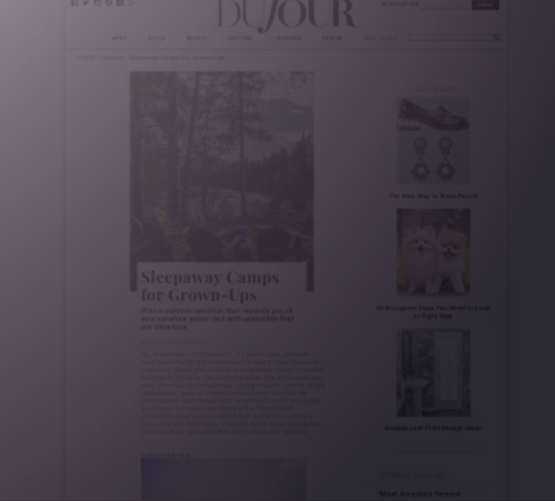
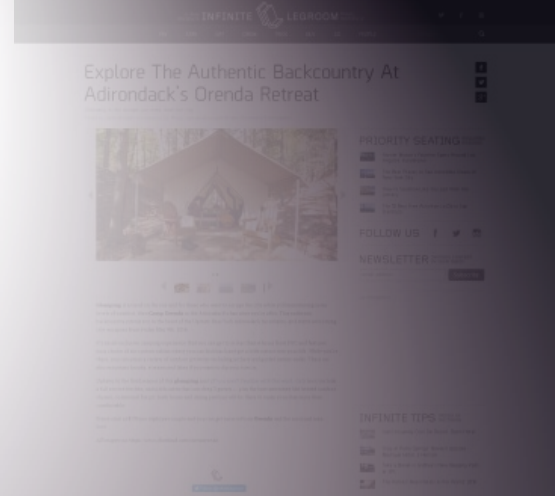
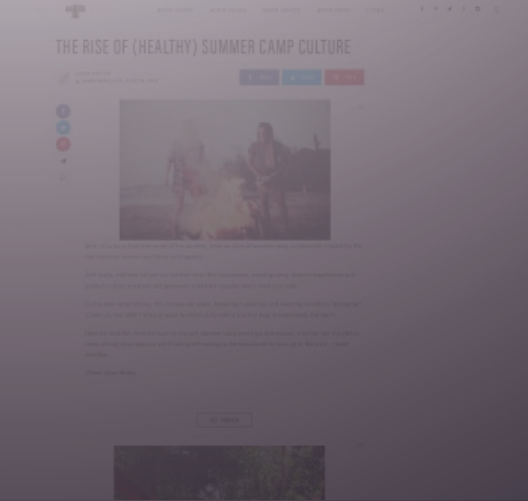
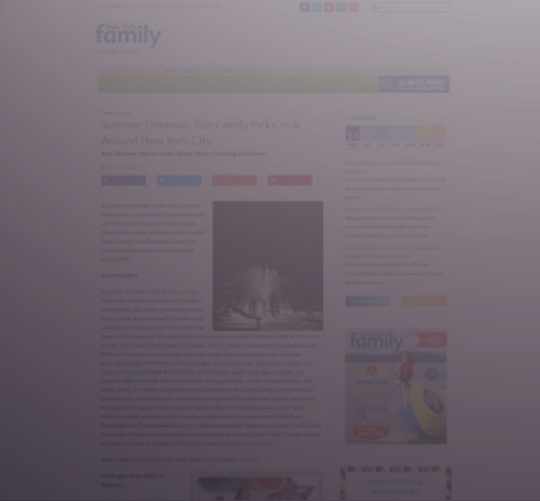
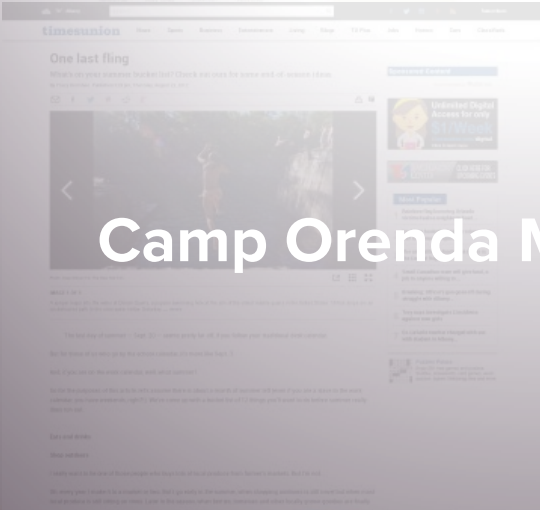
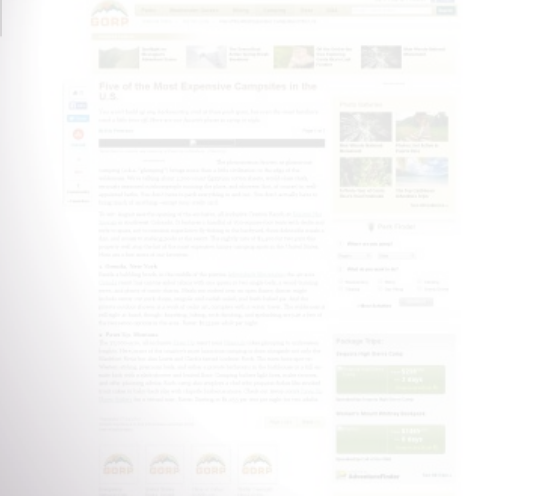
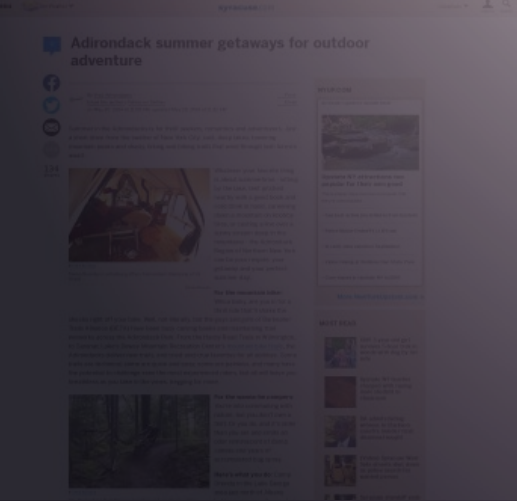
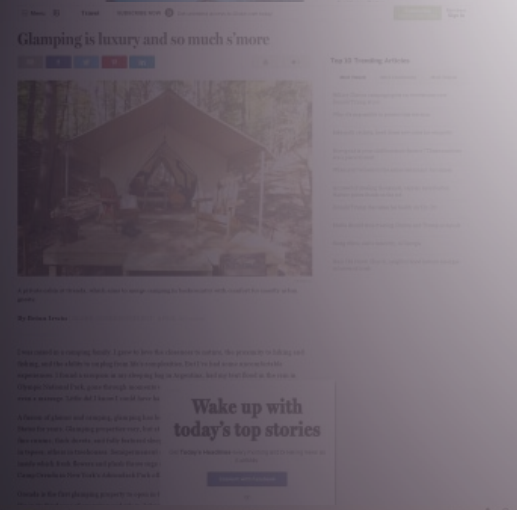


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## How to Have a Bachelorette Party in the Middle of the Woods

By Ashlea Halpern

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Camp Orenda. Photo: Dana Romanoff

Avoid cliché and tired bachelorette (and bachelor) party traditions and take the festivities far, far away from Caesars Palace with these outdoorsy ideas. Plus, notes on what supplies you'll need and expert tips on making the most of a weekend in the forest.

### Camp Orenda in Johnsbury, N.Y.

**Time from New York:** 4 hours 10 minutes  
**Number of people house sleeps:** 18 people  
**Price:** \$200 per person/night

**Booking information:** [camporenda.com/accommodations/cabins](http://camporenda.com/accommodations/cabins)

**The details:** Six rustic canvas cabins for you glamping types. Each has electricity, wood-burning stoves, fancy bedding, and toiletries. Showers are outdoors. Farm-to-table meals are included, as are on-site activities like canoeing and archery.

### The Floating Farmhouse in Eldred, N.Y.



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The World's Oldest Person Is Single And Looking To



Photo: Mark Mahaney

**Time from New York:** 2 hours  
**Number of people house sleeps:** 15 people  
**Price:** From \$750 per night (up to six guests, plus \$125 per night for each additional guest)  
**Booking information:** [floatingfarmhouse.com](http://floatingfarmhouse.com)  
**The details:** This five-bedroom, 2.5-bath manor home, built in 1820, has a wood-fired pizza oven, exposed wood beams, and a wall of windows overlooking a creek in the Catskills. A covered porch, smokehouse, picnic tables, and gazebo move the party outdoors.

*The Barn at Copake Lake in Craryville, N.Y.*



Photo: Courtesy of the vendors

**Time from New York:** 2 hours 20 minutes  
**Number of people house sleeps:** 15 people  
**Price:** \$979 per night (two-night minimum)  
**Booking information:** [vrbo.com/414915](http://vrbo.com/414915)  
**The details:** An Adirondack-style makeover of an 1827 post-and-beam barn with three beds and three baths. Mitchell Gold furniture gives it a modern air; the indoor fireplace keeps it cozy. The game room has Ping-Pong, foosball, and pinball; the grounds boast a sprawling outdoor patio, hammock, mountain bikes, kayaks, and a pontoon boat for rent.

*Flatrock House in Shandaken, N.Y.*



Photo: Sidney Bensimon

**Time from New York:** 2.5 hours  
**Number of people house sleeps:** 10 people  
**Price:** From \$1,500 per weekend (up to six guests, plus \$35 per night for each additional guest)  
**Booking information:** [airbnb.com/rooms/7453985](http://airbnb.com/rooms/7453985)  
**The details:** A stylized Catskills hideaway burrowed on 8.5 acres with a private pebble beach. The 3,400-square-foot home has four bedrooms, two baths, an indoor wood-burning stove, outdoor fire pit, washer-dryer, game room, spa, and hot tub. This is just a sample of things from the

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room, gas grill, and basketball hoop. Plus, it's just a stone's throw from the hip town of Phoenicia and the Flatrock swimming hole. The hosts — three pals from Brooklyn — can provide intel on private chefs, yoga instructors, etc.

*Belleayre View in Fleischmanns, N.Y.*



Photo: Courtesy of the vendors

**Time from New York:** 2 hours 40 minutes

**Number of people house sleeps:** 8 people

**Price:** From \$425 per night (two-night minimum)

**Booking information:** [redcottageinc.com/belleayreview](http://redcottageinc.com/belleayreview)

**The details:** This three-bedroom, three-bath log home is set up on six lush acres in the Catskills. It beckons groups with an airy open kitchen, huge deck, hot tub, fire pit, barbecue grill, washer-dryer, and upright piano. Cue the Elton John impressions!

#### Bo Ssäm and a Bounce House

*Everything you need for an epic weekend in the great outdoors.*

#### Camping Gear

Traverse Outfitters rents out tents, sleeping bags, rucksacks, and trekking poles. Free delivery and pickup in Brooklyn and Queens are available for orders of \$99 or more; \$20 to and from Manhattan. 917-830-5419; [traverseoutfitters.com](http://traverseoutfitters.com)

#### Karaoke Equipment

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#### Slow-Cooked Pork Shoulder

It's not a party without David Chang, right? The Bo Ssäm To Go pack (from \$275) from Ssäm Bar includes a cured, glazed, slow-roasted pork shoulder big enough to serve eight, plus kimchee, dipping sauces, white rice, and Bibb lettuce. Pickup only. [ssambar.momofuku.com](http://ssambar.momofuku.com)

#### Next-Level Entertainment

Bring a photo booth, a dunk tank, a 16-player LED foosball table, a faux-rock climbing wall, or a bounce house, and you'll cement your place in the Party Planner Hall of Fame. NY Party Works rents them all and then some. Prices on request. 800-469-3866; [nypartyworks.com](http://nypartyworks.com)

#### Bring a BB Gun

*And other words of advice from those who've survived the woods.*

#### Appoint a taskmaster

"I made a master list of everything I'd need for the weekend — every last boring item, including extra toilet paper, bandages, Gatorade, you name it. Then I divvied up everything equally among the guys and said, 'You cool

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with buying this?" says Mike D. of Astoria. "Basically, tell everyone what to do and let them push back. They usually won't."

#### Invite experts to you

Carey P. of Cobble Hill's food-loving friends brought a cheesemonger to her "spatula-ette party" in Athens, New York. "He brought nine different kinds of cheese — all delicious," she says.

#### Check the local liquor laws

"Pennsylvania, for example, has weird liquor and beer laws, and many stores only let you purchase by the case," Mike D. says. "Decide if it's worth buying in New York before you head out."

#### Act like a 12-year-old

For Mike F. of the Upper East Side, the most memorable part of his buddy's bachelor party in the Catskills was throwing knives, shooting off BB guns and fireworks, and staging a World Series of Drunken Wiffleball. "We wanted to be secluded, bring back our college days, and just enjoy ourselves," he says.

*\*This article appears in the Winter 2017 issue of New York Weddings.*

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# Glamping is luxury and so much s'more



ORENDA

A private cabin at Orenda, which aims to merge camping in backcountry with comfort for mostly urban guests.

By Brian Irwin | GLOBE CORRESPONDENT APRIL 26, 2014

I was raised in a camping family. I grew to love the closeness to nature, the proximity to hiking and fishing, and the ability to unplug from life's complexities. But I've had some uncomfortable experiences. I found a scorpion in my sleeping bag in Argentina, had my tent flood in the rain in Olympic National Park, gone through moments of... even a massage. Little did I know I could have had...

A fusion of glamor and camping, glamping has been in vogue in the United States for years. Glamping properties vary, but at their best, they offer fine cuisine, thick duvets, and fully featured sleeping quarters in tepees, others in treehouses. Semipermanent structures, some inside which fresh flowers and plush throw rugs are scattered, are the norm. Camp Orenda in New York's Adirondack Park offers a private cabin for guests.

Orenda is the first glamping property to open in the Adirondack Park. It's in its third year of operation and sits in Johnsburg, N.Y., west of Lake George and amid some of the Adirondack Park's best outdoor recreation opportunities. An all-inclusive experience, Orenda spoils its guests by night and day. Guests can explore the surrounding wilderness by day and enjoy a massage. Orenda offers a luscious set of comforts at...

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which even the most hardened backcountry enthusiast would have trouble turning up a nose.

According to David Webb, founder and owner of Camp Orenda, the goal is to "provide a backcountry camping experience within a very comfortable environment." He went on to explain that "90 percent of our guests are from urban areas and don't necessarily have the equipment or desire to camp in the backcountry without some of life's amenities. Here, you can get out in the great outdoors and feel like you're roughing it, but in the meantime everything is being taken care of for you."



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The Adirondack Park, or "Dacks," is a 6.1 million-acre expanse of wilderness. Larger than the state of Vermont, the largest park in the Lower 48, it's an evocative place that has inspired the musings of such figures as Henry David Thoreau and John Muir. Rippling mountains with giant faces of stone make for some of the most significant mountaineering terrain in the country. Gin-clear rivers coarce through the valleys, offering whitewater rafting opportunities on their roiling haystacks of rapids. Between the rapids, broad pools run thick with native trout. It's an outdoor enthusiast's paradise. You could explore the Adirondacks regularly for your entire life and not touch every corner.

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# Explore The Authentic Backcountry At Adirondack's Orenda Retreat



Glamping is the escape you need from the city

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**Glamping** is a trend on the rise and for those who want to escape the city while still maintaining some levels of comfort, then **Camp Orenda** in the Adirondack's has what you're after. This authentic backcountry retreat sits in the heart of the Upstate New York Adirondack mountains, and starts welcoming city-escapes from Friday May 9th, 2014.

It's an all-inclusive camping experience that you can get to in less than 4 hours from NYC and features your choice of six custom cabins where you can kick back and get a little nature into your life. While you're there, you can enjoy a variety of outdoor activities including archery and guided nature walks. There are also mountain brooks, streams and lakes if you want to dip your toes in.

Updates to the third season of this **glamping** spot (if you aren't familiar with this word, [click here](#)) include a full service kitchen, and a 6th cabin that can sleep 3 guests — plus the luxe amenities like heated outdoor shower, communal fire pit, bath house and dining pavilion will be there to make your stay more than comfortable.

Prices start at \$190 per night/per couple and you can get more info on **Orenda** and the surround area, [here](#).

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# The 46 Places to Go in 2013

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## 1 Rio de Janeiro

Because the whole world will be there in 2014.



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Fifty-three years after Brazil's federal government decamped to Brasilia, and decades after São Paulo took over as the country's business capital, Rio is staging a comeback. With the 2014 World Cup and 2016 Summer Olympics (plus an oil boom) providing the impetus, the tropical city perhaps most famous for its Carnival hedonism is on its way to becoming a more sophisticated cultural hub. In January, the Cidade das Artes, or City of the Arts, was inaugurated as the new home of the Brazilian Symphony Orchestra. On March 23, Casa Daros — an outpost of the Zurich-based Daros Latinamerica Collection — will open in a renovated 19th-century building with an exhibition of Colombian artists. March will also mark the opening of the Rio Museum of Art in Praça Mauá, a once decrepit port area now being revived. (The Santiago Calatrava-designed Museum of Tomorrow, also in the port area, is scheduled to follow in 2014.) Shopping, a Rio obsession, got a boost in December when the luxe VillagesMall opened; it will soon house the city's first Gucci outlet and South America's first Apple Store. Special events also dot the coming year's calendar, including the Catholic Church's World Youth Day in July, the biennial Rio Book Fair starting in late August, and September's Rock in Rio. And, of course, there's soccer: the finals of the Confederations Cup, considered a dress rehearsal for the World Cup, will be held in a completely overhauled Maracanã Stadium on June 30. — *Seth Kugel*



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## 2 Marseille

On the Mediterranean, art, and plenty of it.



Ange Lorente

A concert inside Le Silo.

The European Capital of Culture designation (two cities get the title annually) often spotlights a destination that has become an up-and-comer on its own merits in the last few years, which is certainly the case with this ancient port town on the Mediterranean. A vibrant ethnic melting pot, Marseille is also home to an increasing number of contemporary art and avant-garde performances. Exhibition spaces include the 2,000-seat Le Silo, a landmark granary that's been transformed into a theater; the Panorama, an ex-tobacco factory now home to modern installations; and J1, a hangar on the old port that will host a number of events. While in town, book into a stylish hotel like the four-bedroom Casa Honoré or the new cheap chic Mama Shelter Marseille. — *Odine Cohane*



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It's eco! And the food is good! Enough said.



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Morgan's Rock Hacienda and Eco-Lodge.

Oswaldo Rivas for The New York Times

If the name Oliver North means anything to you, there's a good chance that Nicaragua doesn't jump to your mind when you think of a relaxing, high-end, spa-filled vacation. For the past 30 years, the country has been fighting its image as a land of guerrilla warfare and covert arms deals. At first, only travel writers took note; over the past several years, various publications have declared the country the next great destination. However, if the booming eco-lodge business is any indication, Nicaragua's moment might finally have arrived. In and around the coastal towns of San Juan del Sur and Maderas, new lodges like the Aqua Wellness Resort, the high-end (and soon-to-open) Mukul Resort and Jicaró Island Eco-Lodge are cropping up near old-time eco-lodges, like Morgan's Rock Hacienda and Eco-Lodge. The food scene is getting a high-end makeover as well, with top chefs opening restaurants. The most exciting ones — El Segundo, La Casserole, Ciudad Lounge and La Finca y El Mar — are proof that Nicaragua is becoming an impressive food destination in its own right. — *Danielle Pergament*



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## 4 Accra, Ghana

A buzzing metropolis ready for business, and pleasure.



Jane Hahn for The New York Times

Taking a photo on the beach in Accra, Ghana.

Accra, the capital of Ghana, has welcomed business travelers for years. Now tourists are streaming in, a byproduct of the fact that the country has Africa's fastest-growing economy and is also one of its safest destinations. The Mövenpick Ambassador Hotel (with poolside bar and waiters on roller skates) opened in 2011, and the Marriott Accra — the chain's first sub-Saharan offering — will feature a casino and upscale shopping when it opens in the spring. On Accra's packed beaches, you'll see everything from snake handlers to plantain peddlers. Head to the upscale neighborhood of Otu and hit the treshouse-inspired terraces at Buka for fine West African food. The best Ghanaian adventures start with a giant plate of tomato-smothered tilapia and banku — a fermented yeast paste that's tastier than it sounds — washed down with local Star beer. — *Karen Leigh*



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**T**his tiny country in the Himalayas has become a model for sustainable travel with the number of visitors (and daily traveler fees they pay) calibrated to preserve the delicate balance between preservation and revenue. Tourism is far from discouraged, however; new projects are making the country more accessible. Drukair, the only airline that goes to the country, is now flying daily from Bangkok, New Delhi and Singapore; there are also plans to start domestic routes inside the country. Hotels, too, are helping to open up new territory. The Comoe group, which already has a luxury outpost in Paro, has just unveiled the Uma Punakha in Punakha. And the Gangtey Gumpa Lodge, which opens in May, will be a new base from which to explore the lush national park of Phobjikha Valley, an eco-tourism hub and home to endangered black-necked cranes. Of course the main draws remain a network of exquisite monasteries and temples and untouched countryside — all in a country that puts happiness ahead of G.D.P. Just remember that you have to travel with a United States- or Bhutan-based outfitter; Eridge to Bhutan for example, is run by two brothers who studied in the United States and are now organizing trips back to their home country. — *Ondine Cohane*



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Stedelijk, the city's design and contemporary art museum.

