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Primland Resort

LOVE NESTS

Romantic getaways for every passion, whether you prefer a secluded inn with great food, a tree house with terrific views, or a sleigh ride in the snow

IF YOUR IDEA OF ROMANCE IS: GOOD FOOD, WINE, AND NO DRIVE HOME

Book a stay at **Glen Gordon Manor**, an elegant inn surrounded by Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains. Chef/owner Dayn Smith helms Houndstooth, a restaurant that received *Wine Spectator's* 2018 Award of Excellence and where Smith focuses on the bounty of the Shenandoah. Smith has bona fide chef cred: He has done stints in New York and Switzerland, has been featured on the TV show *Great Chefs*, and has participated in the invitation-only Culinary Olympics in Germany.

Couples often book the Windsor Suite, which has a two-headed marble show-

er and a soaking tub overlooking a field where horses graze. The Epicurean Package—which includes a cooking lesson, winetasting, and five-course meal—starts at \$550 a couple. Regular rates start at \$169 a night.

Glen Gordon Manor (1482 Zachary Taylor Hwy., Huntly; 540-636-6010) is about two hours from DC. —ANDREA POE

IF YOUR IDEA OF ROMANCE IS: SECLUSION WITH A GREAT VIEW

Hide out in a tree house at **Primland Resort**, atop Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains. Cradled in the limbs of an ancient

(unharmed) oak, the rustic Barn Owl Tree House is a cedar-paneled aerie overlooking the valley. The resort has three tree houses in all (\$700 and up), each offering the most privacy and the best views of all the accommodations at Primland. Seclusion comes with a small price: You'll have to get in your car—more of a challenge in snow—for a short drive to the lodge's restaurants, spa, indoor pool, and observatory.

Also inviting, and within walking distance of the lodge, are 16 rooms in the four chalet-style Pinnacle Cottages (\$340 and up)—cozy havens with modern decor and sweeping views. Visiting in colder weather and don't want to go outside at all to get to the resort's dining and other amenities? Secreted within the lodge's Observatory Tower is the glass-walled, semicircular Pinnacle Suite, designed for dreamy interludes (\$1,000 and up).

Primland Resort (2000 Busted Rock Rd., Meadows of Dan; 866-960-7746) is a five-to-six-hour drive from DC.

—DALE LEATHERMAN

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