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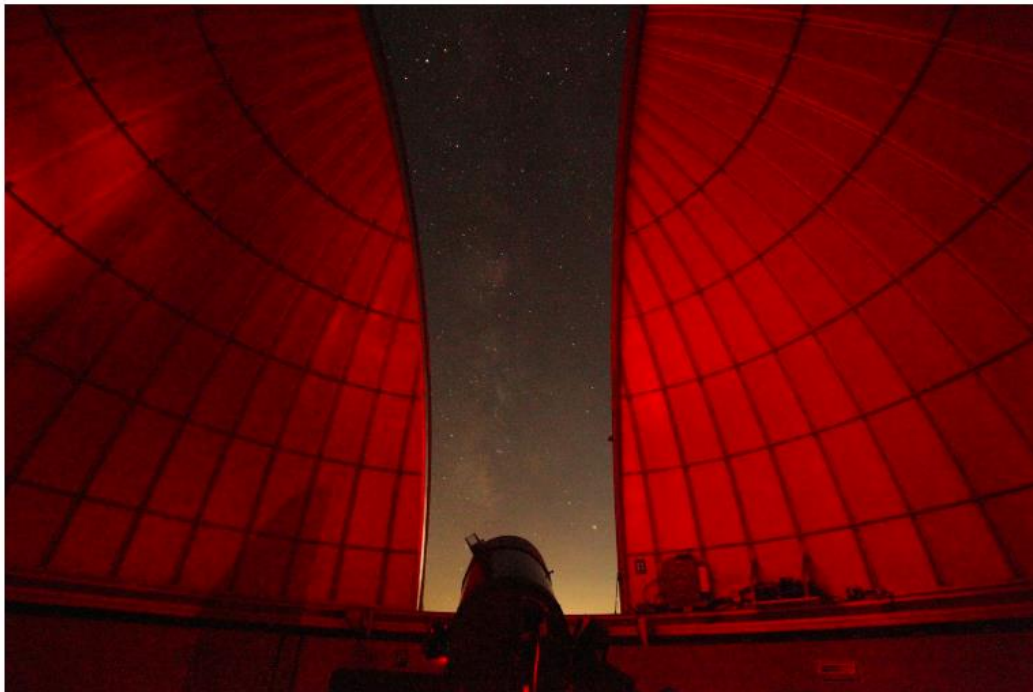
Play where you stay: Great hotels for active vacations

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This summer, our family stayed at a LOGE hotel in Bend, Ore., where we had a very atypical hotel experience. We took turns lounging in the bright orange hammock hanging from the ceiling of our room. We rode the free Raleigh loaner bikes down a paved trail, with sunlight filtering through giant evergreens. Later, under a twilight sky, we swam in the pool and roasted marshmallows — multiple fire pits are scattered over the property — and ducked into the industrial kitchen to make our own meal. We felt like we were camping, but with a little more structure.

LOGE stands for “live outside, go explore,” and the hotel chain makes it easy to do that. Each room of the Bend location is outfitted with hooks to hang your bike, ski racks, shelves for gear, and tile floors that can handle melting snow or mud. The lobby triples as a wine bar, coffee bar and game room. This property was a formerly disconsolate motel made over in fresh vintage Howard Johnson colors. There are five locations in Oregon, Washington state, Colorado and California; one more will open in Washington in 2020. Go to logecamps.com for details on other locations. And read on for other hotels that let you play where you stay.



The observatory at Primland. (Primland)

Primland, Patrick County, Va.



A treehouse at Primland. (Primland)

Despite the name, you can be saucy at this property in Meadows of Dan. Eschew the mansion on the grounds (although you'll want to stargaze in its observatory) and stay in a private lodge, cabin or one of three treehouses for the experience Primland calls "ritzy but rugged." The treehouse named Golden Eagle was built by a French company and involves nary a nail driven into the host oak. Activities abound: 18-hole golfing on a course that made Golf magazine's list of the "[top 100 courses anyone can play](#)," guided tree climbing (no joke), biking, watersports, geocaching, horseback riding and a multitude of other things, including tomahawk throwing. Sport shooting is a specialty of the property: Guests can don tweed hats and waistcoats and get their "Downton Abbey" on at the European Style Released Pheasant Shoot. Or, in season, they can wear orange for a day of modern hunting. Those who prefer not to aim at live creatures can visit the 14-station clay-shooting course.

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