Imagine that the Museum of Modern Art and the Metropolitan Museum in New York were partly closed for renovations for almost a decade — at the same time. That's basically what happened in Amsterdam, with the closings of the Stedelijk, the city's design and contemporary art museum, in 2004 and the Rijksmuseum in 2003. The Stedelijk finally reopened at the end of September with a new, sleek bathtub-like extension, and the Rijksmuseum will reopen in April with much fanfare after a complete redo by the Spanish architects Antonio Cruz and Antonio Ortiz. The Van Gogh Museum too, will reopen in May, after a much shorter renovation. The city will also be celebrating 400 years since the building of its iconic canal ring and the 125th birthday of the Concertgebouw, the city's concert hall, which will feature performances by Eva-Maria Westbroek and Bernard Haitink among others. To prepare for the wave of visitors, there are several new hotels, from the five-star Conservatorium, to an Andaz designed by the Amsterdam-based design star Marcel Wanders. If you're lucky, you might score the single suite at a hotel/restaurant/shopping/exhibition space named Droog, for the collective that designed it. — *Gisela Williams*



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What's big in Texas? Culture and food.



Scott Dalton for The New York Times

Dining at Uchi, one of Houston's newest restaurants.

Houston is probably best known as the Texan center for energy and



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industry, but it's making a bid to be the state's cultural and culinary capital as well. The Houston Museum District is a formidable coterie of institutions that includes the Rothko Chapel, the Museum of African American Culture, which made its debut last February; and the Asia Society Texas Center, which opened in a stunning Yoshio Taniguchi-designed building in April. And last summer, the Houston Museum of Natural Science opened a 30,000-square-foot hall of paleontology in a new \$85 million wing. Meanwhile, the city's dining scene is also heating up, with three of the city's newest restaurants — Oxheart, Underbelly and Uchi — placing on national best-new-restaurant lists. — *Ingrid K. Williams*



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### 8 Rossland, British Columbia Fasten your skis. A quiet peak joins the big leagues.



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The largest terrain expansion in North American skiing is under way just north of the border at Red Mountain Resort in Rossland, British Columbia. Long known for its steeps, tree-skiing and out-of-the-way location (it's a two-and-a-half-hour drive from Spokane) that leaves its lift mazes empty and led Skiing magazine last year to call it the "most underrated" resort, Red has embarked on a two-year project that will add nearly 1,000 acres on neighboring Grey Mountain. This winter a 10-dollar ride in a snowcat will haul skiers from Red to Grey to enjoy a few runs that have been cut as well as glade skiing. Next winter a new quad chair will access 22 new slopes around the conical peak. Suddenly Red's trail map will stretch as wide as Jackson Hole's inbounds terrain. With a new lodge and the first on-hill accommodations added in the last few years, this local legend is ready to step out into the spotlight. — *Christopher Solomon*



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Come for the new metro, stay for where it takes you.



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Sami Siva for The New York Times

Indian Accent restaurant.

**H**aving surpassed its sibling Mumbai in the number of millionaire residents who call it home, New Delhi is celebrating its economic rise with gusto. It's even added speed to its notoriously creaky infrastructure. Delhi's new metro system, currently in its latest stage of expansion to the Outer Ring Road, provides a smooth yet surreal ride from the dense cacophony of the ancient Mughal bazaars to the hypermodern mega-malls of the grassy suburbs. Immaculate, cheap and air-conditioned, the metro might be the most ambitious construction since India won its independence. And there are lots of new places to visit: cutting-edge galleries like Latitude 28 and Gallery Threshold in the emerging Lado Sarai arts district, and new restaurants like Varq and Indian Accent, which are expanding the horizons of nouvelle Indian cuisine. Setting new standards for dramatic design, hotels like the Aman, Oberoi and Leela have all recently opened strikingly original and competing visions of living in style in a city that suddenly exudes a lot of it. — *Finn-Olaf Jones*



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## 10 Istanbul

Next Eurail stop: culture central.



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The Museum of Innocence opened last year.

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Turkey is now included in the Eurail system, and Istanbul's busy cultural calendar this year is excuse enough to use your pass to stop there. In addition to the biennial this fall, there are new galleries and cultural centers to explore. Salt, which is directed by the curator Vasif Kortun and has impressive spaces in Beyoglu and Galata, and the Nobel laureate Orhan Pamuk's Museum of Innocence opened last year, joining a buzzing art scene that includes newish arrivals like Rodso Gallery and Arter. Lined with lively cafes and funky little design and fashion shops like Lunapark, Bahar Korcan and Atelier 55, Galata, one of the oldest districts in Istanbul, is going through a renaissance at warp speed. This year also marks the 90th anniversary of the founding of the Turkish Republic, which will bring yet more cultural celebrations, including the reopening of the Ataturk Cultural Center, home of Istanbul's state ballet, opera and orchestra. — *Gisela Williams*



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## 11 Singapore

Spot green shoots in a financial capital.



Then Chih Wey/Jinhua, via Newscom

"Autumn Harvest" garden at Gardens by the Bay nature reserve.

As one of the world's richest nations and a capital of global finance, Singapore has been awash in green for decades. But lately the densely populated city-state is burnishing its credentials as another type of green center — the ecological kind. A study released in 2011 by The Economist magazine's Intelligence Unit and Siemens ranked Singapore as the greenest city in Asia, and this year the metropolis of glass and steel inaugurates two vast nature projects guaranteed to boost the green quotient further and to enhance the city's image as a destination for environmental tourism. Gardens by the Bay, an ambitious 250-acre nature reserve, won the building-of-the-year prize at the World Architecture Festival for its glassy, hill-like main building, which houses attractions like the Flower Dome and Cloud Forest. Not to be outdone, the new Marine Life Park is already touting itself as "the world's largest oceanarium." It features a huge water park with rides and an aquarium showcasing some 800 species of underwater life. — *Seth Sherwood*



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## 12 Montenegro

A Balkan gem that's small, spectacular — and cheap.



Sveti Stefan.

Michel Cavalier/Hemis, via Corbis

It's been almost seven years since Montenegro peacefully parted ways with Serbia, long enough that Russian oligarchs and former Yugoslavs aren't the only ones in on this booming Balkan jewel. For better or worse, an iconic Communist-era hotel with bold red carpets is becoming a contemporary Hilton in Podgorica, the country's pint-size capital. On the Adriatic near Budva, a six-year renovation of Sveti Stefan resort, which includes a three-acre island with rooms set in repurposed 15th-century cottages, draws to a close in May with Aman Resorts opening 10 suites, a spa and restaurant on the island. About 16 miles and countless twinkling coves north in Tivat, the blingy Porto Montenegro will become more glamorous when Regent adds hotel rooms, suites and penthouses to its fashionable marina in 2014. Some 1.2 million international tourists came to Montenegro in 2011. That's double the population and an 11 percent leap over 2010, a rate that beat nearly every country in Europe. Still, the country remains affordable. Comfortable hotels go for \$75 a night or less. Heaping plates of cevapi sausages, tangy cheese and oily red peppers might set you back \$12 with wine and dessert. Imagine Dubrovnik before the cruise ships or Switzerland before the cable cars. Go before it becomes either. — *Tim Neville*



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## 13 White Salmon River, Wash.

A river runs free, for the first time in a century.

It's a white-water paddler's dream come true. A major dam removal in October to allow for fish passage means that the White Salmon River now runs all the way to the Columbia River, flowing freely from its glacial headwaters at Mount Adams for the first time in 100 years. Local outfitters like Wet Planet are expected to begin rafting and kayaking tours on the newly opened section of challenging Class IV rapids early this year. Conservationists are happy, too, as spawning chinook salmon and steelhead trout have already been spotted swimming upstream in the new habitat. — *Bonnie Tsui*



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## Five of the Most Expensive Campsites in the U.S.

You won't build up any backcountry cred at these posh spots, but even the most hardcore need a little time off. Here are our favorite places to camp in style.

By Eric Peterson

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Tents take on a whole new meaning at Paws Up in Montana. (Paws Up)

The phenomenon known as glamorous camping (a.k.a. "glamping") brings more than a little civilization to the edge of the wilderness. We're talking about 1,200-count Egyptian cotton sheets, world-class chefs, seriously seasoned outdoorspeople running the place, and showers (hot, of course) in well-appointed baths. You don't have to pack everything in and out. You don't actually have to bring much of anything—except your credit card.

To wit: August sees the opening of the exclusive, all-inclusive Creston Ranch at [Dunton Hot Springs](#) in southwest Colorado. It features a handful of 800-square-foot tents with decks and style to spare, not to mention superlative fly-fishing in the backcountry, three delectable meals a day, and access to soaking pools at the resort. The nightly rate of \$1,400 for two puts this property well atop the list of the most expensive luxury camping spots in the United States. Here are a few more of our favorites.

### 1. Orenda, New York

Beside a babbling brook, in the middle of the pristine [Adirondack Mountains](#), the 40-acre [Orenda](#) resort has canvas-sided cabins with one queen or two single beds, a wood-burning stove, and plenty of rustic charm. Meals are cooked over an open flame; dinner might include center-cut pork chops, arugula-and-radish salad, and fresh-baked pie. And the private outdoor shower is a work of cedar art, complete with a water tower. The wilderness is still right at hand, though: kayaking, hiking, rock climbing, and spelunking are just a few of the recreation options in the area. Rates: \$135 per adult per night.

### 2. Paws Up, Montana

The 37,000-acre, all-inclusive [Paws Up](#) resort near [Missoula](#) takes glamping to unforeseen heights. Here, some of the country's most luxurious camping is done alongside not only the Blackfoot River but also Lewis and Clark's famed Lookout Rock. The tents have spot-on Western styling, premium beds, and either a private bathroom in the bathhouse or a full en-suite bath with a slate shower and heated floor. Camping butlers light fires, make s'mores, and offer planning advice. Each camp also employs a chef who prepares dishes like smoked trout cakes or baby-back ribs with chipotle barbecue sauce. Check out [Away.com's Paws Up Photo Gallery](#) for a virtual tour. Rates: Starting at \$1,055 per tent per night for two adults.

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## Glamping

Roughing it in style at Camp Orenda

BY NIKI KOUROFSKY



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Ever wanted to step into a Gilded-Age camping photograph? You know the scene: fancy folks reclining on the porch of an Adirondack platform tent, servants waiting off-frame to see to their every comfort.

You don't have to be a Vanderbilt to enjoy a little backwoods pampering. Upscale camping, or glamping, is having a pop-culture renaissance. And what's not to love? It's nature without the heavy lifting, sleeping under the stars without bruising your bottom on rocks and roots. Add a side of gourmet grub and you've

got Camp Orenda, in Johnsburg.

The restful resort offers four woodstove-warmed tents scattered over three acres on the banks of Mill Creek. The largest den can sleep a family of four, a more romantic creekside bower houses a queen-size bed piled with throws.

The delight of this place is in the details: the smell of woodsmoke as you arrive, the crosscut timber that marks the path from your car, the handmade bridges over the bouldered brook. Each canvas tent is packed with touches both homey and handy, from candles and flowers to headlamps and Camelbaks. In the common area there's a heated plain-air shower and Adirondack chairs circling a fireplace, plus a metal-roofed outdoor kitchen with a hemlock-slab island and tree-stump stools.

It's all been a labor of love for 35-year-old backcountry guide David Webb, who crafted every rustic detail himself. The land—more than 40 acres in all—has been in Webb's family for a half-century; he and his brother, composer Chris Webb, spent childhood vacations along this creek, which once hosted trapezoids and mulls. When Chris died of cancer in 2008, David decided he wanted to share their favorite spot with others.

Within the next couple of years he quit his construction-management job in New York City and began carving this cozy niche in the woods. Orenda opened July 2011. Webb is almost always a holler from his guests, and three employees help him keep up with cooking, guiding and maintenance.

Though visitors come to Orenda with varying degrees of wilderness experience, many are a bit green. Webb, a former National Outdoor Leadership School educator, shows newbies the basics of Leave No Trace, plus how to start a fire or maneuver a canoe. But his favorite clients are the real babes in the woods—the kids who come to tramp along the trails and catch minnows in the stream. "I want to share with them what I experienced growing up," he says.

There are two miles of paths around the property—one leads to an old maple stand and syrup works—for families to roam while learning about local history, wildlife and plants. Tots to teens can pick berries, go geocaching, shoot archery or learn the constellations.

Webb has a "choose your own adventure" policy: he customizes stays for each visitor, from Camping 101 to hard-core backcountry survival, from canoeing on the calm waters of Gamet Lake to spelunking in nearby caves. "No two trips are ever the same," he says.

One popular excursion is 3,254-foot Crane Mountain, just down the road from Orenda. It's a moderate hour-and-a-half climb with a pretty pond near the summit—perfect for a post-hike swim.

After the day's exertions, and maybe a quick nap to recharge, guests can watch as Webb preps dinner. A typical feast includes blue cheese-stuffed burgers with applewood-smoked bacon, a Southwestern potato salad and cremini mushroom caps piled high with Nettle Meadow goat cheese from Thurman—all cooked over the fire. Every evening wraps up with do-it-yourself s'mores.

Webb is a self-taught chef, though he did work over an open flame at Radeagast Hall, in New York City, for a summer. His ingredients are as local as possible, including veggies and herbs from the camp's kitchen garden and maple syrup from the next tree over.

It's as delicious as it sounds, especially served alfresco with a congenial group of fellow campers. But for Webb that's

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almost beside the point. "It's not just about wine and dining," he says. "It's about this place—the Adirondacks ... how special it is."

*A stay at the resort starts at \$135 per night per adult. There is an extra fee for some guided excursions, such as rafting or caving. For more information call (347) 287-7359 or visit [www.camporenda.com](http://www.camporenda.com).*

#### David Webb's Rosemary Infused Campfire Pork Chops with Apple Chutney

*Serves 4*

- 4 boneless center-cut pork chops
- 2 large sprigs fresh rosemary
- 1 large McIntosh apple
- 1 cup apple juice

Rough chop rosemary and cover pork chops. Drizzle olive oil and add salt and pepper; marinate 4-6 hours. Dice apple and season with cinnamon and apple juice, saute in a skillet until al dente. Let cool. Cook pork chops over an open flame to medium rare. Cover and let rest for a few minutes. Plate pork chops and spoon a large portion of the apple chutney on top. Serve with grilled seasonal vegetables.



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# One last fling

What's on your summer bucket list? Check out ours for some end-of-season ideas.

By Tracy Ormsbee Published 4:29 pm, Thursday, August 23, 2012



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A jumper leaps into the water at Dorset Quarry, a popular swimming hole at the site of the oldest marble quarry in the United States. 15-foot drops are an unobstructed path to the clear water below. Saturday, ... [more](#)

The last day of summer — Sept. 20 — seems pretty far off, if you follow your traditional desk calendar.

But for those of us who go by the school calendar, it's more like Sept. 3.

And, if you are on the work calendar, well, what summer?

So for the purposes of this article, let's assume there is about a month of summer left (even if you are a slave to the work calendar, you have weekends, right?!). We've come up with a bucket list of 12 things you'll want to do before summer really does run out.

### Eats and drinks

#### Shop outdoors

I really want to be one of those people who buys lots of local produce from farmer's markets. But I'm not.

Oh, every year I make it to a market or two. But I go early in the summer, when shopping outdoors is still novel but when most local produce is still sitting on vines. Later in the season, when berries, tomatoes and other locally grown goodies are finally ready, I can't seem to get there. There's always something else to do.

But I swear the end of this summer is going to be different. *I will shop at farmers markets. I will shop at farmers markets...*

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— Chris Churchill

#### Travel to the Tiki

In the winter months, the Valkin restaurant on Route 9 in Valatie is a traditional restaurant — good food served indoors. But in

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the summer, the eatery's back patio goes tiki.

Yes, we're talking about Columbia County's only Tiki bar. And we're talking about one of the region's most enjoyable outdoor dining spots — often with live music and always with decor that does its best to replicate seaside dining. If you can't get to the South Pacific, or even a closer seaside locale, get thee to the Tiki.

— Chris Churchill

### The great outdoors

#### Jump off something high

In these litigious times, the diving board is going the way of the dodo, and high-dive platforms are so rare that you might have been shocked to see one on TV at the Olympics. The fine art of stepping or leaping with a shout from a high place and luxuriating in what gravity can do to you when it has a few seconds to take hold is worth holding onto.

If you know of a rope swing or high rock that can make this happen for you, take advantage. I did it recently in Vermont after a dozen years away, and I felt like I was in my mid-30s again. It probably wouldn't be wise to make recommendations about *naturel* jumping sites — did I mention this is a litigious age? — but we can safely direct you to the Town of Bethlehem pool complex on Elm Avenue, which has a high diving board and remains open through Sept. 3.

— Casey Seiler

#### Kayak the Normanskill

I know, it looks skanky. But trust me on this. You don't need to leave the city to find some wilderness.

A rustic boat launch — and by "boat launch", I mean sketchy beams embedded in some mud — off the west side of New Scotland Road just before the Bethlehem line offers access to Albany's glorious Nile: The Normanskill.

Paddle left out of the small feeder creek and you'll drift lazily downstream sandwiched between two golf courses as the periodic *thwack* of golf balls joins the chorus of bird songs and occasional rooster crows (nobody tell Mayor Jennings...) beyond the brushy banks.

Just be sure to turn back when you hit the community garden and dog park at the [Stevens Farm](#) about 3.5 miles downstream, or else face dangerous rapids and drops that await below the Delaware Avenue bridge on the creek's rapid decent toward the Hudson River.

Take the afternoon and enjoy some of the best, and least appreciated wilderness, Albany has to offer.

— Jordan Carleo-Evangelist

#### Go glamping

If you've never heard the term "glamping," [Camp Orenda](#), an authentic Adirondack back country retreat in Johnsburg, gives you a pretty good idea of the trend of camping minus sleeping on the dirty ground, swatting bugs or eating beans out of a pan. I didn't ask owner [David Webb](#) if you could plug in your hair-straightening iron, but just about everything else is covered: canvas tents on wooden platforms, beds, fresh linens and towels, natural locally made soaps, a hot outdoor shower, a backcountry kitchen with a menu of farm-to-table meals and guided activities geared to your individual outdoor skill level. Have you glamped yet this summer? I haven't but this really makes me want to do it. Camp Orenda, mentioned as one of the top glamping spots in New York by Huffington Post and Investorplace.com, is open until Nov. 1. Cost is \$145 per person per night.

— Tracy Ormsbee

#### Swim in a lake

You can jump in the blue, clear water of a chlorinated pool, or you can head outdoors and make swimming more of an adventure. There's something soothing about outdoor swimming — I love the mystery of the unfiltered water, the shadows of small creatures moving under your feet, the natural smell. Most lakes and ponds have snakes, snapping turtles and fish — they won't bother you, but watch out for leeches (yuck!). I prefer to hike in and swim in more isolated Adirondack waters like Pharaoh Lake or Rock Pond, but if you want the security of a lifeguard and none of the walking, try taking your outdoor dip at a local state park with a beach such as Moreau Lake or Crafton Lake.

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— Gillian Scott

**Explore the bike-hike trail**

The paved trail runs almost continuously from Rotterdam Junction to the Corning Preserve in Albany, with on-road sections in the cities of Schenectady and Cohoes. Long sections run alongside the Mohawk River or the Hudson River, offering pretty views and chances to see wildlife on the land and on the water, and the trail passes through multiple parks.

If you don't want to bike the whole thing (it's about 40 miles long), pick a section and start exploring. My favorite sections run through the towns of Niskayuna and Colonie, along the Mohawk River. Maps available through the [Capital District Transportation Committee](#) (call 458-2161 or email bikemap@cdtcmpo.org) show parking areas and access points.

— Gillian Scott

**Leap into the deep end**

On hot days, when the only thing that makes sense is being in water, we can all be grateful to some hardworking Vermonters who dug a big hole in Dorset. They were after marble (some of the stone they cut is now part of the [New York Public Library](#)), but when that work was done, the hole remained and filled with water. The Dorset Quarry is on private land, but public swimming is allowed. It's off Route 30 a few miles north of Manchester, a little more than an hour's drive from Saratoga Springs.

You park on a dirt road, set up in a grassy area and get in the water. You can wade in or just jump. It's better to jump and get it over with: The water here is cold — about 60 degrees — but clear and refreshing, once you catch your breath. It's also deep, about 60 feet, so you can jump in from anywhere, including the cliffs at the back, with no fear of hitting bottom.

It's not your average swimming spot. If you are a water lover, it's worth visiting at least once. (If you are curious, check it out on the Web. There's tons of stuff, including photos and videos of cliff divers. Worth seeing even if you never go.)

— Joe Stalvey

**Entertainment**

**Try station wagon cinema**

I cannot remember one movie I saw indoors as a kid. I do, however, have fond memories of sitting mummified in a sleeping bag in the back of my parents' station wagon at the old Mohawk and Tri City Twin drive-in theaters.

My memories of drive-in movies are growing as fuzzy as the sound that came from the old-fashioned speakers, but they're still there. I want the same for my kids, yet summer is winding down and we still haven't made it. So the plan is to pop a mountain of popcorn, pack the kids up, and park it for a couple of hours, and hopefully create memories that last a lifetime.

— Shannon Fromma

**See a play**

All the stars have departed Williamstown, Mass., but there's still a glimmer of hope you can get to Glimmerglass Opera for "Aida" and/or "Lost in the Stars" before they ring down the curtain on another season Saturday evening. Elsewhere, there's time to take advantage of the fact that the Capital Region in summer is like Broadway, with a bit more of a drive. Among the other companies still going as Labor Day approaches: The Barrington State Company, which offer "The Black Suits" through Sept. 2, and Shakespeare & Co. in Lenox, Mass., which keeps rocking with "Cassandra Speaks," "The Tale of the Allergist's Wife," "Satchmo at the Waldorf" and more.

