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When I was invited to stay at the **Andaz San Diego**



hotel, I was told that it's a very romantic hotel and I may want to go with just my husband. WHAT?! A night just the two of us? It had been a year since we'd pulled off such a mission and that was back when we "only" had 3 kids!

Not one to turn down a dare (yes, I pretty much thought of this impossible mission as one), I asked if the uber special date July 19 (our 9 year wedding anniversary) was available... and it was.

Enlisting an entire army, including troops Bob-bob and Nana (my dad and his wife) and

Grammy and Grampy (my mom and her husband) who took on OPERATION: GIVE CHELSEA AND ELI A BREAK, we somehow pulled it off. And we LOVE them for it! The mission included a divide and conquer tactic: twins with mom, other three with dad. Our brave soldiers had lots of speculation as to how I chose who went where, but there was no logic to it... in fact, I never REALLY believed this mission could be pulled off to begin with.

But it was. And how uber amazing!

We pulled up to the Andaz and were immediately greeted by valet who opened my door, grabbed our luggage and walked us in. There, we met Adam who checked us in and also walked us up to our room, after showing us the wine bar.

In fact, when he mentioned the wine bar featuring 88 wines by the glass poured from innovative [WineStations](#), you may as well have told my hubby that we won the lottery. We never made it back for it's 5pm opening, but will gladly return.

After Adam dropped off our luggage and explained our free coffee machine (FREE!) complete with pods, we then understood what he had meant when he asked if we were okay with an "exposed shower." Any time you want to throw around words like "exposed shower" you can bet I will be making non-stop jokes... but I digress. Having a window versus a wall so the entire room can see into the shower is an interesting concept and certainly was a reminder why the kids were left at various homes around town. And an even bigger reminder to be grateful that the toilet was not exposed, too.

Immediately, we headed to the roof top pool and bar. It was 4:35 and "Happier Hour" started at 5. This meant we could either pay \$15 for a drink or wait 25 minutes and pay \$5 (!!!!). Although I did beg for us to wait, the hubby won out on round 1, but getting my \$5 "Hot Mess" (yes, that's what my champagne something or other was called... just added more bad jokes for the hubby to have to tolerate) in round 2 (and possibly a 3, but who's counting) was just what this cheapskate ordered.

I am going to spend months closing my eyes remembering what an amazing time we had lounging by the relaxing rooftop, looking over the cityscape with views of the water and stadium. Breathtaking.

Finally making it out for dinner after enjoying a delicious cheese platter delivered to our room, we opted to walk the two blocks to a nearby restaurant versus taking the COMPLIMENTARY Escalade shuttle! Believe me, I asked repeatedly, "It's free?!"



This truly was the perfect couples getaway with plenty of date night options. The room was absolutely fabulous and the view was awesome. If you are looking for a San Diego hotel room for BlogHer or visiting with your kids, the hotel is centrally located and a fantastic option as well. If you are with someone other than your significant other though, be sure to mention that you would like a room without an exposed shower. Trust me.