

DS COURTESY OF THE POINT

Clockwise from left: The decor inside The Boathouse; Adirondack chairs overlooking Upper Saranac Lake; assiette of rabbit with fava beans, preserved lemon and pickled mustard seeds from executive chef Loic Leperlier.



an elegant Nature

There's nothing The Point cannot deliver—except stress.

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That is the point of The Point. For once you pass through the knobby wooden entrance gate in the Adirondacks, a five-hour drive from NYC, you'll

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be immersed in a paradise of gourmet dining, quiet canoe rides, candlelit picnic lunches and sunset boat trips. Goodbye, Earth. Hello, heaven.

"We do not believe in the word 'no," says general manager Cameron Karger. "We have the ability to make guests feel as if this is their private camp, fully

staffed with 50 five-star trained individuals." Comprised of eleven exquisitely decorated rooms, from The Boathouse to the treetop Lookout, The Point was built on Upper Saranac Lake nearly a century ago by William Avery Rockefeller II as a lavish yet rustic retreat for his family. Today, it is a crown jewel Relais & Châteaux property, where the dining scene may be the most brilliant. Each meal and drink are carefully curated to each guest's palate, and every night welcomes yet another celebration in the Great Room, where dinner is offered at a communal table (or privately, if guests prefer). At every turn, impeccably stocked bars and roaring fireplaces greet guests. Creating one-ofa-kind experiences is part of The Point's allure, such as welcoming Ornellaia, an Italian winery, Oct. 26 to 28, for a vino-soaked weekend. Other complimentary amenities include a fleet of Mercedes, which Hollywood celebrity guests have revved up, Kiehl's bath products, exclusive Hardycale linens and cashmere shawls. Just be warned: You may never want to vacation anywhere else again. Room rates from \$1,700 per night, thepointsaranac.com