— Casey Seiler

**Take a hot-air balloon ride**

Just about everyone has had that dream where they're flying. If you go up in a hot air balloon that feeling is pretty close to reality.

You'll sail over the Adirondacks taking in the lakes, ponds and neighborhoods below during the hourlong excursion. The ride

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is smooth and quiet and, because you are at the hands (somewhat) of nature, you are never quite sure where you'll go or land.

Don't worry, though, the operator has enough control. You'll end your journey in an open area and not on a highway, or in one of those bodies of water you flew over earlier.

The balloon basket comes up to your waist, depending on how tall you are, and you are not sitting or belted in. So if you are afraid of heights, keep that in mind.

The best time to go is at sunrise or sunset, but rides are available all day. Prices start at \$250 a person, with up to four people; private rides are available for \$675 a person. And don't forget your camera. The views are way better than what you get from an airplane or a skyscraper. For information, visit <http://www.adkballoonflights.com>.

— Kristi Barlette

#### At home

##### Clean everything out

Cleaning out the house is never easier than when you announce a garage sale at dinnertime. It's a great way to end the summer digging through the untouched toys and outgrown clothing that can either become the young one's hand-me downs or the neighbor's favorite new shirt. A garage sale isn't complete without a "snack bar." That's what my son calls his lemonade stand, because he can't just serve drinks. He serves brownies, cookies and sometimes his Cheddar Bunnies, if there are any left.

While we are both excited at the possibility of some extra cash, I'm looking forward to closing time, when the most important rule of any garage sales is kept: "Nothing goes back inside."

— Carin Lane

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by Sarah Coury

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Photos from Camp Orenda.

It is quiet in the forest. Even footsteps are hushed by thick moss. Through the canopy, long fingers of light slide over knobby roots, petite flowers and unruly ferns on the forest floor. We forget the subtleties of the smell of wildness until we breathe it in again—pine needles, dark soil, living wood, fallen leaves—smells our ancestors knew as home, touchstones of our origin. Past the tree line, a loon call echoes over open water. A trail winds down the mountainside and ends at a cold, deep lake.

This is the Adirondacks, the southern tip of the Precambrian Shield—solid rock that covers much of Canada and Greenland. At a billion years, it's among the oldest in the world. The mile-high dome of the mountain range is still rising a few millimeters every year, an ancient land stirring beneath our feet. David Webb channeled the grief of his brother's passing here—into the transformation of a 40-acre wilderness where, as kids, they ran wild. He then decided to share the place with others, opening it as a nature retreat. Webb named the outpost Camp Orenda, after the Iroquois word for a spiritual force that drives us toward greatness.

Prior to opening Orenda, Webb spent two years roughing it as a guide on the rugged peaks of New Zealand's south island. The experience was still fresh in his mind when he designed his Adirondack haven. If roughing it is one end of the camping spectrum, Webb ultimately decided to take Orenda to the opposite. Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs, the psychology theory that humans are capable of fully opening ourselves to aesthetic, intellectual, or spiritual experience *only after* the basic needs of food, water, shelter and safety have been met, comes into play here. When the fireflies flash against a blue-tinted evening and old trees sway like sleepy grandmothers, Camp Orenda comes to life, meeting guests' every need and then some.

Smoke rises from the chimneys of Orenda's six canvas cabins nestled into the trees, each custom-built, but all with thick mattresses, fresh linen, and down comforters awaiting the return of tired hikers. There are cedar, open-air hot showers, a bathhouse, and three farm-to-table meals each day cooked over an open fire by Camp Orenda's chef. There are kayaks, canoes, archery, arts and crafts for kids, optional customized itineraries and guided nature hikes. There's even an on-site masseuse and yoga instructor. After all, it may be the wilderness, but it's only a four-hour drive from Manhattan.

There's something to be said for roughing it—heading for the mountains with your tent, sense of direction, change of clothes, and a few packets of noodles in your pack. But we've all had those moments when we just wish

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the tent would pitch itself, the firewood were already gathered and lit and the noodles cooked (and much tastier)...so we could just lay back and stare at the stars. That's what Camp Orenda is for.

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Summer in the Adirondacks is for thrill-seekers, romantics and adventurers. Just a short drive from the swelter of New York City, cool, deep lakes, towering mountain peaks and shady, hiking and biking trails that wind through lush forests await.



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Camp Orenda in Johnsburg offers Adirondack Glamping at its finest

Camp Orenda

Whatever your favorite thing is about summertime - sitting by the lake, tent pitched nearby with a good book and cold drink in hand, careening down a mountain on knobby tires, or casting a line over a sunny stream deep in the mountains - the Adirondack Region of Northern New York can be your respite, your getaway and your perfect summer day.

**For the mountain biker:**  
Whoa baby, are you in for a thrill ride that'll shake the

shocks right off your bike. Well, not literally, but the guys and girls of Barkeater Trails Alliance (BETA) have been busy carving banks and maintaining trail networks across the Adirondack Park. From the Hardy Road Trails in Wilmington, to Saranac Lake's Dewey Mountain Recreation Center's [mountain bike trails](#), the Adirondacks deliver new trails, and tried-and-true favorites for all abilities. Some trails are technical, some are quick and easy; some are painless, and many have the potential to challenge even the most experienced riders, but all will leave you breathless as you take in the views, begging for more.



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The Barkeaters Trail Alliance maintain and create mountain biking trails around the Adirondacks

Barkeaters Trail Alliance

**For the wanna-be campers:**  
You're into communing with nature, but you don't own a tent. Or you do, and it's older than you are and emits an odor reminiscent of damp canvas and years of accumulated bug spray.

**Here's what you do:** Camp Orenda in the Lake George area a just north of Albany holds a corner on the market for easily accessible [Adirondack glamping](#), a luxurious, yet affordable, camping experience for the

whole family. These guys go above and beyond, and guests stay in sumptuously furnished canvas wall tents, enjoy gourmet meals, unlimited entertainment and recreation opportunities, and have use of the camp's not-so-rustic Bath House and showers. Rates start at \$190 per night.

**For the angler:** You're a poet when it comes to casting a line, a veritable

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Shakespeare of "10 o'clock, 2 o'clock," so nothing short of perfection will do. Here's what I suggest: the [Ausable River's West Branch](#) as your new muse. The folks at The Hungry Trout Resort in Wilmington have been guiding fly fishing trips on the Ausable for more than three decades, and are unmatched for location on the river. Fish and Stay packages start at \$109 per person, per night and can be tailored to each fisherman's needs. Bring the whole gang - it makes for a nice Father's Day weekend getaway.



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## Summer Dreamin': Fun Family Picks, In & Around New York City

Best Beaches, Nature Spots, Water Parks, Camping, And More!

By Jana Beauchamp



Are you ready to take on the warm weather with a sense of adventure? Your kids certainly are! They've been waiting to play outside since winter started (and took forever to end). Here are some creative ways to enjoy the sunshine and great outdoors both in and around NYC.



### Get Wet & Wild

Celebrate the 30th season at Dorney Parks Wildwater Kingdom (Allentown, PA) with a variety (think 35+) water rides and activities. New this year are the Snake Pit, a water slide complex, and Fast Lane and Fast Lane Plus to bypass lines on popular attractions (which is sure to please antsy little ones). Head to Hurricane Harbor at Six Flags Great Adventure (Jackson, NJ) for a water adventure for kids big and small. With a kid-friendly area featuring a wave pool, pirate ships, and serious slides for bigger kids—plus plunge slide thrills for kids of all ages, this park has it all. Sahara Sam's Indoor and Outdoor Waterpark (West Berlin, NJ) has attractions for guests of all ages, no matter the weather. With innovative rides like an indoor surfing simulator, a water obstacle course, and Splash Splash, for toddler-sized shallow water adventures, they have a unique combination of attractions for the whole family. Sesame Place (Langhorne, PA) offers educational, wet fun for the tiniest thrill seekers. Swim, slide, and splash at the Count's SplashCastle, a multi-level interactive water-play attraction. And after tuckering out at the castle relax in Big Bird's RamblingRiver. It's guaranteed fun for the littlest kids and their big grownups alike. Splash Splash (Calverton, NY) was voted one of the best water parks in America by the Travel Channel. Check out each and every of its nearly 100 acres of water fun for the whole family.

*Editor's Note: For even more water parks, check out our roundup: [click here!](#)*

### For Anglers, River Riders & Seafarers

It's easy to forget that New York City is surrounded by water. You can stay in the city, escape rush hour, and go fish at the 107th Street Pier. Complete with a roof and electric lighting, it's a well-kept secret for rainy day and night fishing. (Just remember that this is catch-and-release.) Row, row, row your boat at Loeb Boathouse in NYC's beloved Central Park. Rowboats are available for rent so



Kids Cool off at Saraha Sam's

select your four favorite family members and hop in (they even have life jackets). Another

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popular favorite there is the Venetian gondola tours for up to six people. No rowing is required and your family is serenaded in song. Head down to Pier 25 in Tribeca to fish, kayak, or sail. Pier 25 is the longest pier in Hudson River Park and is home of the Offshore Sailing School, offering a variety of courses for families. You can also play beach volleyball, mini golf, and refuel at the Sweet Love Snack Bar with a healthy snack. Feel like you have traveled back in time to an old fishing village and happily spend the day fishing in Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn. Families looking for fun can charter boats for the day and then enjoy the neighborhood seafood restaurants. Van Cortlandt Lake, in the Bronx, a beautiful man-made fishing hole formed in the 1690s, has fantastic fishing but the kids will love seeing the ducks, swans, and other animals. Plus, there are playgrounds, fields to frolic, and great hiking trails. If that's not enough, there are also riding stables and golf courses if your little ones are not feeling like one with nature.

#### Beach Buffs

In under an hour by train or car (sans traffic), escape to the quintessential beach town of Long Beach, NY. Fondly called the Riviera of the East, the kids are sure to enjoy the sun soaking and swimming and parents will enjoy the surfing and people-watching. After a stroll on the newly renovated Boardwalk and a fun day at the beach, take a trip to Jordan's Lobster Farm for a summer picnic. At the beautiful resort town of Long Branch, NJ, experience the free weekly outdoor concerts and movies under the stars throughout the summertime and enjoy the Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park, with an ocean beach, swimming, fishing, boating, volleyball plus a boardwalk. Looking for a less grandiose beach escape? Take a visit to the small, half-mile-long beach but big bang of Nickerson Beach Park in Lido Beach, NY. Your family can have it all with beaches, campgrounds, Fun Zone, ball fields, beach volleyball courts, cabanas and lockers. After you soak it all in, visit Point Lookout Clam Bar, the kid-friendly beach restaurant offering sail boat views. Robert Moses Beach on Fire Island is clean and serene for sand, surf, and sun. Offering five miles of ocean beaches for swimming, surfing, and more—as well as amenities like chair and umbrella rentals, concessions, and restrooms with showers—this beach is a summertime must. Plus, there is a new playground at Field 5, making it a perfect summer daytrip destination. If all else fails, head to Brighton Beach, one of the highly trafficked beach spots for NYC residents. Situated on the Atlantic Ocean and in close proximity to Coney Island, it will feel like the ultimate staycation.

*Editor's Note: For even more on beaches in and around NYC, check out our roundup: [click here!](#)*

#### Let's Go Ride A Bike

Located within the Bronx River Reservation, the Bronx River Pathway consists of three paved segments: a one-mile loop in Mount Vernon, a 3.6-mile section in Bronxville to Scarsdale, and a 5-mile section extending from Hartsdale to Valhalla. Heading to Governors Island? You can bring your own bike (as long as it is human-powered) or rent one (Saturdays, Sundays, and Labor Day) from their eclectic collection. Choose from children's bicycles, Small QuadCycle, large QuadCycle, and Tandem bikes. The Hudson River Greenway is the longest greenway in NYC, running along the West Side from Dyckman Street in the north to Battery Park in the south. It is a scenic ride mostly through Hudson River Park and Riverside Park. And a fun fact for the kids is that it is the most heavily used bikeway in the United States (maybe because most of it is along the Hudson). The paved Rockaway Gateway Greenway bike path is for bicyclists of all skill levels who appreciate an enjoyable jaunt but most notable is the stunning scenery and the chance to see a diverse array of bird, marine, and other wildlife. The kids are sure to love this two-wheel journey. Or take the sea streak water taxi to the Sandy Hook bike path (which was recently extended) to enjoy beautiful flowers, historic segments, and a picture-perfect lighthouse. It spans the whole peninsula, boasting bay and beach views and scenic overlooks all the way to Manhattan and Long Island.

#### Happy Campers

Black Bear Campground, in Orange County, is the nearest full-service campground to NYC with expansive campsites. Black Bear has a beautiful, natural setting but with all modern conveniences. It also has numerous activities available to entertain such as mini golf and a children's playground. Camp Orenda, in the heart of the Adirondacks, offers a genuine rugged camping experience while simultaneously offering modern luxuries (think heated



Scenes from Camp Orenda



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showers, and open-air kitchen with a chef, and private canvas cabins decked in cozy decor). An all-inclusive, guests will enjoy a safe and comfortable wilderness experience in a scenic, mountain setting. The Delaware Water Gap in the Appalachians is close to the city but feels light years away. The vast 70,000-acre park will feel like home as you hike, bike, paddle, swim, and picnic while you camp. Enjoy the magnificent mountains and endless outdoor activities that meet a range of family interests. Looking for something even more remote? Inside the Delaware Water Gap, escape to the Dingmans Campground. A large campground within the acreage, it offers basic amenities like clean water and electricity to allow for a rustic stay at any of the 133 sites. Or seek out Mongaup Pond in Livingston Manor, a campground situated on an expansive lake, complete with forested campsites, swimming, picnicking, and boat rentals. According to the experts, the campgrounds become an outdoor classroom for young children and their families.



Making friends at Art Farm

#### Animal Instincts

The widely loved Bronx Zoo is celebrating the 20th anniversary of its most popular family tradition, the Bronx Zoo's Family Overnight Safari (for families with children 5 and older). It is a unique experience where zoo dreams come true and everyone is wowed by the fun and educational activities that you don't even mind the sea lion wake up call. You're sure to create memories to

last a lifetime. The Central Park Zoo is hosting a variety of classes and camps so children from tots to teens can explore the zoo and all of its wonders. Programs feature animal encounters, exhibit visits, art activities, and more, encouraging discovery and nurturing an enthusiasm for wildlife while having a wildly fun time! The New York Aquarium offering week-long discovery camps with age-based programs to build your child's love of all things under the sea. Both educational and fun, the camps are run with themes every summer, so there's always a new study for the budding marine biologists. The Art Farm is taking residence both in the Hamptons and on the Upper East Side this summer. Enjoy summer camps, play groups, classes, animal care lessons, and more. And be sure not to miss the beloved and ever-popular weekend feeding and snuggling sessions. A family farm since 1886 and the top petting zoo on Long Island, White Post Farms is a family friendly day trip sure to please the whole family. If the petting zoo itself is not enough, there is unlimited fun on bouncers included with paid admission to the animal farm.

#### Nature Lovers

Visit Alley Pond Park and enjoy weekly workshops with opportunities to pet animals, take nature walks, get educated in animal care classes, and lots more. The Animal Room is a best bet, where you can meet and greet more exotic animal friends like Loke the Prairie Dog, the Blue Tongued Skink, and Bernie the Corn Snake. This year the Brooklyn Botanic Gardens are celebrating the



The New York Botanical Garden. Photo by Joseph DeSciore

centennial of their Children's Garden. BBG was the first botanic garden to create a program exclusively for children, from toddlers to teens. Another great garden option is the New York Botanical Gardens, with the Everett Children's Adventure Garden. The new family favorite, the High Line, offers kids programs to play, create, and learn, and mark your calendar now for a carnival-inspired summer party on June 14. In the meantime, don't miss the Arty Hours hands-on art projects. Plus, be sure to secure your delicious Melt Bakery ice cream sandwich while there on these hot, summer days! Escape the concrete jungle and head to the Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge, the only wildlife refuge in the National Park System. Home to roughly half the bird species in the Northeast as well as a range of native reptiles, amphibians, small mammals, butterflies, and horseshoe crabs, it is a must-see. There are regular presentations on seasonal wildlife, sunset tours, hikes, boat trips, family programs, and an annual lecture series. Queens County Farm is another haven for families who want a fun farm visit without leaving the city. Stroll around the farm, check out the seasonal farm stand, and peruse fields, livestock, vineyard, and farm implements, but the highlight for the kids will be the goat feeding and the hayrides (offered on Saturdays and Sundays).

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### Parking Breaks

As the temperatures rise, you might dream of cooling down at some magical water oasis. Luckily, there are plenty of neighborhood playgrounds throughout the city have great water features. Complete with award-winning equipment, water features, and sand areas, Chelsea Waterside Play Area has everything you need for an afternoon of fun. Kids will have a blast running through fountains and parents can relax beneath shade umbrellas. Inspired by the nearby Bandshell in Prospect Park, Harmony Playground includes xylophones that kids can play—when they're not running through water-spraying trumpets or playing in the roomy sandbox. Teardrop Park brings a little piece of the Hudson River Valley to Battery Park City. Featuring an impressive "Ice Wall," a children's slide, sandboxes, water play, and more—it's sure to keep your fam super-cool. Pier 25 Play Area is perfect for kids ages 2-12. Tots have their own place to play, older kids can enjoy the rock wall, and everyone will love the spontaneous buckets that drop water on little ones' heads. Brooklyn Bridge Park's Pier 6 Play Area features a fab Water Lab, which includes a jet field and water channel to keep kids occupied for hours. There's also a giant sandbox that's great for tots.

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# THE RISE OF (HEALTHY) SUMMER CAMP CULTURE

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by JAMIE MCKILLOP, JUNE 10, 2014

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Most of us have fond memories of the carefree, fresh air days of summer camp (or fantasies created by *Wet Hot American Summer* and *Moonrise Kingdom*).

And lately, wellness culture has latched on to that fascination, creating camp-themed experiences and products—from workouts and getaways to healthy supplies you'll need tent-side.

In this new camp culture, the s'mores are vegan, kayaking is exercise, and sleeping outside is "glamping." (Come on, you didn't actually want to revisit dirty cabins and hot dogs at every meal, did you?)

Here are nine fun, healthy ways to channel summer camp nostalgia this season, whether you'd prefer to sleep among skyscrapers or are thinking of heading to the mountains to stare up at the stars. —*Jamie McKillop*

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**Kammok Roo Hammock, \$100**

Kammok's easy-to-hang Roo Hammock is made from lightweight fabric, allowing for a quick pre-campfire aerial yoga sesh. Or hang it in your apartment next to a window for Sunday reading.

*(Photo: Amber Elizabeth)*



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**Juniper Ridge Campfire Incense, \$12**

Natural scents company [Juniper Ridge](#) makes all of its products from actual wild plant trimmings. (Their slogan? The mountains in a bottle is what we do). And its Campfire Incense evokes the scents of California's coastal forests—more specifically, you, chilling by a campfire, in them. Light it in your stuffy fourth floor walk-up to banish taxicab fumes.

*(Photo: Juniper Ridge)*



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**Soul Camp**, \$857

This three-night adult summer camp, located on the actual site where *Wet Hot American Summer* was filmed, is turning the woody getaway concept bestowed on children into a holistic experience for nature-deprived adults. In addition to organic meals, you can expect yoga and fitness classes, inner-life workshops, and dance parties with some of the country's leading mind-body experts. If [Patricia Moreno](#) and [Ashley Turner](#) were your counselors way back when, maybe you wouldn't have called home so often?

*(Photo: Soul Camp)*



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**Lunch Box Bunch's Vegan S'mores Recipe**

No camp experience is complete without s'mores. But Hershey's and Jet-Puffed marshmallows (and the ingredients they're made from) just don't cut it anymore. Make this vegan version from the [Lunch Box Bunch](#) for your next camp out—or night in.

*(Photo: Lunch Box Bunch)*



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Summer Camp at New York Sports Club

NYSC's new summer class—free for both members and non-members—involves kitschy exercises that mimic the motions used in outdoor camp activities, like volleyball spikes, frisbie twists, water skiing, tug o' war, and stand-up paddling (pictured), all done on the green grass (AKA Astroturf). Capture the Flag not included.

(Photo: New York Sports Club)



Wildfox I Love Camping Sweatshirt, \$190

Let your top do all the talking with this playful pullover from the slogan-savvy folks at Wildfox—perfect to snuggle up in at a nighttime beach bonfire.

(Photo: Wildfox)



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**Camp Orenda**

“Glamping” sounds silly—but it looks kind of awesome. A trip to Camp Orenda in the Adirondacks includes fully furnished canvas tents with actual beds, plus daily activities, a gourmet kitchen, and even massages. Much better than sharing a tiny tent with the camp bully.

*(Photo: Camp Orenda)*



**Farmaesthetics Tansynella Organic Bugscreen, \$17**

This artisanal natural beauty company makes repelling bugs a chic—and non-toxic—experience. The formula is an organic blend of sunflower oil, tansy, citronella, and other oils that you can mix into your sunscreen or body lotion.

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Don't ever go without your morning green smoothie thanks to this hand-powered blender. It's not a Nutribullet, but when you're roughing it, some sacrifices must be made. And maybe you'll further tone your arm muscles while you're at it?

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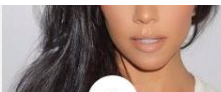
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## Sleepaway Camps for Grown-Ups

Plan a summer vacation that reminds you of your carefree youth—but with amenities that are ultra-luxe

Written by Jenna Mahoney

Ah, wilderness—it's romantic, it's poetic and, perhaps most importantly, it's inextricably linked to your happiest memories, those you created at sleepaway camp. The swim buddies in the lake, the morning hikes, the art classes and even the mess hall mealtimes (though maybe not the meals themselves) have all crafted some of your favorite life experiences. And though you've now outgrown the bunks and bugle call wake-ups, there are a host of posh properties around the country that invite you to create new camp-like memories. The s'mores and stargazing are top priorities—and campfire sing-a-longs are optional.

