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ELLE DECOR CHECKS IN: THE TROUTBECK RIVER COTTAGES

The elegant hotel in upstate New York is the perfect place to touch grass.

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It's important to know what constitutes the perfect weekend getaway. The destination should be somewhere you can reach in just a handful of hours. The place should have copious quantities of green and leafy nature (controversial, maybe, but I'm a city dweller and these are my rules). A private home is nice, of course, but that would either mean being on your perpetual houseguest best behavior or else having to procure and prepare all your own food. Since this is my fantasy, I'll bypass those and opt for a hotel that feels like a home. The food that is

available should be plentiful and excellent; the beds soft and inviting; and the weather ideal.

Though it is notoriously hard for hotels to guarantee good weather, for New Yorkers, **Troutbeck** ticks just about every one of those boxes. The hotel is a historic estate set on 250 acres in Dutchess County, about two and a half hours from midtown Manhattan. There are hiking and biking trails and lovely gardens, and a pool, tennis courts, and a wellness center help satisfy your need for endorphins. The fantastic onsite restaurant sources ingredients locally (the menu tells you what farm produced your beets and pork) and executive chef Vinny Gilberti and his team change the offerings daily.



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A balcony off one of Troutbeck's new River Cottages, overlooking a meadow.



And this spring, Troutbeck unveiled **four new guest cottages**, which are the ideal hybrid of a hotel and a friends-with-a-guesthouse experience. A cluster of one- and two-bedroom structures a short walk from the main building, the River Cottages can each be booked independently or as a block that sleeps 12. (In other words, they could be ideal for a couple or a group of friends in search of a reunion spot.) In addition to sleeping areas, cozy living rooms, and bathrooms with deep soaking tubs, each cottage has a terrace overlooking a meadow and the diminutive Webutuck River.

The Design

The estate traces its origins back to the 1700s, but the hotel opened in its current form in 2017. Troutbeck's 37 rooms and public spaces were conceived by Champalimaud, a boutique hospitality-design firm. The



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A bedroom in one of the River Cottages.



design is eclectic: leather chesterfield sofas, midcentury chairs, flea-market oil paintings, and contemporary lighting. In the main building, a cluster of public reception rooms are outfitted with plush seating, rich dark walls, and fireplaces, all of which make you feel like you've wandered into a country estate. It would be easy to lose half a day curled up on a banquette with a book while fellow guests in tennis clothes wander in and out.

Champalimaud designed the cottages too. Like the bedrooms in the main building, these are lighter and softer than the main public spaces, featuring a sunnier mix of neutrals. Local artisans were commissioned to build the king-size four-poster beds and ceramic lamps, and there are antique blanket chests and side tables in the mix. All bedrooms on the property are furnished with Frette linens and bathrobes, and the cottages feature a well-stocked coffee station and minibar.

Take a look inside one of the new cottages below.

The rate for the cottages begins at \$2,300 for a one-bedroom; Troutbeck's room rate begins at \$655.



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INSIDE THE TROUTBECK RIVER COTTAGES



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The Cabin Door

The hotel's "Do Not Disturb" signs are a tie you can hang on the doorknob.



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Living Room

The cabins each have gas fireplaces, a stocked minibar and coffee station, and a games table.



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The Bedroom

Each king-size bed is outfitted with Frette sheets.



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The Bathroom

Each one has a soaking tub.

