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GOLF-AT-PAR GETAWAYS IN THE ADIRONDACKS ARE A HOLE IN ONE

Enjoy superb mountain and forest scenery while hitting the links in upstate New York



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Love the links? Perhaps you would be interested in a getaway featuring superb golf amid mountain landscapes, followed by more golf.

If that appeals, check out the Golf-at-Par lodging packages in the Adirondack Mountain region of New York, roughly one to two hours from Montreal. And if you prefer a day trip, two historic courses have unbeatable deals: Tupper Lake Golf Club offers at-par greens fees every day, and Malone Golf Club matches that on Wednesdays.

The deal: Seven hotels or motels and four golf courses are offering links and lodging at par for Canadians. Our dollar is trading around 75 cents to the U.S. dollar, so that translates to an approximately 25-per-cent discount for Canadians.

Packages with one night of lodging and two days of virtually unlimited golf start at \$170 Canadian, if booked by phone and paid in cash. The spectacular Adirondack mountain and forest scenery come at no extra charge.

Hotels offering Golf-at-Par include: Red Roof Plus and Suites, Holiday Inn Express, Malone EconoLodge, Four Seasons and the Dreamland Motel, all in Malone, N.Y.; the Akwesasne Mohawk Casino Resort in Hogansburg; Shaheen's Adirondack Inn in Tupper Lake; and the Saranac Inn, which has its own golf course.

"That represents a choice of on-course lodging and economical hotels with clean and comfortable rooms," said Jim McKenna, president of the Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism (ROOST), whose partners are participating in the deal. "The

IF YOU GO

Adirondack golf:GolfAtPar.com. Canadians should book lodging and tee times by phone at individual hotels. If you pay online, you will be charged the U.S. rate. 888-577-6678. Regional Office of Sustainable Tourism (ROOST), Lake Placid: 518-523-2445, roostadk.com.

price is right and the lodgings are near the courses."

You can expand the package to two or more nights and add multiple rounds of golf. You'll also enjoy guaranteed tee times if you book one week in advance, and if you want to play more than 18 holes in one day, you can book a second round, if tee times are available.

Golf bag storage and carts for the first round each day are free. Golf-at-Par deals will be valid through the end of the season in autumn.

The courses: "Each course has its own challenges, unique terrain, history, scenic beauty and personality," said McKenna. "And the landscapes of the Adirondack High Peaks area are so picturesque they're almost distractions — it's tough to keep your head down when you're making your shot."

Four exceptional courses are participating in Golf-at-Par. The well-manicured, 36-hole Malone Golf Club has two 18-hole courses: East, where Yankee slugger Babe Ruth was the first person to tee off in 1939; and West, designed by legendary course architect Robert Trent Jones.



The outdoor adventure paradise of the Adirondack area in upstate New York, just an hour or two from Montreal, is home to four golf courses offering at-par deals. PHOTOS: REGIONAL OFFICE OF SUSTAINABLE TOURISM



Shaheen's Adirondack Inn in Tupper Lake, N.Y., has Canadian-at-par golf packages.

Golf Digest has awarded Malone 4.5 stars out of five, along with recognition for good service. Apart from overnight deals, Malone also offers Canadian-at-par greens fees on Wednesdays.

Not-to-be-missed links in the at-par promotion also include the Saranac Golf Club, an 18-hole, par-70 course designed by Seymour Dunn in classic Scottish style, with a mix of short, medium and long holes. Fully irrigated with bent grass greens and tees, this treasure also is one of the most immaculately maintained in the Adiron-

dacks. Dunn carved the first few holes in 1901 and considered the Saranac course his masterpiece, partly because of the surprise challenges that keep golfers alert.

In addition, Tupper Lake Golf Club is a 6,153-yard beauty designed in 1932 by Scottish-American architect Donald Ross, who was known for his nature-inspired fairways and greens. As well as the Golf-at-Par deal, Tupper Lake offers greens fees at par every day.

North country: ROOST handles marketing for several upstate New York areas popular

with Montrealers: Essex County, Franklin County, Hamilton County, and the towns of Lake Placid, Saranac Lake, North Elba, Tupper Lake, Harrietstown, and Piercefield.

The Adirondacks is a 6-million-acre forest, the largest state park in the U.S. It is an outdoor adventurers' paradise and a vast conservation region with rivers and lakes, more than 3,000 kilometres of hiking trails ad the famous High Peaks — 46 impressive mountains with elevations higher than approximately 1,200 metres.

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