Castle Hill Inn



Castle Hill Inn, photograph by Linda Wolhers

For generations, "Newport" and "summer vacation" have

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For generations, Newport and summer vacation have been as synonymous as “Burberry” and “trench coat.” And [Castle Hill Inn](#), with its lighthouse, shingled beach cottages, endless lawn and rustic, harbor-facing main house set on a private peninsula on Narragansett Bay, is the epitome of the storied summer destination. Days here are spent hiking, swimming, sailing, kayaking and reposing in Adirondack chairs overlooking the sea. Lawn games, traditional clambakes, bonfires and storytelling impart a down-home feel to the luxe property. For a more intimate stay, book into one of the beach cottages. The quintessentially New England jewel-boxes have ocean-facing porches and direct access to the sand. Or make like Grace Kelley and stay at one of the cabins at the Harbor House, set along the rocky shoreline of the port. To avoid being photographed while exercising, the actress famously swam just below the balconies. The Relais & Châteaux hotel constructed a path for her to access the water.

Room rates start at \$699 a night.  
590 Ocean Drive  
Newport, RI

#### Camp Orenda



Camp Orenda

It may be a completely unfathomable notion, but there's a place on the Hudson River that's unable to be located via Google maps. It's [Camp Orenda](#), a family-owned 40-acre retreat of six customized tents, an open-air kitchen, and a campfire nestled in the pristine lake region of the rugged and downright cinematic Adirondack Mountains. Activities take full advantage of the expansive surroundings —there's kayaking, canoeing, swimming and archery, among others. A full compliment of offsite excursions (think: rock climbing, horseback riding, mountain biking and whitewater rafting) allow you to further experience the pine-needled countryside. Back at camp, you can wander the more than 40 hiking trails, see if you remember the nuances of tie-dying and, of course, simply stargaze. Like its setting, Camp Orenda's approach to cuisine is fresh, local and all-natural. And the chefs cook over open flames using traditional cast iron skillets. Note: In lieu of private washrooms, there's a common bathhouse. The private outpost's best feature is the outdoor shower, which is enclosed by a partition carved of local cedar wood and surrounded by towering pines.

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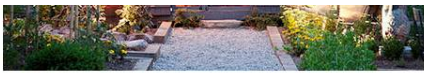
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Hidden Pond

In Maine, there is a refined sense of rustic luxury, infinite rocky shoreline, verdant pine-and birch-studded landscapes, a farm-to-table approach to cuisine and the sense of living well—just at a bit of a slower pace. And have we mentioned the lobster and endless selection of craft beers? Maine's simple abundance is what has made it a popular destination for many a summer camp. Hidden Pond, a peaceful 60-acre property of cottages, low-slung bungalows and an eco-friendly spa, is the embodiment of the state's pureness and effortlessness coupled with refined service. Located a mile from the beach in Kennebunkport, the resort offers an array of classic summer activities—swimming in the two pools or ocean nearby, hiking, biking and kayaking. Adult touches include Earth, an intimate eatery featuring a seasonal menu sourced from the onsite gardens and crafted by James Beard award-winner Ken Oringer. Take note: Cottages have private terraces and outdoor showers, which are exceptionally lovely.

Room rates start at \$765 a night.  
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Kennebunkport, ME

Lodge at Glendorn



Lodge at Glendorn

There's something about the pristine nature of Pennsylvania's Allegheny mountains that sparks daydreams of sturdy boots, backpacks, trailmix and simple afternoons filled with meandering hikes followed by a refreshing swim in the lake. A stay at the Relais & Châteaux Lodge at Glendorn affords such adventures—as well as canoeing, horseback riding, yoga and spa experiences—accompanied by expert guides and a decidedly more gourmet take on afternoon snacks. With the property's old-growth trees, a brook-fed lake, winding hiking paths and fresh mountain air, you'd swear you were at camp again. (And, in fact, the property was built as a "family summer camp.") Except this time, your cabins come equipped with sumptuous linens, oversized bathrooms and overstuffed leather chairs gathered around a fireplace. Meals happen in the Main Lodge—a historic home with a wood-paneled dining room and festooned with original details. Or opt for a picnic on the grounds. Don't miss the bonfires at the lake. The weekly gatherings are the perfect opportunity to swap stories with fellow guests while roasting marshmallows.

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Bradford, PA

Travaasa Hana



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Coming here may make you feel like you've traveled to the edge of the earth, and, in some ways, you have. This collection of low-slung bungalows positioned on a cliff overlooking the glistening Pacific Ocean is set along one of Maui's most remote beaches—the black sand Hana. [Travaasa Hana](#)'s remote location is punctuated by the fact that the 77 rooms are blissfully unplugged, taking you back to the camp days of yore. There are activities of the throw-back variety, including archery, canoeing, tennis and horseback riding, in addition to more decidedly grown up goings-on. Take a class in the art of juicing, get your ohm on in a yoga session or completely relax during a lomi-lomi massage in the breezy spa. Craft and music classes reflect the cultural history of the islands (we're talking lei making, hula dancing and lessons in the art of strumming a ukulele). But perhaps the most camp-like attractions are the nighttime "talk story" sessions, held around a large fire under the property's swaying palms.

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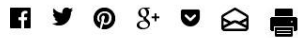
**Paws Up**

Big Sky country is in no way a misnomer. The Montana sky appears to be the bluest, the widest and the largest, and the state's sweeping landscapes are just as dramatic. From the sagebrush dotted grasslands to the craggy forests and crystalline waterways, opportunities for action and adventure (think: canoeing, hiking and rappelling) beckon. The sprawling [Paws Up](#) resort—the property is a whopping 37,000 acres—offers it all along with butler-serviced tented accommodations, celebrity chef-crafted cuisine and an ultra-pampering spa. In addition to the usual camp-like activities, Paws Up, which is set on the famous Blackfoot River (Louis and Clark and Brad Pitt have plied the waters), offers marquee only-in-Montana activities. On the cattle drive, you'll round up a herd of beef cattle through wildflower-laden grasslands and over the hills to a grazing pen. There's also fly fishing, clay shooting and wagon team driving. When the sky turns to night, camp butlers set up gourmet s'mores fixin's (the handcrafted marshmallows are delectable) and a fire. *(Pictured at right)*

Room rates start at \$330 a night.  
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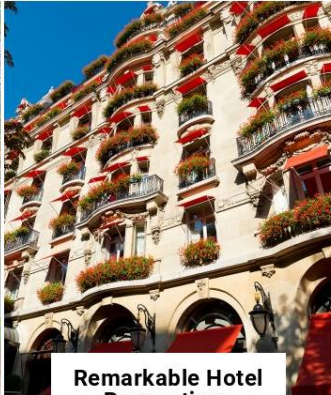


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- Dry shampoo:** Not every campsite will have a shower station, and when they do, wet hair in the woods can wind up being a chore. Stick with a dry shampoo, like [Dove Style+Care Invigorating Dry Shampoo](#) (\$6), to refresh your locks.
- Spray-on toner:** Sweaty from a day of hiking and sitting around the campfire? Your skin needs a little perk. Keep [Evian Facial Water Spray](#) (\$13-\$18) in your backpack to rehydrate and cleanse your skin when you need it.
- Waterproof mascara:** Just because you're roughing it doesn't mean your beauty products have to stay at home. A waterproof mascara like [Rimmel London Scandal'eyes](#) (\$7) is the perfect blend of pretty and functional.
- Tinted moisturizer with SPF:** Keep your skin quenched, protected, and glowing with a tinted moisturizer with SPF. While you should still rely on your regular sun shield, [Stila Sheer Color Tinted Moisturizer SPF 20](#) (\$34) is light enough to wear all day and offers up good protection from the sun.
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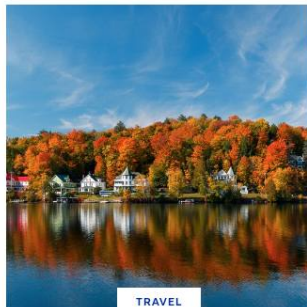
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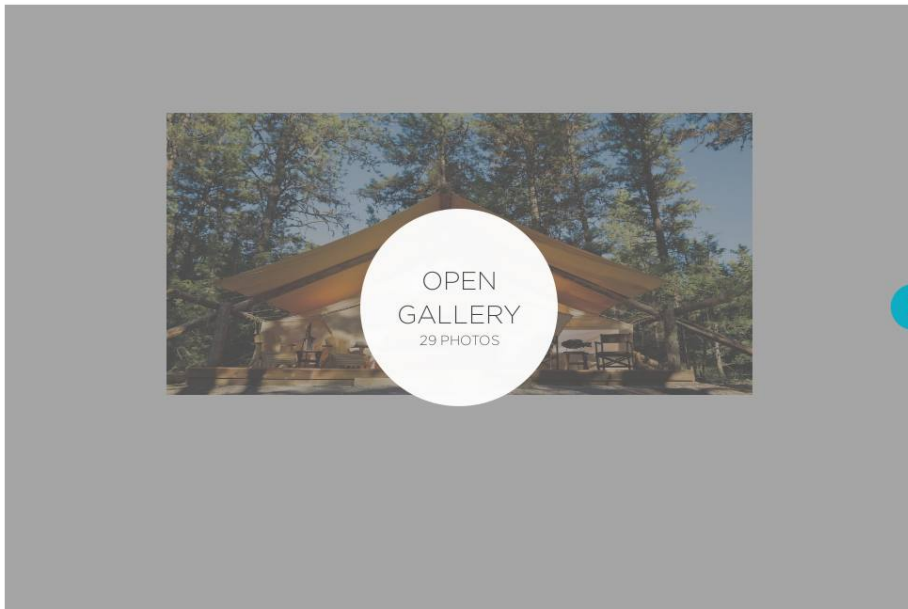


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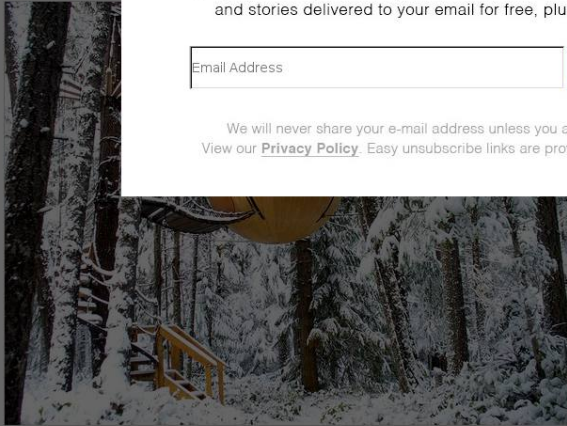


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### Travel Intelligence: 8 Ways to Sleep Around

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Room with a view: Free Spirit Spheres see all seasons among the tall trees of Vancouver Island along Canada's west coast.

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Stay in a Nat Geo Lodge

By Margaret Lotus

From the February/March 2015 Issue of National Geographic Traveler

Fall asleep swaying in the breeze in a hand-hewn wooden orb suspended in the coastal rain forest of Vancouver Island. Kick back in a sunny, art-filled SoHo flat stocked with fluffy hotel towels, Kleihl's bath products, and an iPhone loaded with your host's tips on the neighborhood's finest. Check out a pair of your hotel's Google Glass eyewear for a tech-enhanced spin around San Francisco.

Welcome to the latest wave of lodging standouts, where the most coveted amenity is connection—to locals, nature, technology, culture, and even other travelers.

"For millennials, the thought of staying in a hotel that's exactly like a hotel in another city is a negative, unlike in other generations when it was a selling point," says Bjorn Hanson, a hospitality professor at New York University. And no matter their age, Hanson says, travelers now look to lodging as an extension of the destination, often favoring novelty and cultural relevance over minibars and late checkout. The result is a staggering array of new ways to sleep away from home. In the tradition of National Geographic field guides, here we offer tips and strategies for navigating the evolving lodging landscape:

##### 1. Boutique Hotels: Join the Party

For travelers who yearn to blend in and feel less like, well, hotel guests, today's boutique hotels often double as community gathering spaces.

**WHERE TO FIND** At the **Ace Hotel** in New York's Flatiron district, club chairs, charging stations, and fast and free Wi-Fi are like candy to neighborhood novelists polishing their prose and techies taking meetings. "There are locals that are actually making stuff here, which gives it an authentic feeling," says Kelly Sawdon, one of the partners in the seven-property chainlet. For guests, "you're not an observer, you're part of that energy." (That's without the pesky work part, of course.) The downtown L.A. Ace opened last year in the renovated retro-glam



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United Artists building, its ornate theater presents headliners such as the band Coldplay.

The brains behind **21c Museum Hotel**—soon to open in Durham, North Carolina's resurgent downtown—know that modern art is a surefire conversation starter. As with sister hotels in Louisville, Kentucky, Cincinnati, Ohio, and Bentonville, Arkansas, the lobby doubles as a contemporary art museum—free and open 24/7. The gallery "brings people back," says Alice Gray Sites, who curates the hotel collections. Hitching a ride on that theme, big chains are busy dreaming up new brands, including Marriott's **Moxy**. Debuted last fall at Milan's Malpensa Airport, the hotel is a watered-down version of the indie entrants, with a spacious lobby/living room designed for work (charging stations, free Wi-Fi) and play (happy hours with local wine and beer).

**BEST FOR** Folks who like the center of the action.

**CAVEAT** Hanging with the cool crowd often comes at the sacrifice of old-school niceties such as valet parking, porters, and a concierge.

**TIP** Build time into your stay to soak up the scene.



With its flagship hotel in Louisville, Kentucky, **21c Museum Hotel** claims North America's first museum to focus exclusively on art of the 21st century.  
*Photograph by Bob Stefo*

## 2. Glamping: Live With Nature, in Comfort

With roots in nomadic yurts and gypsy caravans, "glamping" is basically camping without the gear, hassle, and aching back from sleeping on the ground. In recent years, the term has become a popular catchall covering everything from tricked-out tree houses to canvas tent camps.

**WHERE TO FIND** Grown-ups who pine for their summer camp days gravitate to **Orenda** (\$190 per person), a collection of safari-like tents in the Adirondacks backcountry where guests hike, canoe, and ride horses by day, and sip cocktails around a fire by night. Dinner is served family style and cooked over an open flame, but forget franks and beans—we're talking herb-crusted chicken and beet salad with pine nuts.

Somewhere between a tree house and a wooden boat, **Free Spirit Spheres** (from \$155) are suspended in Vancouver Island's coastal rain forest with little to distract their inhabitants besides the neighboring cedars, spruce, and balsam fir trees. The effect verges on the spiritual, says founder and builder Tom Chudleigh. "We've become disconnected. A sphere speaks to unity with each other and the trees." For an experience rooted in luxury—with a price tag above the clouds—there's Montana's new Cliffside camp at **Resort at Paws Up**, overlooking the Blackfoot River, made famous in the film *A River Runs Through It*. Guests enjoy heated bathroom floors, meals, and a butler. The grand total to sleep in a tent? At least \$1,500. Guided fly-fishing is extra.

**BEST FOR** Nature enthusiasts without the gear, time, or patience necessary to make camp.

**CAVEAT** Indoor plumbing isn't always de rigueur. Verify before booking if outhouses don't appeal.

**TIP** The glamping season is limited, so book early—Orenda's tents fill up in February.



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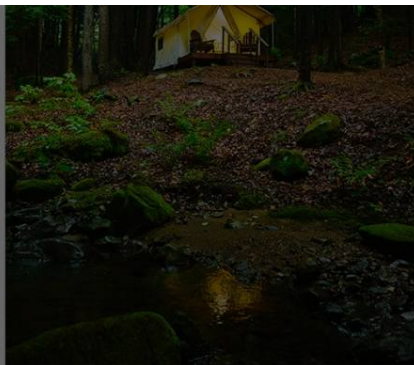


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Orenda's furnished canvas cabins make it easy to go back to basics in the Adirondacks of New York.

Photograph by Dana Romanoff

### 3. Peer-to-Peer Lodging: Live With (Charming) Strangers

Struggling to make rent on their San Francisco loft in 2007, two friends invited some out-of-towners to crash in their living room to earn some extra cash. Fast-forward eight years, and their scheme, aka **Airbnb**—estimated to be worth several billion dollars—has upended the hospitality trade, spawning countless competitors.

Experts say there's more fueling the phenomenon than the prospect of saving a few bucks. "[Guests] feel connected to the community in a way that's more genuine," says Arun Sundararajan, a New York University business professor who studies the sharing economy. "You can ask a hotel concierge for local activities, but that always has a commercial sheen."

**WHERE TO FIND** Covering more than 34,000 cities, Airbnb's spectrum is astonishing—from pullout couches to historic castles and solar-paneled spaces like the Off-grid iHouse in Pioneertown, California. The digs on **nightswapping.com**, a cash-free exchange based on credits, range from an apartment guest room in Bangkok to a villa in Cárdenas, Cuba. **Onefinestay.com** lists only town houses in the most affluent zip codes of New York, Los Angeles, London, and Paris and stocks them with the sort of high-count linens, plush towels, and French-milled soaps you'd expect at the Four Seasons, as well as an iPhone loaded with host tips. The formula was a hit with Felicia Newberry, who spent a weekend at a SoHo apartment rented through the service. She likens the experience to taking the train instead of flying: "It's more of a story."

**BEST FOR** Extroverts who crave a local link (choose rentals where the hosts are present) as well as introverts who steer clear of bed-and-breakfasts (search "entire place" when booking).

**CAVEAT** Booking typically requires more steps, such as verifying your identity. And renter beware: Some cities, such as Charleston, South Carolina, ban rentals for less than 30 days; crackdowns on violations could lead to cancellations.

**TIP** Before booking that "charming," "strategically located" house, take a virtual tour of the neighborhood with Google Maps Street View.



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**Onefinestay.com focuses on posh pads in London and other cities.**  
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#### 4. Multigenerational Travel: Bring the Family, Not the Stress

A new crop of niche outfits offer rentals for multigenerational vacations, equipped with personalized amenities and family essentials—whether guests need a high chair, a pediatrician, or restaurant recommendations for picky eaters.

**WHERE TO FIND** After traveling the world managing her husband's music career, Zole Kingsbery Coe noticed few hotel rooms with, say, childproof electrical outlets once her tots came along. That scarcity planted the seed for her family-focused online listing service, **Kid & Coe**, which launched in early 2013. Some 400 listed properties range from a two-bedroom pad in Tel Aviv (\$180 a night) furnished with bunk beds and toys, to a sprawling villa in Barbados (\$2,285 a night) with a pool and optional babysitting service.

For families who need on-the-ground help, **Time & Place** is a vacation rental company with concierge services that fall within the realm of a butler cum travel agent. D.C. attorney Channing Cooper booked a three-bedroom apartment in Paris's Le Marais to celebrate her 30th birthday with her parents and grandmother. She tapped the concierge for everything from hard-to-get tables to French Open tickets.

**BEST FOR** Those pressed for time but not money.

**CAVEAT** Overplanner? Skip the extra expense and go for a traditional beach house.

**TIP** Reach out to the concierge as soon as you book, and provide as many details as possible.



**Kid & Coe family rentals wow guests of all ages with details like claw-foot tubs stocked with bath toys.**  
*Photograph by David Land, Big Leo*

#### 5. Budget Stays: Reconsider the Hostel

Forget the seamy digs you knew as a broke backpacker in Southeast Asia. Young entrepreneurs have introduced a no-frills model of shared rooms and baths in revitalized neighborhoods in cities such as Detroit, Cleveland, and Austin. Cleaner and pricier—though still cheaper than daily parking in big cities—many new-wave hostels have added private rooms and extras, including free Wi-Fi, towels, and storage, to appeal to a wider audience. Seasoned traveler Lyndsay Bouchal says she prefers hostels: "I love the communal feel, the camaraderie, and that instantaneous connection you make with most everyone there." Collin Ballard, co-founder of Austin's Firehouse hostel, sums up the vibe: "A hostel is like a hotel, but the *s* stands for social."

**WHERE TO FIND** London-based hostel chain **Generator** relies on a formula of

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sleek design and free Wi-Fi, with plans to expand to more cities this year. Rates at the Barcelona hostel range from \$12 for a dorm-style bed to an eye-popping \$320 for a private penthouse. Opened in 2012, the **Cleveland Hostel** in the trendy Ohio City neighborhood has a shared kitchen, free towels, bike storage, and a roof deck (from \$26 a night); Austin's **Firehouse** hostel sits above a cocktail bar in a 19th-century fire station and serves free breakfast (from \$29), and Pittsburgh's under-development **Southside Traveler's Rest** is near the Allegheny Passage, a prime locale for bicyclists starting or ending the trail.

**BEST FOR** Low-maintenance, adventurous types.

**CAVEAT** Light sleeper? Pack earplugs.

**TIP** Decode if a hostel is new breed or old dump by scanning the reviews at Hostelworld.com.



Barcelona's Generator hostel features festive hanging lanterns in the lounge (left) and a spiral staircase (right).

Photographs by Nikolas Koenig, Generator Hostels

#### 6. All-Inclusive Resorts: Class Up Your Vacation

Once content to largely ignore local culture, more resorts are introducing activities designed to immerse guests in their surroundings. That is, when they're not immersing themselves in the infinity pools.

