drugs, False Creek Community Centre, an AquaBus connection to downtown, plus the newly opened Craft Beer Market Restaurant and Bar."

Which isn't even counting the 43,000 square feet of upscale, boutique retail coming to Tower Green's street level commercial spaces. Hint: after an afternoon cycling, dinner out at the new Flying Pig Restaurant sounds totally in order. Santé and here's to your good taste.

The Tower Green at West presentation centre and display suite is open noon to 5 pm at 195 West 2nd Avenue in Vancouver. Priced from \$309,900 with 177 units ranging from junior one-bedrooms to dazzling penthouse homes boasting almost 2,000 square feet. For more information visit TowerGreenLiving. com or call 604.707.9378.