

# Eat and retreat in Stowe

## Charming Vermont town preparing for Restaurant Week, Oct. 20 to 26

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Blue Moon Café

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Part of the four-season appeal in Stowe, Vt., is food fun, and 15 of the town's most popular eateries are getting ready for Restaurant Week, Oct. 20-26. Montrealers who plan to head down for a few days of dining at a discount also can save on lodging with Stowe's Eat & Retreat packages.

Prix-fixe menus for lunch or dinner will run \$15 to \$35 U.S., plus pairings of wine or beer. You'll be able to choose from cool and casual places such as Cactus Café, the place for tacos and margaritas, and Picasso, where thin-crust pizza is an art. Some of the gourmet options are: The Whip Bar & Grill, an upscale pub in the Green Mountain Inn; Flannel at Topnotch Resort, which does deluxe comfort dining; the charming, intimate bistro Blue Moon Café, which is marking 21 years this year; Harrison's Restaurant & Bar, an all-around dining room and martini hub popular with locals; and romantic Michael's on the Hill;

We're now at the tail end of Vermont's colourful foliage season, but October still is high time for hiking and road cycling. The Eat & Retreat packages will offer up to 25 per cent off regular rates and a welcome bag of Vermont goodies. At the top end of participating hotels is the Stoweflake Mountain Resort & Spa, which has a wonderful year-round outdoor heated swimming pool. Other comfortable places are the Mountaineer Inn at Stowe and the Golden Eagle Resort, which are both pet-friendly.

Restaurant Week diners also get 10 per cent discounts at a dozen shops in Stowe, including Inner Boot Works and Pinnacle Ski and Sports.

Stowe Restaurant Week and Eat & Retreat: 800-467-8693, [gostowe.com/restaurantweek](http://gostowe.com/restaurantweek).

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