**WHERE TO FIND** Raising chickens and learning the two-step could be courses at a Texas community center, but they're also among the most popular offerings at **Travaasa Experiential Resort** in Austin, which opened in 2011 along with a resort in Hana, Maui (think ukulele lessons and lei-making). On the Riviera Maya, **Barceló Maya Caribe Resort** guests can join a *temazcal*, a Maya sweat lodge ceremony in a circular stone hut; an herbal concoction is poured over hot stones to create a purifying steam. On Mexico's Pacific coast, the **Four Seasons Resort Punta Mita** hosts a Huichol Indian sunset ritual, Spanish lessons, and lectures on cultural topics like mole sauce.

**BEST FOR** R & R lovers who like to learn a bit, too.

**CAVEAT** Don't expect to be a mole-making or two-stepping all-star when you get home. Deep dives into cultural heritage, these aren't.

**TIP** Check the fine print on what's included.



Mexico's Four Seasons Punta Mita offers tours of nearby agave fields.

Photograph by Lucas Vallecillos, VWPics/Redux

#### 7. Hotel Gadgets: Tech Yourself Out

Mid-century Americans checked into hotels to give air-conditioning and color TV a whirl, before such appliances became household staples. Travelers still look to hotels to test-drive technology, and hotels hoping to appeal to digital natives are tripping over their discarded Ethernet cords to one-up each other with tech flash—from the cool to the curious.

**WHERE TO FIND** At San Francisco's **Stanford Court**, the Google Glass Explorer Package includes overnight accommodations and the use of the glasses, along

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With tips, such as how not to be a "glasshole" (ask a person's permission before snapping a photo of them, for one). The hotel is also working on a lobby tech bar with devices like Fitbits and GoPro cameras available for checkout, plus nostalgic throwbacks (Atari, the Sony Walkman). At the new 230-room **citizenM** in New York City, guests check in on touch-screen kiosks and control the room temperature, television, window blinds, and lighting with the swipe of a "Moodpad" tablet. Times Square's futuristic **Yotel Hotel** features a Jetsons-like robotic luggage handler and a motorized bed that expands with the touch of a button. Guests at Hiltons worldwide solicit local advice by directing questions on Twitter to [@HiltonSuggests](#). And no more rousting knocks from housekeeping at the **Umstead Hotel and Spa** in Cary, North Carolina: A motion-detecting system tells management if a room is occupied.

**BEST FOR** Early adopters and gadget freaks.

**CAVEAT** Luddites, leave your pride at home: Dial the front desk for help, or miss out on the fun.

**TIP** Follow hotel brands on social media for perks that range from loyalty points to free nights.



A robotic luggage handler assists a guest at the Yotel Hotel in New York. Photograph by Eric Michael Johnson, *The New York Times/Redux*.

#### 8. Night at the Museum: Be an Exhibitionist

Why let kids have all the slumber party fun? Last summer, New York's **American Museum of Natural History** hosted an adults-only sleepover—complete with three-course dinner and curator presentation—in a spin-off of its hugely popular Night at the Museum series for kids. A sequel is planned for 2015; meanwhile, more museums are rolling out the sleeping bags.

**WHERE TO FIND** With stand-up comedy, a show on the sex lives of insects, a movie marathon, edible insect snacks, and a cash bar, the adult sleepover at London's **Natural History Museum**, dubbed Dino Sores for Grown-Ups, feels more frat party than field trip. The **Smithsonian's National Zoo** in Washington, D.C., keeps it to a dull roar by comparison, with a wine and cheese welcome, a keeper-led tour of the exhibits, and a tent. The **Rubin Museum** in New York hosts a "dream-over" each May; last year's participants slept next to a piece of art selected for them and, the next morning, had their dreams interpreted.

**BEST FOR** Science and art nuts who fantasize about cuddling up to their favorite exhibits.

**CAVEAT** You can pretty much guarantee this won't be the best sleep you've ever had.

**TIP** Pounce on tickets as soon as programs are announced; some events sell out within hours.

**MARGARET LOFTUS**, a contributing editor, charted the ins and outs of top airports in *"The Perfect Layover"* (November 2013).

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By Leigh Crandall  
Hotels Expert

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Camping? Technically. Roughing it? Hardly. From private chefs to personal butlers, the outdoors are great indeed at these luxurious glamping destinations across the country.



Treebones in Big Sur, California.

## 1. Treebones

Spend the night perched on the Pacific at [Treebones](#) in [Big Sur](#). Pitch your own tent or opt for one of the resort's, like this Sibley tent set up at one of Treebones' ocean view camp sites. The resort also offers cozy [yurts](#) with queen beds (a great choice for couples), as well as a topnotch restaurant and sushi bar overlooking the water. [More »](#)

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Resort at Paws Up in Greenough, Montana.

## 2. Resort at Paws Up

Montana's [Resort at Paws Up](#) is camping at its most luxurious, with one- and two-bedroom tent amenities like ensuite bathrooms, camping butlers, chefs, and daily housekeeping. Choose from the resort's five campsites including the newest, [Cliffside Camp](#) with views of the Blackfoot River and Elk Creek, where some tents include decks with outdoor soaking tubs.

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Camp Orenda in Johnsbury, New York.

## 3. Orenda

Explore the rolling hills of the [Adirondacks](#) in upstate New York at [Orenda](#), where six "canvas cabins" come equipped with wood-burning stoves, plush linens, Kiss My Face bath products, and free WiFi. The nightly camping fee also includes all food and beverage, including packed lunches for off-site activities like kayaking, hiking, and canoeing. [More »](#)

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Fireside Resort in Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

#### 4. Fireside Resort

Comfy king beds, a concierge, and daily cleaning services come standard in tents at [Fireside Jackson Hole](#). Located midway between the [Grand Teton National Park](#) entrance and the town of Jackson, the hotel makes the perfect home base for outdoor enthusiasts seeking hiking, mountain biking, white water rafting, horseback riding, and more. After adventuring, hotel guests wind down the day with

fireside s'mores roasted from the comfort of rocking chairs.

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Dunton River Camp in Cresto Ranch, Colorado.

#### 5. Dunton River Camp

A former cattle ranch from the late 1800s, [Dunton River Camp](#) now sits on approximately 500 acres of meadows, streams, and forest in Cresto Ranch, Colorado. Eight prospector-style tents include ensuite bathrooms with soaking tubs, large private decks, and two mountain bikes for private use. Beverages and food are included in the per night price, with locally-sourced fare prepared by the camp's chef. The

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Located on 40 acres seven miles north of Moab, Utah [Moab Under Canvas](#) makes the most of its stunning desert surroundings. Tented accommodations range from teepees to Deluxe Tent Suites, which have private bathrooms, separate sleeping areas with king beds, and a wood burning stove with complimentary firewood. Whatever you choose, you'll get spectacular views of [Arches National Park](#), one of the country's most stunning natural landscapes.

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The Ranch at Rock Creek in Philipsburg, Montana.

#### 7. Ranch at Rock Creek

The all-inclusive [Ranch at Rock Creek](#) features [canvas cabins fit for two](#) with king beds, gas-lit fireplaces, screened porches and a deck facing Rock Creek. Groups traveling with kids can also opt for [larger cabins](#) with two sleeping areas. Beyond the tents, the Ranch offers [a long list of family-friendly activities](#) in Montana's wilderness, like horseback riding, fly fishing, archery, and a kids club for little ones. [More »](#)



Ithaca by Firelight in Ithaca, New York.

#### 8. Ithaca by Firelight

Pitched in back of the [La Tourelle](#) hotel in Ithaca, New York, [Ithaca by Firelight's](#) "Glampground" features tents with hardwood floors and plush bedding, plus a private balcony where guests can soak in the natural surroundings with a fresh pot of coffee or a cocktail from the bar. The camp is located at the trailhead to [Buttermilk Falls](#), which forms part of the Finger Lakes Trail system known for its gorges, waterfalls and swimming holes. Be sure to hit the daily happy hour,

where guests receive a complimentary glass of [Finger Lakes Region](#) wine and, when the sun goes down, relax at the outdoor lounge, with a well-edited selection of games and books, comfy seats, and

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## 1 The Finger Lakes, New York



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A four-hour drive from New York City, the Seneca Lake Wine Trail is the largest wine trail in the state and offers 35 different wineries, all seated on the banks of Seneca Lake. Stay at Belhurst Castle, a 19th-century manse with its own winery on the premises.

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## 2 Alexandria, Virginia



Alexandria boasts a beautiful historic district featuring antique shops and restaurants (The Fish Market for fresh seafood is a must-try) situated amidst 18th-century brick townhouses and cobblestone streets. Rent bikes and cycle eight miles south to George Washington's sprawling plantation, Mount Vernon, or six miles north for a day in Washington, D.C.

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Go for the beaches, but make time to explore the town's iconic mansions, from **The Breakers** (pictured), the Vanderbilt's magnificent summer "cottage," to the Versailles-inspired **Rose Cliff** and **Chepstow**, designed to resemble a grand Italian villa.

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## 4 Hudson, New York



Antiquing aficionados must make a pilgrimage to Hudson, a town two hours north of New York City, described by **Frommer's** as "the antiquing destination of the state north of Manhattan." Wander Warren Street, which hosts 51 different shops, then walk down to the waterfront for a sunset Instagram.

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### *The Adirondacks, New York*

Ready to finally give glamping a try? **Camp Orenda**, a 45-minute drive from Lake George, offers six large, private canvas "cabins" for those adventurous enough to explore the wilderness while enjoying those necessary amenities such as electricity, fresh linens and farm-to-table meals served on-site.

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No New Yorker's summer would be complete without a weekend in Montauk. Get cocktails at Gurney's before dinner at The Crow's Nest to watch the surfers, and be sure to snap an Instagram at The Surf Lodge, which currently plays host to a colorful mural created by artist Jen Stark.

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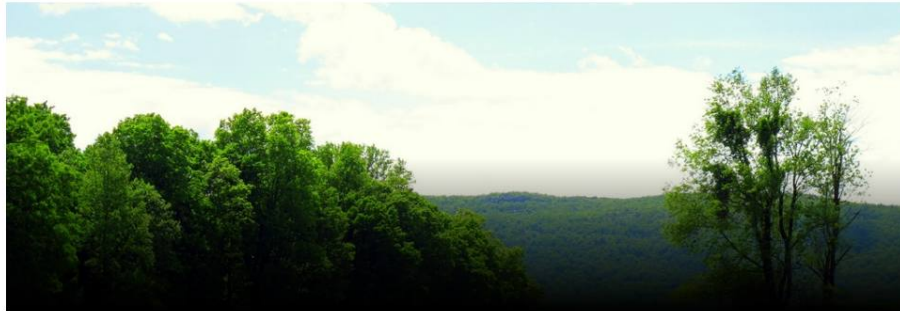
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# 10 Quick Escapes From New York City

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In a city as inexhaustibly diverse and adventure-filled as [New York](#), it's easy to forget that there's a whole world just beyond the five boroughs. But on those occasions when you crave an out-of-town excursion, a slice of small-town life or a brush with nature, the options are endless. We offer a list of ten quick escapes just outside NYC.



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## Woodstock

Despite the fact that the infamous Woodstock festival took place 40 miles away in Bethel, NY, its namesake town is still a haven for artsy types seeking weekend retreats with a rock 'n' roll edge. Predictably, the cool kids from [New York City](#) have made their mark (we recommend looking out for nearby [The Graham & Co.](#), owned and creatively decorated by Brooklyn-based designers), but that old-school hippy style still perseveres in the form of tie-dyed tees and the faint whiff of patchouli.

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### Breakneck Ridge

Okay, so we're not quite as serious about casual weekend hikes as our [West Coast](#) counterparts, but New Yorkers still like to lace up their sneakers and hit the trails occasionally. Breakneck Ridge is — as the name suggests — not for the unfit or unadventurous (the first 45 minutes are basically an all-fours scramble up some very uncooperative terrain), but the views on the climb are plenty rewarding. If the sparkling, forest-lined Delaware River isn't enough to encourage you, the promise of an icy beer and some artisan shopping at the finish line just might be. [Cold Spring Apothecary](#) offers small-batch, botanical-based skin, hair, and medicinal products that you won't find at your local CVS.

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### Storm King

With 500 acres of gigantic, looming, large-scale sculptures, you should assemble some friends, pack a picnic, and spend the best part of the day exploring and discovering the best of modern and contemporary sculpture at [Storm King](#). It is only about an hour outside of New York City, and if you time it right, your visit might just coincide with a summer concert or poetry reading.

[Storm King Art Center, 1 Museum Road, New Windsor, NY, USA +1 845 534 3115](#)

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### Fire Island

Summer Fridays — when everybody packs up and leaves at lunchtime in search of respite from the steamy city temperatures — is definitely a 'thing' in [New York](#). Sure, the Hamptons is the most scenic coastal option, but Fire Island, with its sleepy towns and pretty stretches of protected beach, is the place to be if you need a proper vacation from city living. The 32-mile-long, one-mile-wide barrier island is divided into approximately 17 'communities,' each with its own agenda; from gay-friendly Cherry Grove to party-hearty Kismet or isolated (read: peaceful) Atlantique. Visit off-season and you'll have the picturesque, wind-whipped beaches all to yourself.

[Fire Island, NY, USA](#)

### The Delaware River

The 14,119-mile Delaware crosses five states before meeting the Atlantic Ocean near Cape May, in [New Jersey](#). Along the stretch that curves through NY's leafy Catskills region, some fun-loving geniuses (including the guys at [Lander's River Trips](#)) decided to open canoeing and tubing operations. If you're feeling active, strap on a life vest and pick the rapids route. Rather just relax? Drape yourself over a tube, crack a stealthy can, and let the gentle current carry you downstream.

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### Hudson

There are plenty of quaint villages situated along the Hudson River, but none can compete with the namesake town itself.

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Hudson, New York, has long been a go-to commuter locale for [Brooklyn](#) and Manhattan folk who are over big-city chaos, but not big-city cuisine. Stay in stylish 19th century hat-shop-turned-boutique-guest-house, [The Hudson Milliner](#), and spend a weekend grazing at foodie haunts Red Dot, Fish & Game, and Crimson Sparrow.

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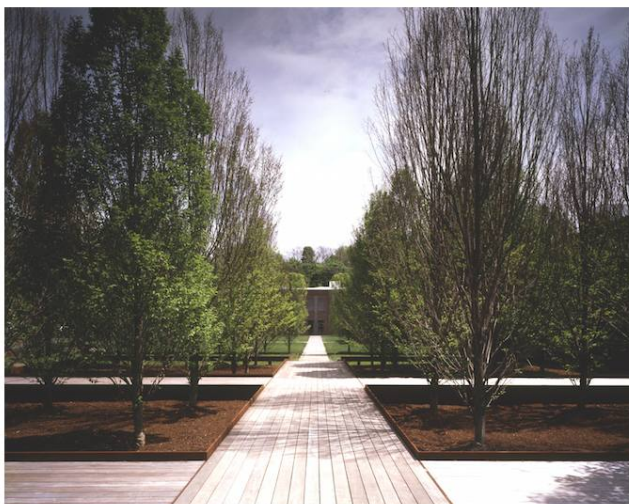
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### North Fork

Once you arrive in North Fork, you'll wonder why more people don't make the hour-and-a-half journey to Long Island's wine region. Although the town's wineries excel at producing Sauvignon Blanc, Riesling and Merlot, rosé fans haven't been overlooked — [Croteaux Vineyards](#) specializes in pink tippie tastings. Sample their nine unique varieties in a rustic 1800s Carriage Barn, or (on warm-weather days) the pebbled courtyard, which is shaded by cherry blossom trees.

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### Dia:Beacon

Already checked out the upgraded Whitney and exhausted MoMa and The Met? [Dia:Beacon](#) should be next on your culture hit list. Part of the Dia Art Foundation's constellation of sites, this old Nabisco box printing factory houses works dating from the 1960s to the present. The exhibition *du jour* is *Excursus: Homage to the Square 3* by Robert Irwin. An installation which has been 'site-conditioned' to engage with the museum's architecture and lighting — both of which were, incidentally, also partly designed by the artist himself.

[Dia:Beacon, 3 Beckman Street, Beacon, NY, USA +1 845 440 0100](#)

### The Adirondacks

Sometimes it's easy to forget that where the urban jungle ends, the unblemished wilderness begins. The Adirondacks are vast, beautiful and serene; the perfect landscape for exploring by foot, canoe or skis. They are also host to some famously idyllic camping spots, and for New Yorkers who like to buffer nature with a little home comfort, [Camp Orenda's](#) Canvas Cabins fit the

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bill. Each abode comes with rustic décor (think wooden beds with cozy comforters, tree-stump nightstands, and wood-burning stoves), plus they're fitted with convenient electrical outlets, so you can keep your iPhone charged and the Spotify jams playing. While you're in the area, swing by [Wild Walk](#). Known as a 'High Line for the Forest,' this elevated trail through the foliage of Tupper Lake facilitates up-close-and-personal encounters with the region's intriguing trees and creatures.

[Camp Orenda, 90 Armstrong Road, Johnsburg, NY, USA, +1 518 251 5001](#)

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### Kripalu

Situated in the beautiful Berkshire countryside, the [Kripalu](#) (pronounced kri-PAH-loo) Center for Yoga & Health is a great place for rejuvenation and holistic education. The largest retreat center in the country, it's renowned for offering world-class yoga teacher and nutritional trainings, but is also the perfect place to leave city stress behind. Try the R&R Retreat—a customized stay that includes a flexible schedule of classes (yoga, meditation and self-improvement), outdoor activities, and quality down-time.

[Kripalu Center for Yoga & Health, 57 Interlaken Road, Stockbridge, MA, USA +1 413 448 3152](#)

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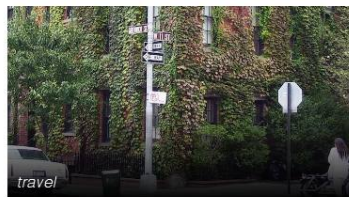
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### David Webb's Camp Orenda

When David Webb traded the discomfort of New Zealand's mountainous backcountry for the relative comfort of New York's Adirondack woods, he brought the trappings of civilization with him. He now runs Camp Orenda, an all-inclusive outdoor retreat that offers an immersive nature experience enhanced by state-of-the-art amenities and thoughtful design.

"It's a place for people who appreciate traditional camping, but logistically need something a little more modern," says Webb, 37. "My clients care about fresh linens."

The resort, which opened in 2012, is located in Johnsbury, New York, an hour from the Vermont border and four hours north of Manhattan. Although Webb isn't the first to jump on the upscale camping trend, there aren't many in the Northeast that offer a similar level of luxury.

Webb grew up in Bethlehem, New York, and his family has owned the Johnsbury property where his Camp sits for more than 50 years – he vacationed there as a child. In his twenties, Webb worked in construction on Manhattan skyscrapers and as a chef in Brooklyn restaurants, but traded city life for the outdoors in 2000 when he became a high-altitude mountain guide. He earned backcountry first responding certifications from Cornell University and in 2002, uprooted for New Zealand where he led tours from Christchurch to some of the island nation's highest summits.

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"It was romantic, but it was rough," he says. "Living out of a backpack was exhausting and I couldn't appreciate where we were most of the time because I was

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so concerned with keeping our clients alive."

He moved back to New York in 2004 and rejoined the construction industry. In 2008, his only brother, Chris, was diagnosed with cancer. The pair took six months to travel together and wound up spending most of their time in the Adirondacks. Chris died later that year at the age of 35. "My family, who saw how much this place meant to me, suggested I turn it into a retreat and share it with others," says Webb.

Webb's initial vision for Orenda was bare bones. He wanted an authentic camping experience that mirrored the trips he and his brother would take as kids (i.e., no bathrooms, saunas or Perrier). But the demand wasn't there. Many of his client inquiries came from residents of New York City or Boston who didn't have camping gear on hand and wanted to bring their wives or families.

Today's Orenda is still woody, but hardly rough hewn. Webb designed a modern lodge for the main site that can be accessed from a dirt road. Around the grounds are five canvas cabins with wood burning stoves that serve as guest houses (he's adding a sixth and final cabin this year). To assist his head chef, he recently hired a full-time baker and two additional cooks. But don't mistake Orenda for a rustic Ritz Carlton – there isn't any electricity or propane in the main kitchen area, so all of the meals are cooked over an open wood flame and served family style. "Everybody eats together," he says. "Some of my fondest memories from my explorations off the grid are the dinners with people I'd meet on the way."

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Despite its indoor accommodations, Webb says it's the outdoor concierge service that separates Orenda from other east coast camping sites. Webb and his staff customize itineraries based on each guest's interest and skill level, including kayaking, horseback riding and hiking neighboring Crane Mountain. There is also an on-site yoga instructor and a masseuse.

Looking forward, Webb wants to expand into the Smoky Mountains or possibly Belize. He'd likely keep the brand name "Orenda," which is an Iroquois term for a spiritual force that brings about human accomplishment.

"The way I see it, not everyone is up for the bug-bites-and-all experience, and that's fine," Webb says. "It doesn't matter how people come back to nature, so long as they come back."

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## Surfers Lodge Peniche

The dream swells of the squally North Atlantic hit Portugal's serrated seaboard hard – and as the most westerly town of mainland Europe, they pound the surfer's paradise of Peniche hardest of all. [Surfers Lodge Peniche](#), the newest bolt-hole on the block of the fishing village turned burgeoning resort, has just recently opened its doors to the latest campervan arrivals of wave-riders. And with its unique and nostalgic raison d'être, it's aiming to shore up the most old-school surfers of them all.

Run by former Swedish national surfing champ John Malmqvist, the "SLP's" high-end concept is to bring the retro finesse of 1960's surfing style back to life. As a result, the lodge vibe is more a heyday-homage to Californian counterculture than that of the mainstream modernism of Billabong branding and Jack Johnson on shuffle. Bedrooms and dorms here flit thematically from Woodstock to The Beatles and are all underpinned by the incomparable edge of Nordic design. Chunky bespoke furniture is crafted from the salvaged panels of old Portuguese fishing boats, while funky add-ins like denim jean ottomans and VW Kombi collectibles bring an *Antiques Roadshow* charm to the boho brief.

