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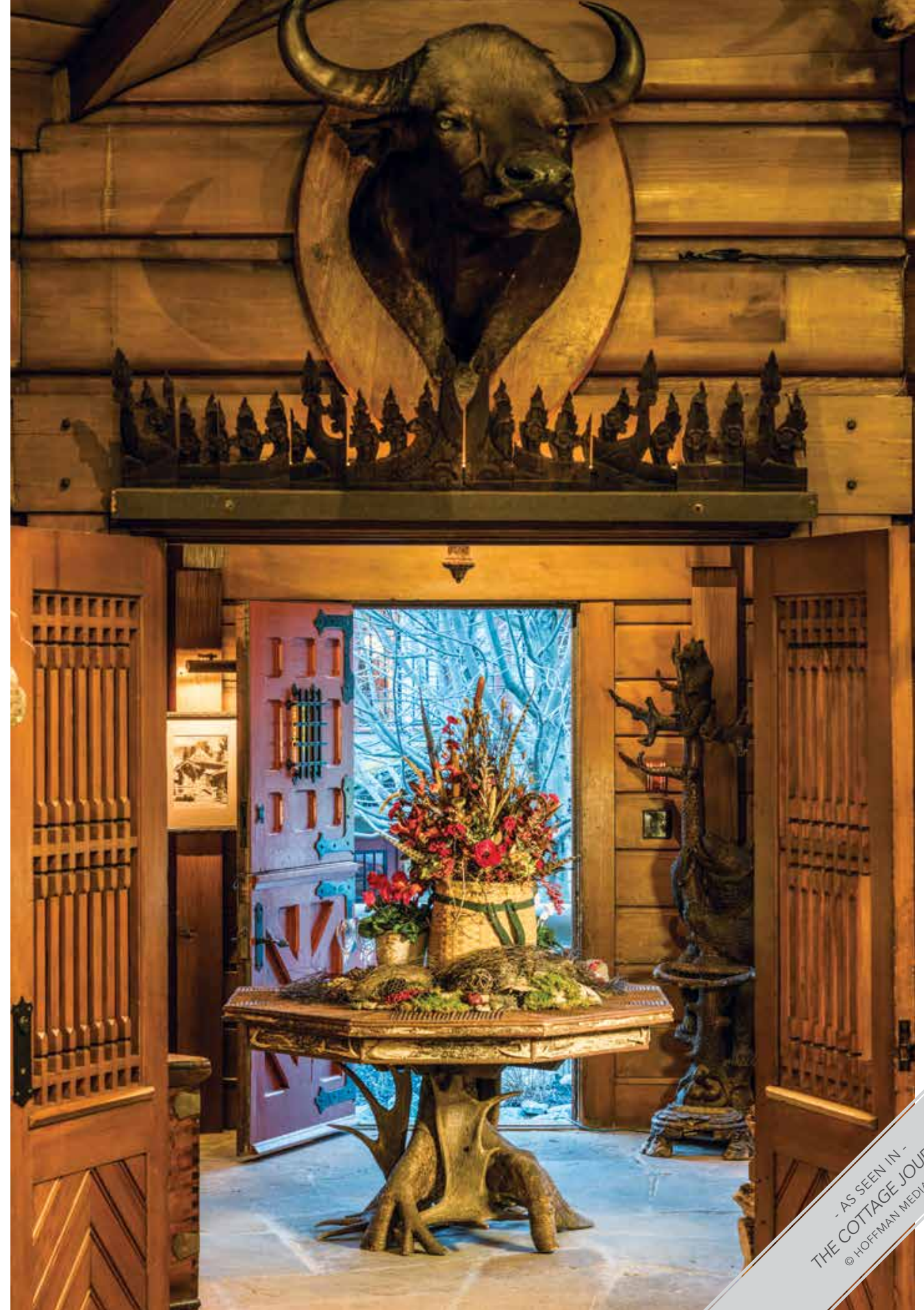


Relax Like a Rockefeller

This winter, cocoon by a crackling fire at the Adirondack Great Camp built by a Rockefeller.



No question about it: William Avery Rockefeller II knew how to enjoy life. Even when he decamped to his Upper Saranac Lake retreat in New York, he brought a coterie of friends along to fill his halls with camaraderie and high spirits. By day, they snowshoed deep into the forest or ice-fished on the frozen lake. By evening, or when they needed to warm up, they snuggled by crackling stone fireplaces to sip wine and delve into a riveting book. You can capture exactly the same ambience at The Point, once Rockefeller's private Great Camp and now an exclusive Relais & Châteaux property on the shores of a glittering lake.



The Point is open to guests year-round, but winter is a particularly magical interlude when powdery snow gently carpets the forest, sugarcoating the boughs of trees on the 75-acre resort. Everything gets its silver lining as guests are lured out onto the solidly frozen lake to follow birch bough-marked trails destined for warming huts and ice bars stocked with beverages to fight off the chill. Cross-country skis, snowshoes, and ice skates are available for the asking; complete novices master curling in no time as gales of laughter echo from shore to shore. Plus, thanks partly to the tradition of dining together at one community table, fast friendships are forged. Of course, you can choose to dine alone rather than don formal dinner attire (or black tie on Wednesday and Saturday evenings when a seven-course meal is served) to sit down together and indulge. But who would want to miss the memorable gatherings? Chef Loic Leperlier was originally trained in Réunion, a French island off the coast of Madagascar, then continued his culinary education in Paris, Ireland, Texas, and Bora Bora before settling at The Point, where he brings his eclectic style to the table. Basically, he can please any palate.

Because it was once a private home, each room is quintessentially unique and imbued with character. Ranging from airy accommodations with expansive views to intimate rooms furnished in fluffy woolens layered on lush linens and leathers, the common denominator is the camp-like mood that prevails. The tradition is to create a sense of coming home, with staff dedicated to making it all happen. Meanwhile, Cameron Karger—The Point's general manager—shares his knowledge as a renowned sommelier to decipher the offerings on the resort's ample wine list.





In keeping with its original purpose, Rockefeller's study features ample bookshelves stocked with riveting reading material all within easy reach of the comfy bed. (Below) To capture the essence of a cabin in the woods, a guest room in the Eagle's Nest building couples rough-cut pine walls and ceiling with birch twigs beside the bed and a working riverstone fireplace. (Opposite) With the beamed dark wood ceiling echoed in the fabric selections and a generous fieldstone fireplace, no wonder the Rockefellers' former master bedroom is a favorite for guests.



For many, The Point has become a tradition. And that was the case for the current owners, who began visiting Saranac Lake 24 years ago. When Pierre and Laurie Lapeyre took The Point under their wing, they oversaw room renovations, hiring interior designer Paige Hammond of Westport Interiors to fit each suite and area with a hunkered-down fusion of Adirondack style and chic that spells pure comfort. In the Main Lodge, William Rockefeller's study and the Rockefellers' master bedroom are available to guests.

The Boathouse is also offered as accommodations. Rooms are fitted with fairy-tale twists such as silver birch tree trunk bedposts, waterfall showers, and claw foot tubs as well as the omnipresent fully functional stone fireplaces.

Sparkling crisp morning mountain air, brisk afternoons traipsing through the snow, cozy evenings tucked in by the fire, and a cornucopia of scrumptious food—it's all meticulously crafted to create a winter wonderland, and that's The Point. 📍

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