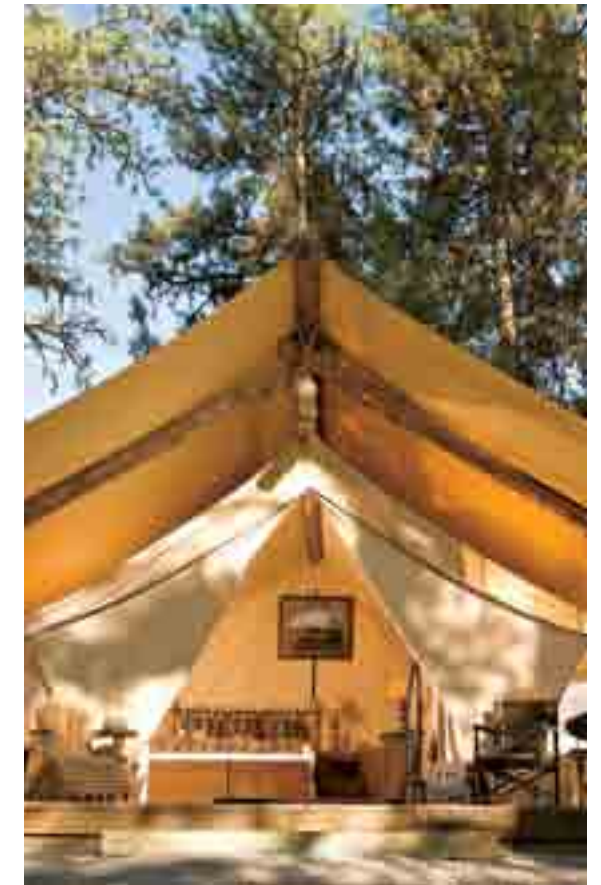


Rest in luxury while overlooking the confluence of Montana's Blackfoot River and Elk Creek.



CAMP COMFORT

◀ The Resort at Paws Up, Montana

40060 Paws Up Rd., Greenough; 406-244-5200; pawsup.com



Daily rates start at \$900 and go up and up to nearly \$3,000. Price includes three daily meals.

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GET THERE

The resort is about a half-hour drive from Missoula International Airport and offers complimentary round-trip transportation.

Have someone else do the dirty work at these glam campsites

BY MARIDEL REYES FOR USA TODAY

NOT THE TYPE TO ROUGH IT? CAN'T TELL A COMPASS FROM A CANTEN? You can still bask in the beauty of the great outdoors without missing out on the comforts of a luxury hotel at these resorts.

THE RESORT AT PAWS UP, MONTANA

The Resort at Paws Up in Greenough, Mont., may be only a half-hour drive from Missoula International Airport, but it feels absolutely remote and is breathtakingly picturesque. *A River Runs Through It*, which won an Oscar for best cinematography in 1993, was filmed here.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF BY THE RESORT AT PAWS UP

Sprawled over 37,000 acres of wilderness in Montana's Blackfoot Valley, Paws Up is the only luxury ranch resort in the state. It has a working cattle ranch and first-class accommodations.

Guests can stay in a luxurious safari-style canvas tent. Decor includes oil paintings and Persian rugs, and the adjoining bathroom has a tub with jets and

a shower. Other perks include electricity, laundry service, cellphone and Internet connections, and a nightly bonfire with s'mores. If that's not enough, a chef and a camping butler will meet you halfway to your tent with iced tea, fruit, and freshly baked cookies.

The tent's canvas doors can be pulled back to reveal the stunning

natural beauty of the Montana landscape. Rushing rivers, trickling streams, and those gorgeous Montana pines are just steps away.

Fishing, group yoga classes, hiking, geocaching, and pony rides cost nothing extra. For an extra fee, you can sign up for hot-air ballooning, archery, ATV tours, and cattle driving. >>



A mining town turned ghost town turned high class resort, Dunton was purchased by current owners in 1994.

DUNTON HOT SPRINGS RESORT, COLORADO

Across the mountain from Telluride, Colo., lies a fully restored mining town nestled in a breathtaking Colorado Rockies valley.