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Beyond the design (and the dunes), Peniche's coastline is a Euro-utopia for all surfing levels, with the cove at Baleal (just a block from the lodge) an ideal stomping ground for rookies. The lodge's surf class options begin on terra firma however: stance and balance are first practiced at a nearby skate park before BOSU balls are brought in for some pre-session core warm-ups on the beach. Due to its location (jutting out on a wind-whipped peninsula), Peniche offers surfers the best breaks in Portugal, and more advanced barrel-riders can graduate to [Supertubos beach](#) nearby, known for the best pipeline on the continent.

All classes are captured on GoPros, and, afterward, groups and instructors gather back in the lounge to analyze progress (cracking a Portuguese Salves beer, an optional extra). Come evening, the lodge's gourmet bistro and Moroccan-style roof deck, with panoramic infinity pool, are already the town's it-spot for sundowners. [West Coast spirit - Portuguese living](#)

So how does all that Scandi-style stack up against SLP's substance? Actually, pretty well. With no summer season under its wetsuit yet, nor barely a TripAdvisor review to its name, there's a sense that the lodge is going through an initial phase of character development. However, with a little more sand in its floorboards and a bit more amp to that Jefferson Airplane, Europe's surfing hideaway could soon be chalking Kelly Slater tens.

More information: Surfers Lodge Peniche is located about an hour's drive north of the capital in Lisbon, and offers surf-and-stay packages from [€408 per week](#). The tenth round of this year's [ASP World Championship Tour](#) also rolls into the city on October 8-19, for those considering a fall getaway.

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## Voidokiliá, Greece

As hordes of tourists pass through the chaos of [Athens on their way to yet another well-traveled Greek isle](#), a nearly empty cove of towering volcanic rock cliffs and diamond-clear waters, surrounded by crumbling ancient and medieval ruins, is just a three-hour drive west. It's called Voidokiliá, meaning "ox belly," and for years this part of the Messinian coast was largely ignored by tourists because of a winding, poorly maintained road full of signless detours. When Greece hosted the Olympics in 2004, the road was fixed and the six-hour drive cut in half. Yet, even if locals favored it, the tourists still did not come. "There's nothing like it anywhere," says Leteris Maniadakis, who runs the local surf shop. "You've got unbelievably blue water, white-sand dunes, cliffs, and 2,000-year-old ruins in every direction."

This stretch of the western Peloponnese coastline facing the Ionian Sea rivals the greatest in all the Mediterranean but lacks the cosmopolitan feel of Greece's resort towns – and the crowds. In Pylos, a small, whitewashed town about eight miles from Voidokiliá beach, hotels are mostly family-run and cozy (if a bit weathered). The [Karalis Beach Hotel](#) has comfy rooms with balconies overlooking the harbor. By night, take a seat at one of the tavernas in the red-tiled courtyard of Pylos town square and join the old men in slacks and black caps for a candlelit dinner of octopus, carafes of red wine, and Greek salad made with Kalamata olives, named for the region's largest city. The only glimpse of luxury in the area is the vast Costa Navarino resort. It's all-inclusive and owns a stretch of coastline that has everything you could ever want, from surfing to snorkeling to spa treatments right on the beach.

If you're looking for something about Voidokiliá that's more than sun and sand, an easy 15-minute hike south leads to Nestor's Cave, where in mythology ancient King Nestor was said to keep his oxen. It's a breathtaking four-story cavern in which, according to legend, Homer based scenes of *The Odyssey*. A steep climb up from the cave are the ruins of a 13th-century Frankish castle, whose walls plunge thousands of feet into a frothing shore break. A walkway along the sea-facing wall has no safety rails or guards to hold you back – the price you pay for having the whole castle to yourself.

More information: Fly to Athens – a good option is to take [Turkish Airlines](#) and stop over in Istanbul – and catch the bus to Pylos. Head to the Motorbike Shop and rent whatever isn't already taken. From there, it's a beautiful ride to the bay. Just remember to wear a helmet. Local drivers are aggressive.

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## Nigel Springthorpe's Vancouver

Nigel Springthorpe, co-owner of the bar Alibi Room and the recently opened Brassneck Brewery, made his way to Vancouver from a tiny town in North Yorkshire, England, at the age of 19 and has called the city home ever since. During that time, he's had a hand in the evolution of Mount Pleasant, a neighborhood just across the creek from the downtown peninsula that retains its historic working-class character. A century ago, the area was once known as "Brewery Creek" and it's just now regaining its reputation as a destination for drinkers and diners.

"No one's originally from Vancouver," says Springthorpe. "A lot of Europeans and English people go to a place like Vancouver and they're like, 'Where's the culture? There's no culture!' But, honestly, I find it exciting to be part of a place that's growing and growing quickly. It's a unique opportunity to be part of the thread of a city."

Springthorpe was a bartender at the Alibi Room before he and his sister-in-law had the opportunity to buy the place and transform it into a craft beer-focused neighborhood hot spot. The project was exciting both because Springthorpe liked running a business and because he really likes beer. He says that his new venture, Brassneck Brewery, which launched six months ago, started when the location at 2148 Main Street came open. He pounced.

"The location, with its foot traffic, allowed us to do the concept," he says. "We wanted to have a growler shop and a tasting room, but we didn't want to have to distribute in a traditional way with kegs and bottling."

Brassneck co-owner and brewmaster Conrad Gmoser, whom Springthorpe calls "the hardest-working brewmaster" he knows and the foundation of the brewery, works seven days a week to develop new beers and keep the tasting room busy. Gmoser has so far created 50 beers for Brassneck, with only two constantly available flagships (Passive Aggressive Pale Ale and Brassneck Ale). "We mess with the hops a little bit and tweak the recipes," says Springthorpe. "One of things I learned over the years at Alibi is that people enjoy choice. We like walking up to the bar and asking, what's new? We wanted to instill that kind of philosophy in the brewery."

Here's Springthorpe's Guide to the Mount Pleasant neighborhood. It may not be cutting edge, but it's fun and – for the boozy entrepreneur, it's home.

### Coffee

**Matchstick Coffee Roasters** (639 E. 15th Ave.): "I go here three or four times a week."

### Lunch

**Nuba** (146 E. 3rd Ave.): "This is Lebanese cuisine. You feel kind of health-ish when you eat here. I come here if I feel like I need some vegetables."

**Sal y Limon** (701 Kingsway St.): "A hole-in-the-wall Mexican place. They're not

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rewriting culinary history or anything like that, but it's good regular spot."

#### Nightlife

**Pourhouse Restaurant** (162 Water St., Gastown): "You need someplace to go when you get sick of your own place. Pourhouse is where I go if I want a nice dinner. They have really amazing cocktails, where you feel like all the molecules are fused together with attention and care, and they always have a different steak on the menu, which I like to get."

**The Narrow Lounge** (Main St. and 3rd Ave.): "This is a lesser known spot, just a couple blocks down from Brassneck. They don't have a sign, there's a little red light and if the light's on they're still serving. They don't have great cocktails or an extensive beer list or an amazing wine list or anything like that, it's just a good joint to hang out."

**Guilt & Company** (1 Alexander St., Gastown): "They have live music pretty much every night of the week, which is rare for Vancouver. It's a cavernous space in the basement of a heritage building, with local bands and a really great staff, keen on genuine, kind service."

#### Shop

**Eugene Choo** (3683 Main St., Mount Pleasant): "A Main Street institution that captures the Mount Pleasant look really well. They carry brands like Pendleton and Rogue Gallery."



### Waimanalo Beach, HI

Lifeguards and peaceful water make this Oahu beach a safe swimming spot. "It doesn't have big waves there, so no shore breaks, no rip currents," Leatherman says. It's also a good place to get some local flavor. "A lot of native Hawaiians like to go there," Leatherman says. "But a lot of tourists don't seem to know about this area."

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## Explore the Canary Islands

The Canary Islands are to Europeans what Puerto Rico (and [Vieques](#) and [Culebra](#)) is to Americans, but the Spanish Archipelago is more than a German conga line thanks to the reinvencción that is turning Lanzarote, the easternmost island, into an adventure destination. The 326-square-mile volcanic jewel, which bursts out of the Atlantic just 78 miles shy of Morocco and three hours from London, is suddenly attracting surf-chasing roadtrippers and road-racing surf swimmers.

Beyond the resorts surrounding the capital city of [Arrecife](#), Lanzarote's modo de vida stick-shifts from package holiday to exotic retreat as the island's barren hills and bounteous farmland (think aloé vera plantations) fold out. Winding upwards along the LZ-10 route, postcard white-washed hamlets like Tegüise and Tabayesco are reached by dizzying drives winding up mountains and around hairpin turns. On the other side of the Ajache range, lies the island's lesser-known northern coast, where surfers tip-toe over jagged lava fields to catch the impressive reef breaks off Orzola and Famara beaches.

[Timanfaya National Park](#) is the island's main attraction volcano wise and its craters are filled with both native gallotia lizards and tour buses. Give it a miss and head to the Las Vegas de Tegoyo, a white-walled waystation in the middle of fields of flowers. A shortcut to the charming, church-centric town of Mancha Blanca on the blink-and-you'll-miss-it LZ-56 runs past several extinct volcanoes, all hemmed with spiralling balcony tracks, that absolutely beg to be hiked.

Surfing and hiking aside, tiny Lanzarote is also serious triathlon territory. Europe's most infamous ironman takes place on the island in May, so motorists can expect to mingle with pelotons thick with would-be contenders during the several-week build up. Join them if you can and then recover with some Canarian cuisine. The island's bodegas and tapas bars proudly dish out papas arrugadas. These "wrinkly potatoes" are boiled in local sea salt and are best demolished with dollops of the traditional and picante mojo sauce. ¿Cómo se dice "carbo-loading?"

Whether in the saddle or the driver's seat, visitors to Lanzarote can't help but notice the abundance of curious sculpture installations by the side of the road. These are tribute to [César Manrique](#), a local artist-cum-activist who also championed Lanzarote's strict development limits. He's the reason volcanos still outnumber high rises and the locals will never stop thanking him for saving their island. You won't either.

More information. There are lengthy and expensive ferry services to the Canaries from mainland Spain, but Lanzarote is perhaps best reached from mainland Europe via Arrecife airport. Low-fares airline [Ryanair](#) flies from London, Paris, and Madrid to the island from \$70 return.

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### Extreme Adventures in Northern Ireland

Northern Ireland has recovered from years of violent political conflict, better known as "the Troubles," and emerged as a rugged travel destination for serious hikers, cyclists, and rock climbers. It's clear why. The region, set on the northeast corner of Ireland a ferry ride from Scotland, was carved by glaciers during the Ice Age and is now a mix of wide valleys, low mountains, and steep cliffs marking the North Channel coast.

With options that range from the classic (hiking, canoeing, cycling) to offbeat and pulse-racing (paragliding, rally racing, scaling sea cliffs), the hardest part about visiting can be choosing what to do.

"The terrain is diverse, from one of the most rugged coastlines in the world to mountains, caves, and lakes," says Padraic Woods, author of *30 Irish Adventures*. "And everything can be reached in a four- or five-hour drive."

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For downhill thrills, try [mountainboarding](#) in the Mourne Mountains. It's a cross between snowboarding and skateboarding, done on a wheeled board. The Irish championship course boasts a demanding dirt track – and grass slopes for beginners.

Northern Ireland's inland also hosts some of Europe's toughest rock-climbing routes. The epicenter is the Mourne Mountains, featuring granite outcrops and more than 1,000 graded routes. "All of the crags have character," says Trevor Fisher, instructor at [Tollymore Mountain Centre](#), which offers weekend courses that begin on climbing walls before heading into the mountains. For bragging rights, attempt Buzzard's Roost, host of the notorious Divided Years, once the world's most difficult climb.

Where surf hits rock, you'll find the obscure sport of [coasteering](#). Wearing wetsuits, flotation devices, and helmets, participants play in the 12-foot zone where land and sea battle it out. "It's liquid adventure," says John Keating, a guide at the Life Adventure Centre. "The rocks are trying to scrape you, and waves are trying to pull you off the rocks." Bouldering and cliff jumping add to the rush. Highlights near the Blue Quarry include leaping from a rock bridge into a sea cave.

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On Northern Ireland's western border, you can also learn to maneuver a real armored tank, then crush a small car with it. [Adventure Tours Northern Ireland](#) lets you get behind the wheel of an ex-British Army FV432 tank – an eerie echo of past violence – and navigate a rugged course. As for the car crushing: "Sometimes

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the windows explode or the roof gets ripped off," says chief instructor Marcus Griffin.

More information On the southeastern tip of the region in Castlwellan is [Hillyard House](#), a small inn that serves local seafood and is close to Maginns, the town's most popular pub. In Derry, on the northwestern end of the region near Ireland, guests at [Tower Hotel Derry](#) can see where the Battle of the Bogside took place from the hotel gym.

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### Temple Reef

The Dive Masters at [Temple Adventures Diving](#) had everything they needed: tanks, a compressor, and tourists looking to take a dip in the Bay of Bengal. The only thing they lacked was their own reef, which is precisely what they built over the next five months by bringing trees and assorted architectural elements out into the bay. Five months after they began construction, Temple Reef is awash in shoals of fish.

Located off the coast of the former French colony of [Pondicherry](#), Temple Reef has welcomed around 500 visitors. What they've seen is subtly remarkable. Frogfish camouflaged as rocks crawl across the sandy seafloor, carpets of silver garden eels retract at the first signs of danger, and schools of barracuda eye the finned congregants hungrily. A little more than twenty feet from the six-foot iron dome that serves as the new reef's hearst, angelfish swarm around a barnacle-encrusted scooter.

Temple Adventures Australian director Rob Partridge, got the idea for the reef from local fishermen, who traditionally create reefs by tossing trees into the water. The only problem with that strategy? "They biodegrade very quickly," Partridge saws. So he opted for something a bit more permanent.

The metal tower at the center of Temple Reef, assembled piecemeal underwater, was once a formwork for molding in-ground water storage tanks. Six tons of recycled concrete and rocks weigh down the structure and prevent trawling nets from ripping apart the reef. For now, it appears out of the blue like a ruin, but it's easy to see that it will be entirely obscured by sealife. At some point, everyone will likely forget how it even got there.

But the novelty of the ruins is part of the attraction that draws the few tourists in this corner of India onto a boat at the break of dawn and into the swirling depths. Fishermen watch divers pass from their boats – more bound logs than actual vessels – and return around lunchtime. The journey ends with French cuisine and drinks at

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Ditch bug spray and sleeping bags for a luxury tent and customized experiences.



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Embrace the great outdoors without roughing it in these under-the-radar spots.

By [Holly Johnson](#) | May 11, 2016, at 10:45 a.m.

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Let's face it: Not everyone enjoys camping.

For some people, it's the idea of sleeping in a tent that turns them off. For others, it's the bugs, the dirt and the weather that keeps them home. And there are those who absolutely love the outdoors, yet prefer to sleep in an actual hotel with all the comforts of home.

Enter [glamping](#), a form of camping which is considered glamorous. Most glampsites offer some of the aspects of camping, but add in more amenities and, of course, a real roof over your head. Glamping usually means staying at a campground among other campers, but in an indoor space with beds, electricity and running water. And some glamping experiences include even more luxury amenities, like rooms with flat-screen televisions and Wi-Fi, cabins that are a lot like hotel rooms and on-site catering.

By glamping, some say, you get to enjoy the benefits of camping without roughing it (or subsisting on hot dogs). If you're thinking about glamping, this summer is a good time to try it out. Here are a few fun, out-of-the-ordinary glamping experiences to consider in all corners of the U.S.

[See: [10 Memorable Camping Trips](#).]

#### Kestrel Camp

*American Prairie Reserve, Montana*

For a \$1,200 nightly rate, you can enjoy some seriously luxurious camping in one of the most beautiful and scenic parts of the country. Set on hundreds of thousands of acres, the American Prairie Reserve is one of the largest nature reserves in the world. Here, you can enjoy your striking natural surroundings while staying in a high-end safari yurt furnished with luxury beds and bedding, private bathrooms, a dressing room with a large walk-in closet and upscale bath products. On-site dining is also available through the use of a camp chef.

#### Asheville Glamping

*Asheville, North Carolina*

Want to camp and potentially drink some [beer](#), too? Consider Asheville Glamping, which is right outside of Asheville, North Carolina - also known as beer heaven. Rates start at around \$150 per night, and you can rent everything from a luxury yurt to a retro vintage camper (also called a "glamper") to a fully outfitted luxury tent. Not only can you soak in the natural surroundings and enjoy not having to set up a tent outdoors, but you can also explore the local Biltmore Estate, hike the Smoky Mountains and even visit some of the famous microbreweries in the area.

#### Lake Rudolph Campground & R.V. Resort

*Indiana*

Lake Rudolph Campground & R.V. Resort offers families a little bit of everything. Named one of the top campgrounds for families by the Travel Channel, the property offers an on-site waterpark, easy access to Holiday World and Splashin' Safari Waterpark next door and a unique glamping experience. Rent a fully furnished R.V. or a Christmas Cabin, which comes outfitted with a king-sized bed, three flat-screen televisions, a full kitchen and bath, along with a roomy loft for the kids. Outdoors, you can cook hotdogs on your very own campsite and, at night, you can retreat to a luxury cabin. Rates start at just \$85 for RV rentals.

[See: [Best Places to Glamp](#).]

#### Teton Valley Cabins

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Nestled in the Teton Valley, you'll find the Teton Valley Cabins, a property which features an array of duplex cabins, each sharing a porch but with its own private entrance and separate accommodations. Cabins are appointed with beds, a kitchenette, a full-size bathroom and a microwave. The property even has two "pet cabins," which let you bring your favorite family members along for the ride. Rates start at around \$70 per night during winter, but surge as high as \$104 during peak travel times.

**Camp Orenda**  
*Adirondacks, New York*

If you truly want to get away from it all and get back to nature in style, consider Camp Orenda, an authentic backcountry retreat nestled among the beautiful [Adirondacks](#). When you're ready to venture outside your own private, secluded canvas cabin, you can explore the vast mountain valley, [hike](#) the trails or bike through the original highways of the past.

Best of all, this serene Adirondack glamping retreat features an all-inclusive rate that includes backcountry cuisine served daily, outdoor activities such as kayaking, canoeing, white-water rafting and customized trekking excursions. All-inclusive rooms start at \$200 per night per adult (children 10 and under can stay for \$100 per night).

[See: [15 Must-Visit National Park Attractions](#).]

**The Bottom Line**

If you don't like camping but love the outdoors, consider giving [luxury camping](#) or "glamping" a try. With a cozy bed to sleep in and all the comforts of home, you might come around to embracing the great outdoors on a camping trip after all.

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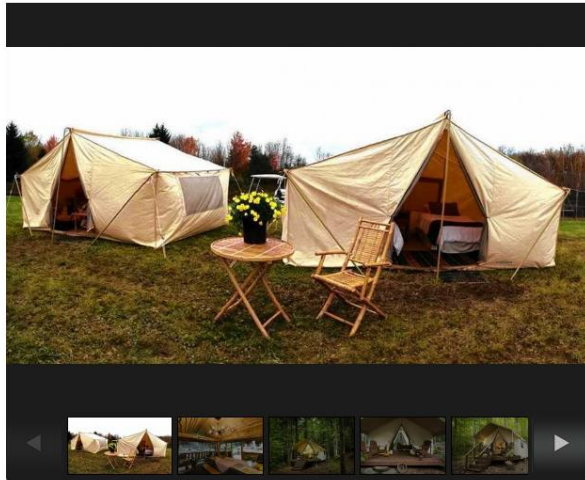


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Glamping - or "glamorous camping" - has grown in popularity in recent years, promising visitors the glory of the great outdoors without sacrificing the creature comforts of home.

"Glamping is a way to connect with your surroundings without having to rough it," the search engine [GlampingHub.com](#) advertises.

Here's a few ways glamping raises the bar on [camping](#) in Upstate New York.

## 1. Tents

**Camping:** Pitch your own tent at your campsite, booked at a campground with some amenities, or hiked to while carrying essentials on your back.

**Glamping:** [Safari tents furnished with hardwood floors](#) and king and queen beds in the [Finger Lakes](#). A [modern farmhouse in the Catskills](#) with WiFi and a housekeeper. [Treehouse cabins overlooking Cayuga Lake](#) with air-conditioning and heating. [GlampingHub.com](#) also offers accommodations in [igloos](#), [caboozes](#), [caves](#) and [eco-pods](#).



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**2. Sleeping bags**

**Camping:** Sleeping bags with air mattresses or other padding to separate your body from the ground.

**Glamping:** The king and queen beds are outfitted with 300-count linens at [Firelight Camps in Ithaca](#), a glampground opened by Food Network star Emma Frisch and her husband Robert on the grounds of the La Tourelle Hotel near [Buttermilk Falls](#).

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**3. Fire**

**Camping:** Build your own fire, with pre-bought firewood or kindling you collected from the campground. Flashlights or lanterns are essential once the sun goes down.

**Glamping:** Staff spark the fire for you, so you can have more time to perfect your s'mores under the starry skies. At [Camp Orenda in the Adirondacks](#), canvas cabins are outfitted with convenience outlets and interior lighting; WiFi is also available.



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#### 4. Cooking

**Camping:** Typical camping fare is cooked over the fire or on a grill. Non-perishables are a must, like canned baked beans.

