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# ELYSIUM@TREMBLANT EXPANDS PAMPERING SERVICE TO NORTH SIDE



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Checking In

Are you in the mood to be catered to, indulged and cosseted? You need to know Kamal Shah, president of Elysium@Tremblant, who curates vacations for an exacting, carriage-trade clientele. Elysium encompasses some of the choice accommodations around the Tremblant resort and adds lots of perks and personal service with its e-concierge concept.

“The word ‘Elysium’ means paradise or a state of perfect happiness, and although we cannot promise that, we do aim to provide a worry-free vacation,” said Shah.

“Ordinary rental companies give their guests keys to properties and then they’re on their own, but Elysium is in the business of customizing vacation experiences.”

Elysium@Tremblant is not a specific lodging establishment, but a collection of some of the most desirable condos, mountain chalets and townhouses on Tremblant’s South Side, Versant Soleil and North Side.

They’re the cream of the crop, with between one and six bedrooms and up to 3,000 square feet of living space.

“They’re beautifully decorated and spacious, but not necessarily expensive,” said Shah. “Our winter promotion – a 35-per-cent



Elysium@Tremblant North Side condos are on the shore of Lac Supérieur, with a free shuttle to Tremblant’s ski lifts. ELYSIUM@TREMBLANT

discount throughout most of the season – brings the early-season rate at the North Side condos to about \$40 a night, per person, for a family of four adults and children.

“And the very luxurious Panache vacation homes on the South Side, which sleep up to 12 or 14 adults and children, might be around \$75 per person, per night, in early season.”

(The offer is not valid Dec. 18 to Jan. 4 and possibly other periods.)

**Family-friendly:** Upscale and user-friendly, Elysium’s accommodations are ideal multi-generational family getaways, featuring free baby equipment, free Wi-Fi and long distance calls in North America and round-the-clock housekeeping to enable early check-ins and late check-

outs when possible. Every unit is equipped with a top-drawer kitchen, a living room with a fireplace, high-quality bedding, parking and ski lockers.

**Elite e-concierge:** Shah and his team of crackerjack e-concierges have fulfilled a broad range of diverse requests for discerning visitors. They have chartered private planes, stocked wine cellars and pre-set the temperature of hot tubs. European visitors adore winter adventures such as ice-fishing and dogsledding, and Americans love the Nordic spa experience of indoor-outdoor hot and cold baths.

One family from Florida requested gluten-free provisions and private snowboarding instructors. A honeymooning couple from Toronto wanted to cocoon by the fireplace with Champagne

and catered gourmet dinners. The e-concierge service operates 24/7 and is free, except for a 20-per-cent charge for grocery shopping. Many of the activities carry a fee.

**New North Side:** Elysium’s most recent offering is the set of deluxe condos on the picturesque shore of Lac Supérieur, five kilometres from Tremblant’s North Side (Versant Nord) ski lifts and 10 kilometres from Parc National du Mont Tremblant.

Lac Supérieur is a tranquil lakeside setting, more remote than the South Side. Elysium provides a free shuttle to the North Side ski lifts 10 kilometres away and livens up the sociability factor on Saturday evenings with a snowshoe trek followed by a warm-up glass of glühwein.

Elysium also offers lodging in high-end properties on the South Side such as: Les Eaux, a cluster of cosy condos on the Géant golf course; Panache, an enclave of sumptuous townhouses adjacent to the Nansen ski trail; Domaine de La Forêt, mountainside chalets high above the pedestrian village and Lac Tremblant; and Bondurant, a set of posh condos about 100 metres from the Gondola.

On the Versant Soleil, l’Étoile du Matin is a row of apartments adjacent to the lifts, with nightlife next door at the Casino de Mont-Tremblant, which has dining, live music, DJs and gambling, as well as Sunday brunch.

**Around Tremblant:** The mountain and the lifts open for skiing and snowboarding Nov. 24, and the season kicks off with Le 24h de Tremblant, a charity relay race with round-the-clock parties from Dec. 9 to 11; followed by

## IF YOU GO

**Tremblant (skiing, riding, activities, events):** tremblant.ca, 888-736-2526.  
**Elysium @ Tremblant:** 800-709-3504; www.tremblantelysium.com.  
**Prices:** Prices fluctuate according to date/availability. Elysium properties include e-concierge, baby equipment (high chairs, strollers, bed rails), long distance calls in North America, high speed Wi-Fi and resort activities.  
**Sample early-season rates (until Dec. 17) for four (two adults and two children up to 12):** A one-bedroom condo with a living room sofa-bed at Elysium@Suites-sur-Lac (North Side/Lac Supérieur) costs \$125-\$259 per night, for up to four, or \$200-\$355 for a two-bedroom, for up to six. Christmas prices are higher and January is mid-level.  
Elysium@Suites-sur-Lac (North Side) has a shuttle to the ski lifts and a Saturday-night snowshoe tour. In summer, facilities include a lakefront dock, tennis, canoes, kayaks, volleyball. A sample South Side price at Elysium@Bondurant: three- and four-bedroom luxury townhouses, \$454-\$1,349 per night for eight to 10 adults and children, before Dec. 17. All Tremblant visitors have access to evening bonfires in the pedestrian village and ski guides (9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., at the summit). South Side and Versant Soleil guests have free snow tubing, First Tracks and skate rentals and rink.  
**Extra:** Tremblant Kids’ Club, Alpine touring trails (\$9.99) and gear, babysitting, Activity Centre (dog sledding, ice-climbing, helicopter rides, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, sleigh rides).

Christmas and New Year’s celebrations.  
The Festival Rando Alpine, Jan. 20 to 23, will revolve around Alpine touring – aka uphill climbing on special skis. The tribute to the new cardio-busting sport will feature mountain excursions for athletes of all levels, as well as a welcome cocktail, a fondue dinner, sunrise trekking, races and fat-biking.

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