

The Lodges at Sunset Village

Vacation Home Setting with Hotel Luxuries

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A wintery night view of some of the lodges with Wisp ski slopes in the background, lighted for night skiing.



The Lodges at Sunset Village in Deep Creek Maryland combines the ease of hotel-style lodging with the amenities of vacation home rentals, offering couples, families and groups the best of both worlds. What makes the Lodges at Sunset Village more unique is that these hotel suites are actually log cabins situated in a village-style setting in the heart of Maryland's only four-season vacation destination. This new concept in vacation accommodations is quickly becoming an attractive alternative to those looking for lots of amenities with little fuss, as well as fitting specific criteria for many vacation planners such as the Margolis family of Rockville, Maryland.

The Margolis family, along with the Heath & Provis families have vacationed together every summer for the past three years. With a combined total of seven children, a six bedroom was the minimum size rental home they would consider. "As our kids got older, sharing one house was becoming crazy," says Carol Margolis. "We needed our space but wanted to continue to vacation together." Joan Provis and her husband, Chris, had just returned from a weekend ski trip at Wisp Resort, staying in one of the cabins at the Lodges at Sunset Village.

"The cabin was immaculate and really well appointed," recalls Chris. "It was like staying in a hotel suite but better. The kitchenette had all the appliances we needed. The design of the cabin with the huge bed in front of the fireplace and beside the huge jacuzzi tub was about as romantic as it could be. The deck looked out onto the [Wisp] ski slopes in the distance," he adds. The Provis' liked the fact that the

cabins ranged in sizes from one bedroom to two-level units that accommodate up to ten and suggested the group try something different for their summer trip.

"I loved that each family could go online and decide which cabin they preferred," says Carol. "We didn't have to fight with the kids over which bedroom they got!"

Convenience and ease are also considered when deciding on vacation accommodations. The Lodges at Sunset Village offers special meal and activity packages to Smiley's Pizzeria, Smiley's Funzone & Arcade and Pine Lodge Steakhouse, all immediately across the street within walking distance. Smiley's is the area's local pizzeria, delivering pizza, wings, burgers and more for over a decade, while Pine Lodge Steakhouse and Saloon offers aged steaks, Ahi tuna, wild game, burgers, an extensive wine list and more in a casual and inviting atmosphere. In addition, both Pine Lodge Steakhouse and Smiley's Pizzeria delivers directly to each cabin and may be paid with a pre-purchased gift card.

The Lodges at Sunset Village not only accommodate people, dogs are also welcome in designated units. In the U.S., 14% of adults (29.1 million) say they have traveled with a pet on a trip of 50 miles or more, one-way, away from



Friends and family enjoy the outdoor decks and common areas available with fire pits, outdoor grills, hot tubs and lots of fresh air.

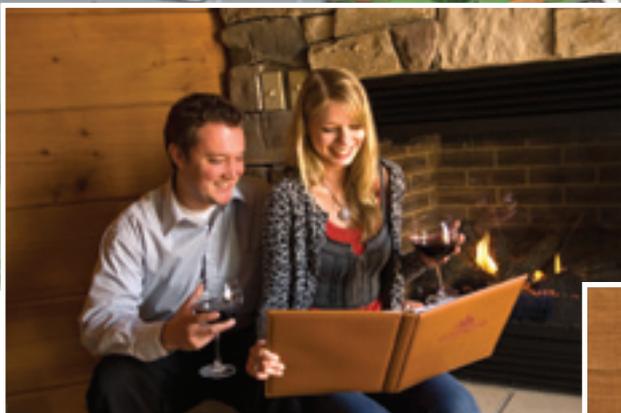
home in the past three years. While travelers with pets most often stay with friends/relatives (32%), an almost equal number stay at hotels or motels (29%), as one such guest enthusiastically expresses.

“I was surprised to even find a place to get away to the mountains where we could bring our dog and was I ever nicely surprised!” says Bethann Raskin of Baltimore. “The beautiful cabin was much bigger than it seemed. Our kids slept on the two beds in the bedroom area, my husband and I slept on the pull out sofa in the living room and our dog slept in front of the fireplace. The scenery was beautiful. We were close to Swallow Falls State Park where we went hiking. I think Georgie, our lab, liked it better than us! The staff was wonderful. The privacy was great. The cabin was perfect. We can’t wait to go back.”



In addition to Swallow Falls, the Deep Creek Lake area offers an array of activities for people of all ages and physical levels. As Maryland’s only four-season destination, the area abounds with indoor and outdoor adventure 24/7. The Lodges at Sunset Village is located in the heart of the activities, only a short drive to favorite fun spots.

Jonathan “Smiley” Kessler, who owns the hotel-suite cabins, picked the location because of its proximity to family adventure. “I love this area and what it offers,” says Smiley. “You’ve got the [Deep Creek] lake for boating, swimming and fishing, Wisp for skiing and tubing, parks and forests for hiking, biking, cross country skiing, and bird watching and Adventure Sports Center International for white water rafting – in



Top: Plan view of Lodges at Sunset Village layout.

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addition of course to some of the best white water rivers in the United States! And that’s just the beginning!”

The hotel-style suite within a vacation rental home concept is catching on amongst vacationers and The Lodges at Sunset Village is leading the way, as one guest explains.

“When you’re on the go 6-7 days a week and a few days off became available, my wife and I decided to stay at the cabins. We had stayed a few days during the Garrett

County Fair week and said if we could ever get a few days off together again we would love to come back and stay there again. The lake area this time of year is so peaceful and relaxing that we decided to come back. We spent one day just driving all over the area. The evenings were spent in the cabins with a bottle of wine by the fireplace. We visit the lake area yearly and have found the entire area’s amenities perfect. Thanks again! P.S. The cabins with the hot tubs were so relaxing I know we’ll be back.”



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