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CELEBRATE WINTER WITH THESE 5 UNIQUE GETAWAYS

By CHRIS BUNTING
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ROMANTIC RETREAT

L'Eau al a Bouche Resort, Sainte Adéle, Quebec

Back in 1979, when kids actually got jobs after college, University of Quebec alums Anne Desjardins and Pierre Audette started a little French restaurant in Sainte-Adéle. Bada bing, bada boom, a few years later and the place turns into a luxurious 25-room country inn, gaining entry into the exclusive Relais & Chateaux club. Now, it even has itself a fully functional spa (set in the lush Laurentian forest, just outside of town). Still a restaurant at heart, the food remains its top draw.

Info: from \$185; leaualabouche.com

QUICK ESCAPE

Jedediah Hawkins Inn, Jamesport, NY

Rumor has it that Jedediah's opulent North Fork mansion was a stop along the Underground Railroad for runaway slaves. Others claim the good Union captain was running guns. Either way, his crib was never a dull place to be back in the 1800s. Spared from demolition in 2004, the house was restored to its original good looks (including expansive terraces and porches true to the time) - but updated with flat-screen TVs, WiFi, a Food Network-appearing chef, and a fitness center/spa. Each of the five guestrooms and the single suite overlook a charming pond.

Info: from \$290; jedediahhawkinsinn.com

BACK TO THE LAND

Shearer Hill Farm, Wilmington, VT

If Vermont has a soul, here's where it dwells: baked apples for breakfasts, happy cows mooing, "maple sugaring" ops a-plenty, and hills of sled-ready snow. It's near perfection - if a nuclear bomb went off in the surrounding world, the mushroom cloud would hardly dent the tranquility. It's hard to believe the land beneath this bucolic B&B was once a junkyard. There are just six rooms, each with private bath.

Info: from \$105; shearerhillfarm.com

TAKE THE KIDS

Plattekill Mountain, Roxbury, NY

This is the anti-ski-resort. No corporate suits to answer to. No marketing budget (they spent it on a second snow pump they desperately needed with temps stubbornly refusing to drop). The 35-trail, 3-lift park - the operative word - is one of the few remaining ma-and-pa indies. Of course, none of that will matter to your kids.

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They'll be too busy skiing/snowboarding - 60 percent of the runs are moderate to easy, classes are intimate, and last week there was ample snowfall each morning (finally).

Info: Adult lift tickets are \$46/day, kids over 5 are \$36; plattekill.com.

SPA BREAK

Copperhood Spa, Shandaken, NY

The accommodations are clean and quaint (the "Grand Suite" is done in "Louis XVI" style; i.e. lots of furniture with skinny legs) - but not unlike anything you'll find at most B&Bs. It's the spa that stands out: seven therapy rooms, a 60-foot indoor pool, even a resident psychic on hand to read those newly hydrated and manicured hands of yours. There's a yoga studio and gym, to boot.

Info: doubles from \$285/pp; copperhood.com

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