



## THE POINT

### Saranac Lake, NY, United States

Built for William Avery Rockefeller as a woodland retreat during the heyday of the legendary 19th-century Adirondack Great Camps, it represents a marvellous marriage of rustic simplicity and extraordinary luxury.

It is splendidly located on a 10-acre peninsula on Upper Saranac Lake and boasts understated grandeur that is emblematic of Great Camp style.

The personable and charming general manager's gracious style makes a visit to The Point seem more like a stopover to see old family friends than a stay at a hotel.

Guests may wander into the kitchen to see what's for dinner, or help themselves to a

chilled Pinot Blanc or single-malt scotch from one of the well-stocked bars. Exceptional meals are prepared by the Albert Roux-trained kitchen. In the evenings, the Great Hall is bathed in candlelight, with a fire crackling at one end.

Or you can cosy up beneath blankets and sip a hot toddy around a campfire on the edge of the dark Saranac Lake. Earlier in the day, don't miss the cocktail cruise on the lake.

Bedrooms are divine, with huge picture windows, rustic furniture, a stone fireplace, a king-sized goose-feather bed, deluxe antiques and lake views. The huge bathrooms are gloriously, decadently modern, with enormous tubs, state-of-the-art showers, gleaming fixtures and heated towel racks.

[www.thepointresort.com](http://www.thepointresort.com)

## DANAI BEACH RESORT & VILLAS

### Halkidiki, Greece

This resort, an ultra-smart hotel that boasts a timeless grace, is located in a most beautiful and striking part of northern Greece that's often dubbed the Greek Riviera, a place of white sandy beaches and crystal-clear turquoise waters.

Enjoy the panoramic views of the Aegean Sea's spectacular Pine Coast. The terrace, with white chairs and umbrellas overlooking the ocean, is an incredibly romantic spot at sunset.

The villas are truly decadent, and the rooms tastefully eclectic in style. They come with luxurious interiors featuring Missoni drapes, Fendi pillows, Bulgari toiletries, marble bathrooms and fresh cut flowers.

Try out the cliff-side gourmet restaurant called The Squirrel, which features a daring dégustation menu of molecular gastronomy. The Squirrel is rated among the top restaurants in all of Greece.

During your stay, don't miss a private romantic candlelit dinner on the beach.

The Spa is a cool white enclave with Moroccan touches in bejewelled mosaic tile. Highlights include a cobalt blue water and colour therapy chamber and the gold-toned laconium or "mild sauna."

Service at this resort is impeccable and attracts the Hellenic world's most stylish couples, as well as top international celebrities.

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## SAFFIRE FREYCINET

### Tasmania, Australia

Jaw-droppingly gorgeous, this architectural masterpiece is a Tasmanian retreat for lovers of food, relaxation, and nature

This is a sensational and spell-binding setting, positioned discretely to overlook the Hazards Mountains, on the Freycinet Peninsula, and enjoy the pristine waters of Great Oyster Bay. The resort blends mankind and nature with breathtaking beauty.



Guests wake to a panorama so serene, so gorgeously pure, so pristine in its raw beauty, that it can be said to be truly magical.

The buildings are super-modern, yet reflect the natural environment perfectly. Majestic views are complemented by the sleek rooms' natural materials and clean lines. Furnishings feature an eclectic mix of traditional and contemporary, with locally made wood pieces that sit alongside mid-century classics, including chairs designed by Charles and Ray Eames and Herman Miller.

The restaurant, *Palate*, serves fresh, local, and imaginative food. Menus abound with local oysters, crayfish, scallops, mussels and fish, with herbs and edible flowers grown on-site, and delicious regional products, such as goat cheese, beef and lamb.

In winter, turndown service includes a hot water bottle for the bed and a thermos of hot chocolate – a very thoughtful gesture.

The seductive *Spa Saffire* offers a *Hazards Restoration* massage that utilizes heated pink

granite stones from the feldspar-rich mountains. Utterly divine.

Throughout the resort, the personal service is uncompromising.

[www.saffire-freycinet.com.au](http://www.saffire-freycinet.com.au)

## HOTEL CALA DI VOLPE

### Costa Smeralda, Italy

A stunning Mediterranean outpost, this award-winning Sardinian resort is flawlessly positioned along the see-and-be-seen coastline of Costa Smeralda. Originally, it was the Aga Khan's villa and headquarters. Its glamour and charm are unchanged.

Designed to resemble a traditional fishing village, it is an architectural masterpiece of towers, terraces and porticoes, lawns and winding pathways, and offers a tremendous panorama.

Drop-dead gorgeous interiors consist of al fresco spaces, niches and archways accented

with massive chestnut ceiling beams, Sardinian ceramic tiles and Couelle's original signature glasswork, colourful mazes of irregular shapes.

An Olympic-size saltwater pool is one of the resort's most dramatic features.

Rooms and suites are luxuriously decorated with hand-made Sardinian furniture, trompe l'oeil paintings and ornate ceramic tile. All rooms boast beautiful domed terraces with stunning views of the Cala di Volpe Bay. Toiletries are from *Acqua di Parma*.

The 3-bedroom Presidential Suite is simply magnificent. This duplex is located in the hotel's tower and comes with its own gym, swimming pool, solarium and gazebo.

Regulars - including Princess Caroline of Monaco - arrive by yacht and disembark at Cala di Volpe's waterside restaurant, the resort's busy meeting place. The buffet lunch is one of the island's most celebrated meet-and-greet occasions. There, you'll find fish and lobster on beds of ice, waiting

to be cooked to your specification; gourmet cheeses, including fresh buffalo mozzarella; and the island's own pecorino. The pasta is cooked to order. Lunches are booked solid all summer long. It is both decadent and delectable.

The resort boasts its own marina, which is where guests such as Donatella Versace, Naomi Campbell, Leonardo di Caprio and Bar Refaeli, Janet Jackson, Prince Andrew, Kevin Spacey and Quincy Jones moor their yachts.

*Il Pontile*, seen in the James Bond thriller, *The Spy Who Loved Me*, serves a fabulous bellini.

Service is impeccable. If you absolutely must have that special something from Rome, the concierge will fly there on a shopping errand.

[www.luxurycollection.com/caladivolpe](http://www.luxurycollection.com/caladivolpe)

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