**Glamping:** [Gourmet fireside cooking at Camp Orenda](#) includes "slow cooked pulled pork served on a fresh baked potato roll or Three Cheese Tortellini and Stuffed Crimini Mushrooms with local goat cheese." Staff will pack lunches for offsite activities.



#### 5. Bathrooms

**Camping:** State parks are outfitted with public bathhouses; more primitive campers just find a nearby tree (and hope they packed two-ply toilet paper).

**Glamping:** Being in the back-country doesn't mean sacrificing modern conveniences. [Camp Orenda](#) boasts an "open air, naturally spring fed, fully heated shower house," with plush towels and Kiss My Face bath products. At [Firelight Camps](#), the spa bath house is stocked with "everything you need to feel like you are not camping while camping."



#### 6. Drinks

**Camping:** Bring your own beverages - canned, bottled or otherwise - but remember that campsites have a "carry in, carry out" policy.

**Glamping:** At [Firelight Camps](#), a glass of wine is waiting for glampers at a complimentary "wine hour." The full bar includes a selection of wines, beers, spirits and non-alcoholic artisanal sodas from the region. Coffee is fresh brewed, not instant; a hot chocolate bar is offered in the autumn months.



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A private cabin at Orenda, which aims to merge camping in backcountry with comfort for mostly urban guests.

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I was raised in a camping family. I grew to love the closeness to nature, the proximity to hiking and fishing, and the ability to unplug from life's complexities. But I've had some uncomfortable experiences. I found a scorpion in my sleeping bag in Argentina, had my tent flood in the rain in Olympic National Park, gone through moments when I craved fresh food, a dry, comfortable bed, even a massage. Little did I know I could have had these things, if only I'd gone glamping.

A fusion of glamor and camping, glamping has been popular in Europe and the western United States for years. Glamping properties vary, but at their core, they are full-service lodging options with fine cuisine, thick duvets, and fully featured sleeping quarters. Some glamping facilities house guests in teepees, others in treehouses. Semipermanent canvas tent cabins are another popular structure, inside which fresh flowers and plush throw rugs round out the luxurious atmosphere. This is what

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# 'Glamping' Johnsburg campground singled out by Times

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Owner Dave Webb prepares a bed for guests in one of five canvas cabins at Camp Orenda in Johnsburg Saturday, May 11, 2013. The camp is beginning its third season in business and is booked heavily through the summer after receiving positive reviews in national and international publications. The experience includes locally sourced gourmet meals cooked on an open flame, canvas tents

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### CAMP ORENDA

Rates at Camp Orenda:

- \$170 per adult/per night.
- \$80 per night/per child 10 and under.
- Includes use of private cabin; open-flame fireside meals, snacks and beverages; on-site activities (hiking, swimming, kayaking, canoeing, fishing, outdoor education classes and complimentary kids' activities).

Other excursions are additional.

- 18 percent administrative fee added to all charges and fees.

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Adirondackers might snicker at the term "glamping," but David Webb seems to be getting the last laugh.

The entrepreneur, who launched his version of glamorous camping in 2011, has captured the attention of The New York Times.

In January, the Adirondack Mountains, and specifically Webb's Camp Orenda in Johnsburg, made the Sunday Travel section's "46 Places to Go in 2013," placing 21st between Ningxia, China, and Oslo, Norway.

"It's so exciting that everything I've put in here — the passion and hard work — and to see an industry that was pretty much non-existent three years ago, is now on the forefront," Webb said. "It was an honor for me to be written up and to be a part of getting the Adirondacks mentioned as a go-to destination."

Clients across the U.S. as well as Europe have already booked for the season at Orenda, he said.

Every weekend is filled until mid-September. Mid-week reservations are going quickly.

The growth of Orenda has been particularly gratifying for Webb. He has developed property his parents purchased nearly 40 years ago and where he and his brother, Christopher, spent happy times together as kids.

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In a November 2011 story, Webb told The Post-Star he vowed to his then 35-year-old brother when he was battling a terminal illness that he would “do something” with the land.

He kept his promise.

Webb has built his own brand of glamorous camping: an all-inclusive authentic back-country experience with plenty of bells and whistles. At Orenda, there’s no need to bring camping gear. Guests sleep on high-count cotton-clad mattresses in canvas tents heated by wood stoves and dine on freshly prepared “gourmet Americana” cuisine served with silverware and enamelware dishes.

Arrangements can be made for guided hikes, rafting and fishing trips and horseback rides, or visitors can shoot arrows at the archery range or hang back with a book in the outdoor pavilion that juts out over a rushing brook.

“It’s important for me for people to understand they’re not coming up to some random place. They’re coming to an area in a private setting and getting all the amenities and access to some of the most beautiful locations such as Crane (Mountain), Garnet Lake, the Hudson River right around the corner, Mill Creek – Class A trout fishing,” Webb said.

Although Webb has a total of 46 acres, Orenda’s development sits mainly on two acres, with 2 1/2 miles of marked hiking trails.

The first structure, a pavilion, was built in 2009, followed by an outdoor kitchen and three canvas cabins. He welcomed guests for his “soft opening” in 2011 but considered last year his first official year in business.

At the close of the 2012 season, Webb said he already exceeded financial goals he had forecasted during his fifth year of business and now, thanks to the plug from The New York Times, Orenda is “off the charts.”

In late April, a crew was readying Orenda for the first wave of guests arriving in a few weeks. Plans called for a fourth cabin, extensions of the pavilion and kitchen, and the construction of a 6- by 7-foot outdoor enclosed cedar shower with slate floor.

Webb is also replacing portable toilets with a bathhouse, adding personal touches like handmade soaps, installing Wi-Fi access to all cabins and partnering with more outdoor-adventure businesses to keep his visitors occupied.

Claudia Wheeler, owner of Wolf Pond Stables in Stony Creek, has worked with Webb since the camp opened and offers horseback riding instruction to small groups. She said her business has been positively impacted by Orenda.

“It’s helped me out a great deal. I’d say it’s doubled,” she said. “(Webb) usually gives me a heads up of who he’s got scheduled for me and then I just plan accordingly.”

Jim “Cork” Nester, broker/owner of Nester’s True North Properties and chairman of the town’s Planning Board, said

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although he hasn't seen an increase in people wanting to buy property in Johnsbury, he believes Webb has given the area unprecedented exposure and is bringing people to the area who might not have visited otherwise.

"A lot of times when people think of camping ... they would rather stay in a hotel. They like to be outside during the day but at night they want to sleep in a nice bed, whereas Dave kind of bridges that very gray line between camping and being kind of pampered," Nester said.

Webb said he has "built out" Orenda and has no plans for any more construction, which he feels would detract from the rustic atmosphere and privacy of his guests.

He said he has little patience for businesses that profess to offer the glamping experience but do little to upgrade their offerings.

"Nobody is incorporating hospitality, food and beverage and guiding all into one small business," he said. "Instead, people say, 'I have a couple of yurts, let's do something.'"

Looking into the future, Webb said he'd like to open another Orenda in the Adirondacks and is searching for property with a water feature. He's also scouring some of the more remote islands in the Caribbean and near Puerto Rico for an "Island Orenda." Similar to what he has established in the Adirondacks, he'd like to build a resort that blends local history, culture and native food into the natural environment.

Christopher's ashes are spread over Orenda, reminding Webb of the pact he made with his brother. Asked what Christopher might think of the work that has gone into Orenda, Webb choked back tears.

"He'd be pretty amazed. He'd be impressed we put something together that is so in tune with the environment and gives people the chance to dial out," Webb said. "It's going to be a successful retreat for years and years to come."



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The Elk Lake Lodge is located in New York State's Adirondacks, about four and a half hours from the Throgs Neck Bridge.

# Last-minute road trips from Long Island

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By LAUREN CHATTMAN, Special to Newsday

If you never got around to planning a summer break, there are plenty of beaches, mountains, vineyards and amusement parks you can explore, all within driving distance of Long Island. Here are a few trips for the last-minute planner with a car.

## Camp out



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If a rustic vacation by a cool Adirondack lake appeals, head to a camp or cottage compound in upstate New York, where you can fish, canoe or just sit on the shore and contemplate nature. Canvas tents at **Camp Orenda** ([camporenda.com](http://camporenda.com), 347-287-7359, \$190 for adults, \$100 for children per night) are outfitted with beds, linens and towels. Wood-burning stoves in each cabin come with stacked firewood. Three meals a day are provided by the staff, who cook by a campfire and pack lunches for daytime excursions. On-site activities include kayaking, archery, fishing, swimming, and arts and crafts for kids.

### Plan a wine trail holiday



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Follow New York State's **Seneca Lake Wine Trail** ([senecalakewine.com](http://senecalakewine.com)), a series of more than 30 wineries, to discover the Northeast's largest wine-producing region. Bikes are available for rent ([genevabikes.com](http://genevabikes.com)). At [fingerlakes.org](http://fingerlakes.org) you'll find downloadable routes that take you past wineries, historic sites or antiques stores. Or take a hike in Watkins Glen State Park, where you'll see some of the gorges and waterfalls the area is famous for. The SheQuaGa Falls, in the town of Watkins Glen, are lit up at night and become a spectacular background for an evening stroll after dinner at the Blue Pointe Grill, in the deluxe Watkins Glen Harbor Hotel ([watkinsglenharborhotel.com](http://watkinsglenharborhotel.com), 607-535-6116). The restaurant has one of the area's best local wine lists. For thoughtful pairings of wine and casual food, try the Red Newt Bistro, in the winery of the same name ([rednewt.com](http://rednewt.com)). In addition to bigger hotels, lakeside cabins and motels such as the recently renovated Savannah House ([savannahhousevacation.com](http://savannahhousevacation.com), 607-243-7787, rooms start at \$159 a night through October) abound. Some wineries, including the Inn at Miles Wine Cellars ([mileswinecellars.com](http://mileswinecellars.com), 607-243-7742, rooms from \$225 a night), offer B&B accommodations. About 5 hours from the Throgs Neck Bridge.

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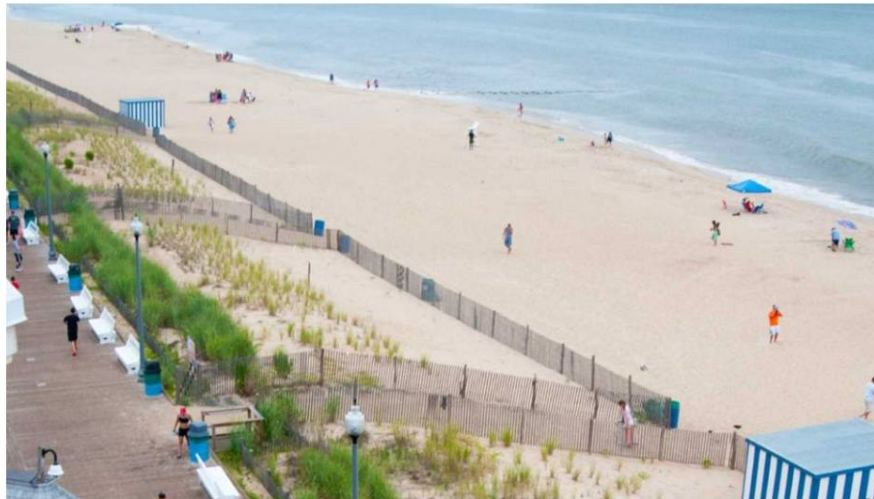




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History buffs will love **Portsmouth, a quaint little New Hampshire city**. Stroll the Colonial-era downtown's cobblestone streets, visit its historic houses (William Whipple, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, lived here), churches (George Washington worshipped at the North Congregational Church in 1789), and Strawberry Banke ([strawberrybanke.org](http://strawberrybanke.org), 603-433-1100), an outdoor museum with 10 acres of historic buildings dating from 1695. Shop for 17th-century candlesticks at Ed Weissman Antiques ([edweissmanantiques.com](http://edweissmanantiques.com), 603-431-7575) and vintage cameos at Ingather (603-924-2550, [ingatherhome.com](http://ingatherhome.com)). Sail on the Piscataqua, a reproduction of a traditional flat-bottom barge ([gundalow.org](http://gundalow.org), 603-433-9505). For the athletically inclined, there are kayak and stand-up paddleboard tours of local waterways (603-559-1000, [portsmouthkayak.com](http://portsmouthkayak.com)). Hungry? Portsmouth is a food town. Perfect burgers can be found at Lexie's Joint ([lexiesjoint.com](http://lexiesjoint.com), 603-319-4055). For fancier fare including house-made charcuterie, chocolate and chili-rubbed shortribs with blackberry bacon jam, try Mombo ([momborestaurant.com](http://momborestaurant.com), 603-433-2340). Getting a last-minute room at a chain hotel isn't difficult, but with a little luck you may score a bed at the Hotel Portsmouth, a Queen Anne Victorian mansion with 32 rooms, from \$189 a night ([thehotelportsmouth.com](http://thehotelportsmouth.com), 603-433-1200). About 4 1/2 hours from the Throgs Neck Bridge.

### Discover a new beach



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There's no reason to limit your enjoyment of Atlantic beaches to Long Island. Head to **Rehoboth Beach, Delaware**, where you'll find an old-fashioned seaside atmosphere, including a boardwalk with amusements, go-carts and funnel cakes galore. Take a drive north to Cape Henlopen State Park for a less commercial place to park your blanket. Either way, pack your beach bag with picnic fixings from world-class Morgan & Gower Cheesemongers (302-727-5566, [morganandgower.com](http://morganandgower.com)). Or grab gourmet sandwiches to go at Grub Grocery (302-226-4782, [grubgrocery.com](http://grubgrocery.com)). If it looks like rain, tour the nationally acclaimed Dogfish Head Craft Brewery ([dogfish.com](http://dogfish.com), 302-694-4000). At night, the Rehoboth Beach Film Society ([fbk.org](http://fbk.org), 302-645-0000) screens first-run indie films at the beachhead

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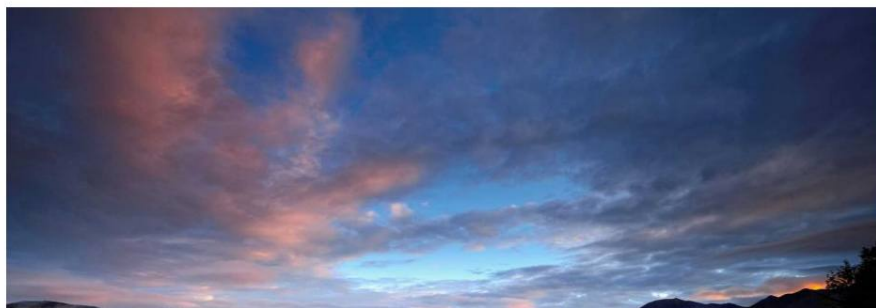
### Spoil the kids



(Credit: Dorney Park and Wildwater Kingdom)

For a classic family trip that includes plenty of thrill rides and water slides, pack your kids in the car and drive them to Allentown, Pennsylvania, where you will find everything they've been begging for at **Dorney Park and Wildwater Kingdom** ([dorneypark.com](http://dorneypark.com), 610-395-3724). With eight roller coasters, from the old-fashioned wooden ThunderHawk to the floorless Hydra, there's a ride for all tastes. New this summer is the Snake Pit, six consecutive water slides sure to keep you cool. You might splurge on Fast Lane Plus passes (buy them ahead of time, online). Smaller children will love the Crayola Experience ([crayolaexperience.com](http://crayolaexperience.com), 610-515-8000) in nearby Easton, where they can play and create with melted crayon wax, animate their crayon drawings on a big screen and shop the world's largest selection of crayons. After a day of amusements, Mom and Dad might need a drink. The whole family will enjoy Allentown Brew Works ([thebrewworks.com](http://thebrewworks.com), 610-433-7777), where the brewery's signature beers are served with a menu of beer- and kid-friendly food. Or take a 10-minute drive to Bethlehem, to the Mint Gastropub ([bethlehemmint.com](http://bethlehemmint.com), 610-419-3810), which pours beer from around the world to go with upscale comfort food. Wind down with a family-friendly first-run movie at Becky's Drive In (610-767-2249; [beckysdi.com](http://beckysdi.com)). The Wingate By Wyndham Allentown ([wingatehotels.com](http://wingatehotels.com), 610-366- 1600, rooms from \$129 a night) is near Dorney Park's entrance. About an hour and 45 minutes from the Holland Tunnel.

### Head to an Adirondacks resort



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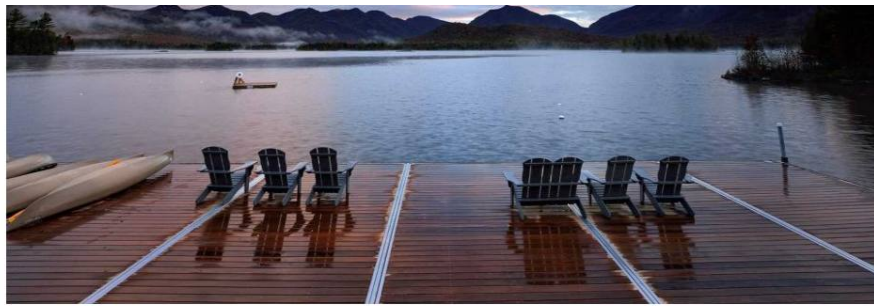


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If you like your wilderness with a side of luxury, check out **Elk Lake Lodge** in New York State's Adirondacks ([elklakelodge.com](http://elklakelodge.com), 518-532-7616, rooms from \$145 a person, cottages from \$450 a night), an inn with eight private cabins. The resort sits on Clear Pond Preserve and includes 40 miles of private trails. Rowboats, kayaks and canoes are provided. Rates include breakfast and dinner served around a huge stone fireplace in the lodge's dining room, plus a packed trail lunch. About 4 1/2 hours from the Throgs Neck Bridge.

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# Some Wall Streeters Are Skipping The Hamptons For This Luxury Camp Ground In The Adirondacks

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Not every Wall Streeter is into spending their summer weekends with sand, surf, and New York City club transplants — i.e. The Hamptons.

For those who prefer a more rustic getaway, Camp Orenda in the Adirondacks has become a solid alternative.

Yes, there are gorgeous vistas — like Crane Mountain, one of the few mountains in the eastern U.S. that has a natural large lake on top — a river, three-tiered waterfall, and other examples of the upstate New York's natural beauty.

But the most important thing about Orenda that it's incredibly luxurious.

Think steaming hot showers, tents with gorgeous full beds, and farm-to-table anything (or gluten-free, or kosher, or whatever you need). The point was to create a camping experience for people who can't keep camping gear in their tiny NYC apartment — and that you never have to open your wallet once you get to camp.

Some call this concept "glamping" (glamour plus camping), though Orenda founder David Webb dislikes the term. It's a tradition that predates the term by a long time anyway.

"If there's ever a true founder of the glamping concept its those old style Robber Barons," said Webb. "They took pride in going into the back country and doing it in style and comfort."

Of course, the Robber Barons took about 150 servants with them, and Orenda does it with a staff of about five. They also probably didn't do yoga along with their kayaking, hiking, and archery.

Either way, it's working. Last year, The New York Times put Orenda on its 46 places to visit list, and since that time visits to the camp have shot up 300%.



Camp Orenda

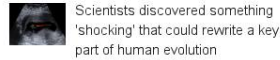
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# Romantic getaways without kids

By Eileen Ogintz · Published February 07, 2012 · FoxNews.com



Where's the music?

We succumbed to the sales pitch for the "romantic," albeit pricey gondola ride early one evening on Venice's famed canals, but our gondolier, decked out in the traditional striped shirt, didn't sing, much less talk to us.

I don't think he spoke English and our Italian didn't go beyond buon giorno. Still it was fun gliding on the narrow canals past Marco Polo's house, Mozart's House, the famous Bridge of Sighs (legend has it, that the bridge takes its name from the sighs of prisoners stealing their last look at freedom before making their way to their cells from the Doges Palace.)

As for the romance, honestly, we just laughed at the kitschy-ness of it all. At least we could relax and not worry about the kids' reaction -- (so lame ... I can't believe you spent money for this!) That entire trip to [Italy](#) and [Croatia](#), in part on a [Windstar Cruise](#) last fall, was full of moments like that -- just-us time, sans kids -- no sibling squabbles to mediate, no children's opinions, no juggling different agendas, no playing psychologist, nurse and cook.

Of course, I love traveling with my children, their pals and various other pint-sized relatives. I do it all the time. (Read my trip [diary](#) about our most recent family trip, sailing in the Caribbean.)

But there's something deliciously decadent about an adult-only trip, whether you manage just a night away in a nearby hotel (Affinia has a "Kiss and Tell" deal starting at \$139 in New York City and Washington, D.C., \$149 in [Chicago](#), complete with a list of the most romantic spots to kiss) or a trip of a lifetime to Patagonia. ([Tierra Patagonia](#) offers guided adventures during the day -- think horseback rides to view nesting Andean Condors -- and luxurious accommodations at night in the 40-room lodge, complete with signature spa treatments.)

If you choose instead a few days of kicking back in the sun or on the slopes, rather than the practical condo, opt for a quaint B&B like the [Red Clover Inn](#) in Killington,

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"Even a few days alone can help couples recharge and reconnect with each other," said Dr. David Fassler, a child and adolescent psychiatrist and professor at the University of Vermont Medical School. No wonder nearly 70 percent of travelers polled last summer said their personal romantic relationships would benefit if they vacationed more together, Hotwire reports. So this Valentine's Day, instead of the chocolate and flowers, give your significant other a promise of a just-us, guilt-free break in the months to come.

"Letting your kids stay home while you go away can also support their growing sense of independence and autonomy," Dr. Fassler added. "Although kids certainly miss their parents, short-term separations can actually enhance resiliency by helping them develop new coping skills." So now that you've let go of the guilt, where to go?