Drive up to the resort on a dirt road. There's more than meets the eye. Rustic, hand-hewn cabins—some built by the original miners in the 1800s—circle a main saloon and dance hall. They look simple, but inside you'll find elegant antiques and luxe, modern bathrooms. One cabin has the bathtub from the town's brothel.

Slide into a robe and walk over to one of the unsulfured hot springs, which range in temperature from 85 to 106 degrees. There are different ways to take a dip: inside the restored bathhouse, under the stars at the source, in the river, and in some of the cabins.

Power down your cell; there's no reception in these parts anyway. (Don't panic: Each room has a landline phone and fast wireless Internet connection.)

Head over to the Main Saloon for breakfast, a multi-course lunch, and dinner. Most of the ingredients are seasonal and local, and some even come from the resort's farm and vineyard. The chef graciously handles food allergies, dietary restraints, and special requests.



◀ Dunton Hot Springs Resort, Colorado

52068 West Fork Rd. #38, Dolores; 877-228-4674; duntonhotsprings.com



Cabins starts at \$900 per night and climb as high as \$1800 during peak summer months. Meals and beverages are included in the cost.

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GET THERE

Fly into Denver and connect to Telluride, Durango, Cortez, or Montrose.

After a day or two, you'll notice that staffers are so attuned to your preferences that they'll bring your coffee just the way you like it. Post-dinner, you can go to the bar for a nightcap and search for Butch Cassidy's name etched in the bar's scarred wood.

Depending on the season, guests can spend the day horseback riding in the Rockies or touring the Sutcliffe Vineyards winery. Fly-fish in a private 9-mile stretch of the Dolores River. Try white-water rafting, hiking, or mountain biking in the San Juan mountains. Go rock climbing or take an archaeological tour of the desert. In the winter, outdoor activities include snowshoeing, helicopter skiing, dog sledding, and ice climbing. >>

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LAKE PLACID LODGE, NEW YORK

Cabin fever? Not here.

At Lake Placid Lodge, the only hotel on Lake Placid (a scenic 5-hour drive north of Manhattan), there's plenty to see and do.

After a devastating fire in 2005 damaged the 19th-century main house, the lodge reopened in 2008. It's decorated with a mix of reclaimed materials, cozy antiques, and furniture and fireplaces made by local craftspeople.

Choose from 30 rooms: five in the main lodge, 17 cabins on the shore of the lake, six suites in the lakeside building, and two cottages overlooking the lake. The Adirondack-chic lakeside log cabins are outfitted with snacks and drinks, deep bathtubs, and a fireplace with stacks of wood.

In the morning, enjoy a farm-to-table breakfast in the main dining room (don't be surprised if you spot a celeb here) or get it delivered to your room via picnic basket. Be sure to order some of the world's best pancakes and top them with the fresh raspberry jam.

On Monday and Wednesday mornings, take a complimentary yoga class on the deck, then choose from activities like kayaking and canoe rentals, touring the lake by boat, mountain

PHOTOS COURTESY OF LAKE PLACID LODGE



Relax and read a book or two. TVs are found only in the pub, which adds to the lodge's tranquil feel.



biking, and hiking. Staff can arrange exclusive perks for you, like cutting to the front of the line at the area's famous Whiteface Mountain ski run or the Olympic bobsled run. If you'd rather be indoors, try a group or one-on-one cooking class with Chef Nathan Rich in the lodge's new teaching kitchen.

After dinner, grab a DIY s'mores bucket filled with fire poker, marshmallows, graham crackers, and quality chocolate and roast your marshmallows at a fire pit just steps from the dock. ■

▲ Lake Placid Lodge, New York

144 Lodge Way, Lake Placid; 518-523-2700; lakeplacidlodge.com



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Average nightly rates start at \$500 and can go as high as \$1,850. Room rate includes breakfast, nightly turn-down service, and on-site activities.



GET THERE

The lodge is about 20 minutes from the Adirondack Regional Airport in Saranac Lake, two hours from Burlington (Vt.) International Airport, and two hours from Albany (N.Y.) International Airport.