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The Stay List: Canada

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The Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge in Alberta offers cedar chalets and log cabins.

Mount Engadine Lodge, Canmore, Alberta

Cedar plank mountain chalet on gravel road in Canadian Rockies. Wood trim and big windows. Views spanning west, north, and south in dining room. Wraparound deck. Wood-fired sauna. Hike in Spray Valley Provincial Park, or sit in on fireside chats with local historian. 9 rooms; \$149-199.

Fairmont Jasper Park Lodge, Jasper, Alberta

Cedar chalets and log cabins on 700 Canadian Rockies acres (283 hectares). Country-style decor. Views of blue, blue Lake Beauvert. Local storyteller shares Jasper lore. Nearby: Miette Hot Springs for a dip, Marmot Basin for skiing, Icefields Parkway for a scenic drive. 446 rooms, suites, and cabins; \$169-789.

Moraine Lake Lodge, Lake Louise, Alberta

Modern post-and-beam lodge tucked into Banff National Park. Large windows reveal snowcapped peaks and turquoise glacier-fed lake perfect for canoeing. Stone fireplaces, custom-made log beds, balconies. Venison tenderloin with juniper berries and the like served in restaurant. No phones or TVs. Open June-Sept. 20; 33 rooms and cabins; \$339-579.

Hastings House Hotel, Salt Spring Island, British Columbia

Stylish 1939 country estate on Ganges Harbour with picture-book sheep pastures, fir and cedar forests, and flower gardens. Cottage-meets-château guest rooms—some with beamed ceilings, leaded-glass windows, heated slate floors. At the harbor: kayaking, sailing, and lessons in Dungeness crab-catching. In the dining room: local seafood and prime pickings from estate gardens and orchards. 18 rooms; \$290-895.

King Pacific Lodge, Princess Royal Island, British Columbia

Luxury eco-barge afloat in Bamard Harbour. Arrive by floatplane. Cedar and driftwood interior, native carvings, slate-lined bathrooms with deep tubs. Watch whales and salmon; spot bears nearby. Heli-hiking, kayaking, seaweed harvesting. 17 rooms; \$4,780-12,380 (3-night-minimum fee includes floatplane transportation to and from the property and all meals).

Sooke Harbour House Hotel, Sooke, British Columbia

Postcard-perfect spread of sea and peaks (Olympic Mountains) surrounds premiere Vancouver Island getaway. The guest rooms have beachy, pied-à-terre feel; many with deep soaker tubs, sun decks, and hardwood floors. Certified organic herb and flower gardens provide edible landscape. Live beachfront entertainment: sunbathing seals, frolicking otters, and visiting whales. 28 rooms; \$285-630.

Kingsbrae Arms, St. Andrews-by-the-Sea, New Brunswick

1897 hilltop baronial family estate turned luxe inn in 1996. Cushy suites offer a

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symbolic curtsy to mansion's petticoat-and-steamship past: canopy beds, writing desks, fireplaces, and verandas all with Atlantic views. Well-manicured 27 acres (11 hectares) with salt-air-hardy gardens; whale-spotting at nearby Bay of Fundy May-Oct. 10 rooms; \$575-968.

Fishers' Loft Inn, Port Rexton, Newfoundland

Saltbox buildings on wooded hillside overlooking harbor dotted with old fishing boats. Rooms have handcrafted furniture, original art, and views of Trinity Bay. Ask innkeepers for help planning hikes along the winding coastal paths. Sunset kayaking. Summer theater. Greens (no, not golf) straight from the garden outside kitchen. 21 rooms; \$97-323.

Blachford Lake Lodge, Yellowknife, Northwest Territories

Post-and-beam lodge and basic, bunk-style log cabins (woodstoves; propane lights) on the banks of remote Blachford Lake, where the turf is largely pink granite. Arrive by floatplane in summer and ski plane in winter. Seasonally: dogsledding, snowshoeing, fishing, hiking, canoeing. Local fare standouts: organic vegetables, northern pike, caribou. 5 cabins, 5 lodge rooms; \$1,111-1,370 for 2 nights, 3 days, all meals included.

Trout Point Lodge, Kemptville, Nova Scotia

Berry patches, herb gardens, a 200-acre (81-hectare) tangle of forest, and the Tobetic River frame this haute-rustic lodge. Woodsy suites to match: furniture crafted from local saplings, hand-cut local-stone fireplaces, blankets in fall foliage hues, no TVs or phones (rushing water provides soundtrack). On-site cooking school and dairy celebrate local fare (organic vegetables, seafood, and cheeses). Bulgari toiletries. 11 rooms, 2 cottages; \$137-304.

Fairmont Royal York, Toronto, Ontario

Iconic 28-story hotel built in 1929 by Canadian Pacific Railway. At home in Toronto's vibrant entertainment district and close to famed CN Tower. Floating circular staircase, muraled ceilings, travertine pillars, and crystal chandeliers. Spa and health club. Hotel of choice for Queen Elizabeth II. 1,365 rooms; \$189-2,980.

Rodd Charlottetown, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island

Classic 1931 redbrick Georgian pile built by Canadian National Railway in the center of town. Patrician lobby boasts barrel-vaulted ceiling and marble floors. A 2000 facelift set the stage for free high-speed Internet; bed linen and drape designs still feel past tense. 115 rooms; \$109-250.

Manoir Hovey, North Hatley, Quebec

1898 lakeside manse in the Eastern Townships. Local pine and birch-bark furnishings, wood-burning fireplaces, and plaids plus florals embellish high-romance rooms. Exquisite friendly dining: aperitifs in wood-paneled English bar; standout Quebec gastronomia in dining room favors the local and seasonal; artisanal cheese plates make cake unnecessary. 39 rooms; \$130-330 per person.

Auberge Saint Antoine, Quebec City, Quebec

Decadently revamped historical treasure of a place—a former glass- and tableware-trading center right on the city's old port. Nods to times past include stone walls and signage made from centuries-old cutlery. In the creature-comfort department: heated bathroom floors, throw-open windows (you know just how rare that is in a hotel), deep soaking tubs. Brand-new wellness center. 94 rooms; \$199-599.

Hôtel Le Germain, Montreal, Quebec

Former downtown office building turned stylish, loft-like hotel in heart of shopping district. Dark woods, glass, mirrors; earth tones with lime green accents. In-room luxuries: goose-down comforters and panoramic city views. Complimentary espresso bar can be found on mezzanine. 101 rooms; \$210-500.

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