Obviously somewhere you won't be surrounded by other people's children. Consider the, adult-only new [Travaasa](#) resorts in Hawaii and Austin, Texas that integrate local activities and organic culinary programs. The 29-room [Kenwood Inn and Spa](#), located in Sonoma, Calif., respectfully has a no-children policy, which, they promise, will enhance romance. Did I mention the guests-only restaurant serves farm-fresh, Italian-inspired cuisine?

Since you don't have to worry about the kids' happiness, try something you've never done. Take a glass-blowing class with the [Hotel Murano's](#) Hot Piece of Glass Package in Tacoma, Wash., which has emerged as the center of the American art glass movement. Put your romance on ice and go ice fishing with your honey and then cuddle up at the [Blue Harbor Resort](#) and Spa on Lake Michigan. Located in Sheboygan, Wis., the Blue Harbor is just two hours from Chicago. Climb one of St. Lucia's famous pitons or zipline under the stars in Antigua. Be a castaway for a day on a deserted island in the [Bahamas](#), complete with beach chairs, drinks and lunch, of course. ([Island Routes Caribbean Adventure Tours](#) can arrange it all.)

Learn all about the farm-to-table movement from the resident forager at the [Ocean House](#) in Watch Hill, R.I., where you can take an "In the Kitchen" workshop focused on seasonal ingredients. (The deluxe hotel has a first-rate spa, too, and you can snare good off-season deals.) See more of Italy than Renaissance art and churches with customized [Country Bred Encounters](#) tours, whether you want to make parmesan cheese on a cheese farm or make ceramics with a master in Umbria. Combine gourmet dining, wine with the adrenaline rush of river rafting with [O.A.R.S](#) on special Wine on the River Tours. Go camping -- without all of the work -- with [El Capitan Canyon](#).

Along California's central coast, you'll stay in a furnished safari tent and pick up your barbecue kit at the Canyon Market. At [Orenda](#) in the Lake George area of New York's Adirondacks, all meals are provided and outdoor activities are customized.

Volunteer working with children in [Cambodia](#), playing with lions in [Zambia](#) or building a house in [Uganda](#). [Go Volunteering](#) offers many options.

As for us, in Europe, we had a blast without the kids doing things they would have never considered -- like our overpriced gondola-without-the-music tour of Venice.

Sometimes a little imperfection, I told the kids, just adds to the romance.

For more on Eileen's trip without the kids to Europe, read her [trip diary](#) and also follow "taking the kids" on Twitter, where Eileen Ogintz welcomes your questions and comments.

Eileen Ogintz is the creator of the syndicated column and website [Taking the Kids](#).



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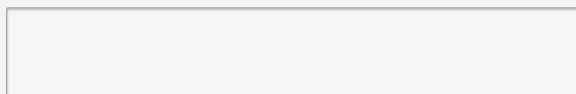
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The Adirondacks have been a luxury vacation destination for over a century. Today there are countless wonderful properties in the region that continue the tradition. One such is The Point resort at Saranac Lake in upstate New York, which was once one of the 'great camps' of William Rockefeller.

The Point is located in the mountains on a 10-acre peninsula on Upper Saranac Lake. You get the expected Adirondack furnishings in a setting that revives the 19th century luxury experience of yesteryear. You'll find eleven different room layouts in four different buildings, each with stone fireplaces, private baths, antique furnishings, and a tranquil location that can rarely be matched. The designs are rustic, but never lacking in amenities.

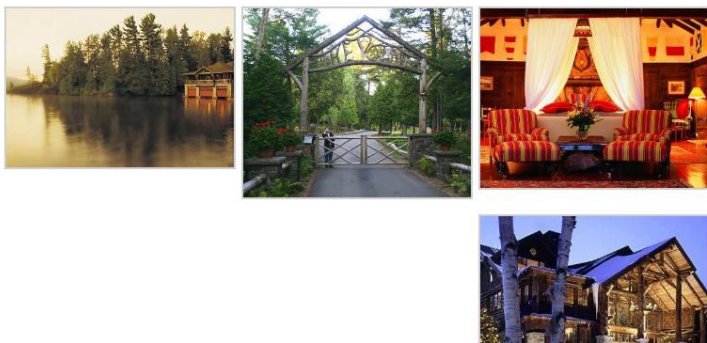
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The Point aims for peace and quiet (no TVs in the rooms!).

The Point has its own top-notch restaurant, plus extensive spa services.

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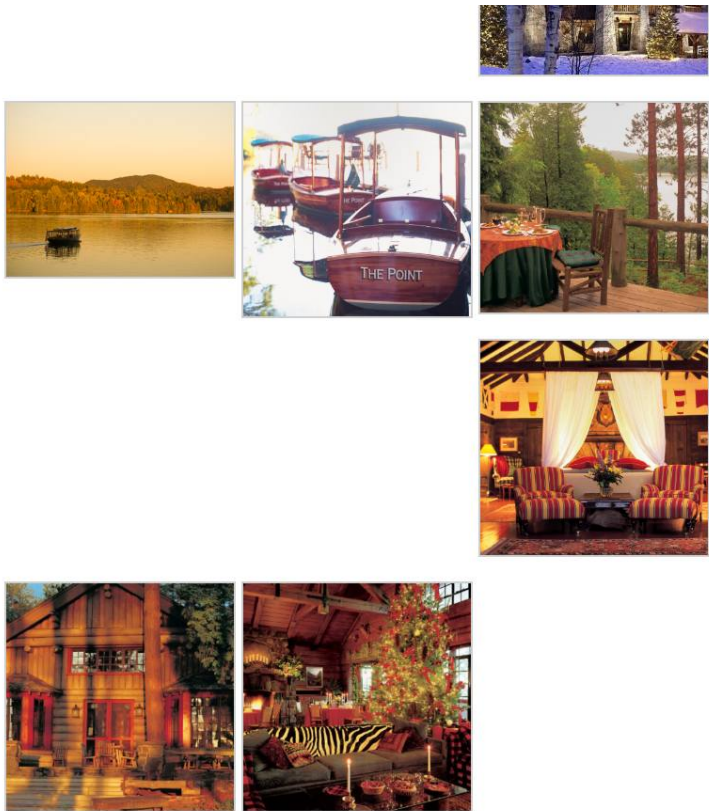
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# Everyone's in the Hamptons This Summer, So Go Glamping Instead

You don't have to go far to find glamorous campgrounds, ranging from tree houses to yurts.

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Camp Orenda. (Photo: Orenda).

Glamping, or glamorous camping, is the latest way to gain Instagram followers. After all, there's nothing as authentic as pretending you enjoy the great outdoors for a weekend, while everyone else is in the Hamptons. Whether you're looking for a romantic yurt for two, a tipi for the kids or a tent with beds more comfortable than your own, there are options statewide. If "rustic" and "luxurious" are the words you'd use to describe your aesthetic, glamping might be just the vacation you need.

Trying to convince your new significant other that you're low-key? Suggest glamping—you'll still be able to blow dry your hair and charge your phone, but can frolic in a nearby lake with ample photo opportunities. While some of the destinations on [Glamping Hub](#)—otherwise known as Airbnb for nature lovers—are more rustic than glamorous, others give glampground-goers the chance to double as amateur Free People models and leave Manhattan behind for the weekend.

**Glamp in a barn.**

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Welcome to Tivoli. (Photo: Glamping Hub)

This “Beautifully Renovated Barn in Upstate New York” sounds like something out of a hipster’s dream journal. The “rustic” (but of course) barn has been renovated by local artisans. There’s a pond, yoga deck and three whole fire pits for all your selfie needs. If you’re not exactly in the market for a romantic getaway and don’t have time to Tinder your way to a soulmate this summer, the barn sleeps a maximum of six guests in five different beds on three levels, so there’s no need to have a couple’s retreat—or, some of your friends can, separately. And, for the truly eco-conscious, even the sheets are organic.

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Treehouse living in Cayuga Lake. (Photo: Glamping Hub)

Don’t have time to venture to an adult summer camp for a booze-filled long weekend? Instead, try a treehouse—but with modern plumbing. This Cayuga Lake getaway has not one, but two treehouse cabin rentals. Don’t worry, though...both tree houses have air conditioning and heating, so unless you went to the most elegant of sleepaway camps, it is quite the departure from arts and crafts, gymnastics filled schedules.

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The organic farm from afar. (Photo: Glamping Hub)

The amateur chefs in your family can make use of their agricultural prowess on this organic farm in the Catskill Mountains. You will, however, have to stay in a tent for the opportunity to enjoy the organic farm nearby. Luckily, each tent has a bathroom and a stove, so it's not exactly roughing it. There are no outlets, so expect to digital detox after your hike. (Or bring your own portable charger.) Unfortunately, the lack of outlets means you won't be able to photograph the flock of sheep and assorted turkeys who also spend time on the farm.

**Glamp in a yurt.**

A yurt is like camping, only with doors. (Photo: Harmony Hill Lodging and Retreat Center)

This yurt tucked away in the Catskill Mountains is far more glamorous than the

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This yurt tucked away in the Catskill mountains is far more glamorous than the usual nomadic tent, since it houses a modern bath and full kitchen, along with an open deck. No one has to know that it has French doors. Your Facebook friends will be wildly impressed that you went so off-the-beaten path for your summer vacation. If the yurt isn't quite your style, because it's a bit too close to actual camping, Harmony Hill Lodging and Retreat Center also offers a fully equipped cabin. You could always lie and simply stay there, instead.



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Interested in camping out under the stars, but not too keen on pitching a tent and sleeping on the ground? Now imagine that your camping quarters featured a king bed with luxury linens, heated wood floors, deep soaking tub and expansive mountain views. Sounds a lot more like honeymoon heaven, right?

Thanks to one of the hottest trends in the eco-boutique segment of the hotel industry, newlyweds can now choose from a multitude of glamping opportunities all over the U.S. and Canada. Below, we've highlighted seven upscale resorts that offer a most memorable — and comfortable — honeymoon getaway.



### The Resort at Paws Up (Greenough, Montana)

At this sprawling resort just east of Missoula, couples can choose between six glamping tents, each fitted with a king bed, jetted tubs/showers, and luxury resort amenities. Honeymooners will definitely want to book the Tango Point tent. In addition to its prime location along the banks of the scenic Blackfoot River, the suite comes with heated slate floors, a dining pavilion with fireplace and lounge, plus your very own camping butler.

Meanwhile, being situated in the picturesque Blackfoot Valley, newlyweds will enjoy premium access to world-class outdoor activities such as fly fishing, horseback riding, river rafting and hot air ballooning. Honeymoon glamping doesn't get much better than this.

### Dunton Hot Springs Resort (Dolores, Colorado)

Located on the site of a former ghost town in the San Juan Mountains of the Colorado Rockies, this property has seen new life as an acclaimed luxury resort. Newlyweds can indulge in local organic cuisine inside a historic saloon, rejuvenating spa

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treatments, and an endless list of outdoor activities, including a myriad of hot springs.

On top of booking refurbished cabin suites, newlyweds can also select luxury canvas tents via Dunton River Camp. Featured tents at this separate resort area boast wraparound decks, gas stoves, classic soaking tubs and — of course — mile-high views.

#### **El Capitan Canyon (Santa Barbara, California)**

Nested within lush groves of oak and sycamore trees, this 350-acre camping resort in Southern California offers unique nature accommodations via cedar cabins and luxury tents. Standout safari tents come with willow beds, down-style duvets, western-inspired blankets, and casual furnishings. The property is a popular pick among couples taking advantage of the region's many year-round outdoor pursuits, especially beach excursions, hiking trips and wine country outings.

#### **Camp Orenda (Johnsburg, New York)**

Newlyweds sticking to the East Coast can now find a luxury camping experience in their neck of the woods. Camp Orenda, set in the heart of Adirondack State Park, features spacious canvas cabins furnished with Adirondack (naturally) furniture, wood-burning stoves and comfy queen beds.

Couples can also expect a memorable stay with amenities like open flame fireside dining and farm-to-table cuisine. Meanwhile, get ready for unforgettable days spent kayaking, fishing, and zip lining before returning to super cozy accommodations.

#### **Clayoquot Wilderness Resort (British Columbia, Canada)**

Accessed only by seaplane or boat, this upscale eco-safari destination on Vancouver Island is hard to beat. On top of dozens of unique wilderness experiences (grizzly bear watching anyone?), the resort boasts out-of-this-world glamping thanks to giant white canvas tents furnished with wood stoves, oil lamps, and antique furniture.

#### **Fireside Resort (Jackson Hole, Wyoming)**

Conveniently located about six miles from Teton Village, Fireside Resort merges the comforts of a luxury hotel room with familiar camping ambiance. After a day hitting the slopes or exploring backwoods trails, couples can return to an ultra-comfortable king size bed, luxury linens and a romantic campfire complete with s'mores.

#### **Moab Under Canvas (Moab, Utah)**

Located just minutes from both Arches and Canyonlands National Parks, Moab Under Canvas is a perfect retreat for couples seeking a bit of honeymoon adventure. Both locales are ultimate destinations for hiking, biking and rock climbing, among many other thrilling activities.

When it comes to accommodations, glamping suites have private ensuite bathrooms, an entire bedroom wing inside the tent with a king size bed, a lounge area, and a wood burning stove with complimentary firewood. Once the sun sets at Moab, prepare for some of the best stargazing you'll ever get to see.

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# Glamping Hub Discovers the Fountain of Youth in the Trees

Leading Luxury Camping and Alternative Accommodations Booking Platform Sees Significant Increase in Tree House Reservations Over the Last Year

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Glamping Hub, the world's largest booking platform for **glamping** around the globe has discovered what parents and other adults really want when it comes to travel: to destress and unwind, to be pampered, to rekindle relationships and, most importantly, to recall the thrill of youthful adventure. Answer to their pleas? The tree house.

Reservations on GlampingHub.com of tree houses have increased from 8% to 11% of total reservations over the last year, with projections that they will increase to 15% by the end of 2013. It is the fastest growing category of accommodations on the site.

The blooming travel niche of glamping is providing a much-craved resource to not only match the ever growing demand for one-of-a-kind and off-the-grid lodging, but to also respond to adults' Peter Pan syndrome.

David Webb from Camp Orenda in New York, one of Glamping Hub's most popular glamping sites, has noticed an increasing number of parents who stay at his site after they drop off their kids on summer camp. "It's like they are looking for their own adult camp experience," Webb claims.

Luxury camping offerings include sprawling safari tents with wild animals practically at your door; cozy, fairytale yurts and mountainside hobbit holes built to ignite more than just the spark in the crackling wood stove; and soaring **tree houses** with uncanny views on the outside and all of the comforts of home on the inside.

Co-Founder of Glamping Hub, Ruben Martinez, says that, "The tree house is the perfect combination of luxury, thrill, romance, youth, and home. You can literally leave the world behind as you climb up into the canopy and the rest is pure exhilaration and sheer joy. Adults feel like staying in a tree house is like a trip back to their childhood, with a modern and often quirky twist."

Many glamping sites like tree houses are adult-focused and luxurious, but have elements that are reminiscent of childhood. These are extremely attractive to parents and other adults as they are looking to escape the wild kingdom of their households, and venture out into a whole different kind of wilderness, but with a level of pampering and indulgence only bill payers and carpool drivers could appreciate. Adults are taking to the wild in droves, seeking a refuge from the grind with a wholly unique experience in nature that will, like Calgon, "take them away", give them a new lease on life, and spark that energy and romance, but also, and most importantly, refuel the passions of youth.

### About Glamping Hub

Launched in 2012, Glamping Hub is the world's first online booking platform offering luxury camping and alternative accommodations on all 5 continents. With over 500 unique glamping sites in 57 countries, and a vast range of prices and amenities, Glamping Hub connects travelers with nature in a whole new way, providing off-the-grid, sustainable and truly one-of-a-kind lodging and outdoor adventure in some of the most breathtaking landscapes on earth. For more information, please visit [glampinghub.com](http://glampinghub.com).



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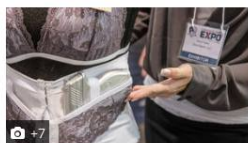
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outdoor shower, a communal fire pit, organic garden, walking trails and endless outdoor activities. Take a tour of **Orenda** at [this link](#).

At **Orenda**, guests will enjoy privacy in six spacious yet cozy custom canvas cabins, accommodating one to four guests and thoughtfully placed in their own unique, natural setting, offering calm and solace for all. Guests will enjoy the sounds of the Adirondack wild – birds chirping, a babbling brook, fire crackling and a mountain breeze rustling the leaves, as they sleep beneath the stars. Orenda's custom cabin variations offer the choice of one queen bed or two single beds and children can be provided a smaller bed upon request. The canvas cabins are outfitted with Adirondack inspired furnishings and amenities including plush down comforters, pillows, fresh linens and clean towels. Wood burning stoves, and stocked split firewood is also provided for that warm rustic feel.

Guests will also enjoy the simple yet essential comforts of Orenda's bath house and tranquil heated outdoor shower. Rustic in design, modern in function, the bath house is centrally located on the property, featuring two bathrooms and a wash sink offering fresh water, and electrical outlets. The heated outdoor shower is located in a private and tranquil setting, and features a traditional style design that includes a water tower and local cedar built enclosure. Guests will shower in privacy while enjoying the setting and fresh air of the great outdoors. **Orenda** proudly provides Kiss My Face brand bath amenities for guests – an all-natural, cruelty-free and environmentally-friendly body care line.

Taking the concept of camping to a whole new level, **Orenda** offers a portfolio of exciting outdoor activities both on-site and off property, led by licensed guides. The team at **Orenda** develops personalized itineraries for each guest, based on their specific interests and abilities. All-inclusive on-site activities available at **Orenda** include kayaking, canoeing, hiking, swimming and archery. New this season for the kids and family, Orenda is also offering t-shirt tie-dyeing and nature walks programs for an additional fee.

Additional off-site activities include white-water rafting down the Hudson River, rock-climbing, horseback riding, mountain biking and guided excursions. Orenda now also offers on site massage therapy, featuring a menu of Adirondack-inspired treatments in a relaxing wilderness environment.

**Orenda** has made it a tradition to bring hearty and healthy meals to the great outdoors. Guests are provided breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks daily, prepared by **Orenda's** talented culinary staff. With organic and farm fresh always in mind, Orenda has partnerships with local farms to ensure all ingredients are of high quality and local, whenever possible. Gourmet meals are prepared over an open-flame using traditional cast iron skillets and Dutch ovens. Diners will devour specialties such as fresh baked goods, grilled panini sandwiches, Fruits of the Forest Flap Jacks, Farmers Omelete, Center Cut Pork Chop with rosemary infusion, the Blue Mountain Sirloin Burger, Skillet Roasted Crimini Mushrooms stuffed with local goat cheese and fresh herbs, Char-Grilled BBQ Free-Range Chicken and their famous Slow Roasted Dutch Oven Pulled Pork. Beverages available to guests include bottled water, soft drinks and a variety of fresh juices. Wine and beer is not provided but a refrigerator and glassware is available for guests' use.

**Orenda** is also an ideal location for distinctive outdoor events and offers a variety of customized on-site options for wedding ceremonies and receptions, corporate retreats, team-building and family reunions.

All-inclusive rates at **Orenda** start at \$190 per adult/per night and \$100 per child/per night (under 10). For more information about **Orenda**, or to make your reservation, please visit [www.orenda.com](#)



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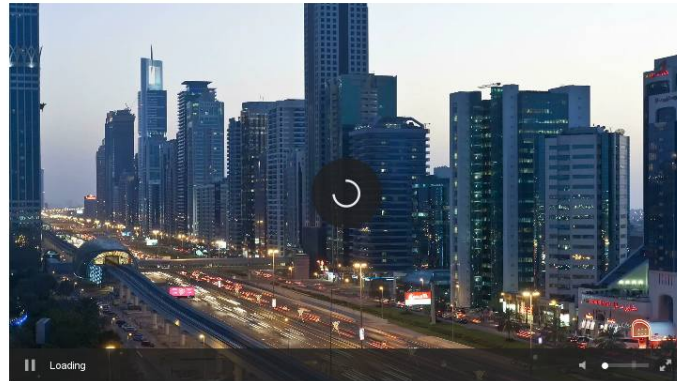
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Lake George is a road trip-worthy destination from Long Island, filled with everything from old-fashioned rustic resorts to the high-end magisterial beauty that is [The Sagamore Resort](#). The lake itself is an oasis of maritime enjoyment, with paddle boat and jet ski rentals, parasailing adventures and sunset voyages on the Minne-Ha-Ha, Lake George's regal steamboat.

Generations of families have created sacred traditions of packing up and heading north on the New York State Thruway to the scenic lakeside town. Even if I Spy and repeated renditions of "The Song That Never Ends" have (thankfully) given way to a rotation of Disney films on portable DVD players and iPads in backseats, this well-worn path from Long Island to Lake George is one that has earned its status as the consummate gateway to family togetherness.

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For rustic accommodations, you can pack up your tent in the back of your minivan and head out to one of the many campsites that dot the majestic lake. Check out [Camp Orenda](#) or [Country Haven Campground](#) for a truly pastoral experience.

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*The Honda Odyssey has plenty of room to fit your entire family comfortably on the trek up to Lake George. Head down to Atlantic Honda and Millennium Honda and drive one home today!*



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For a more casual and family friendly feast, check out the restaurant popular among locals—[The Log Jam Restaurant](#). Fresh steak and seafood abound, along with hearty burgers and sandwiches. Don't skip the smashed potatoes! For a real treat, try the homemade desserts, like the crème caramel.

For a full list of everything to do/see/experience on Lake George, check out [visitlakegeorge.com](#).

The sun is shining, the kids will be off from school this month—it's the perfect time to slide into your new Honda Odyssey and hit the road!

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