

HOTEL INTEL

WAKE AND BAKE WITH CANNABIS-FRIENDLY BOOKINGS FROM HIBNB



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If your idea of a good time is getting buzzed with a bong, there is a vacay for you.

In the time since territories including Canada have legalized marijuana, cannabis-friendly lodgings have bloomed faster than seedlings in a greenhouse grow-op.

HiBnb (hibnb.ca) is at the forefront of this trend. The Toronto-based booking agent handles more than 300 cannabis-friendly vacation rentals in North America and beyond, as well as tickets for events and festivals that celebrate reefer madness.

HiBnb is similar to Airbnb in that hosts of properties advertise on an online platform and welcome travellers to private accommodations of all sizes and styles.

But with HiBnb, the lodgings are all marijuana-friendly and in many cases are located near happenings focused on pot, including 420 festivities (a reference to April 20, the annual date for celebrations dedicated to the doobie).

These options are blessings for travellers who can't toke up at traditional hotels or inns. A 2020 survey conducted in the U.S. by Forbes and Travel Agent Central indicated that more than 6.5

million millennials and Gen-Xers had experienced pot-friendly destinations and 29 per cent of all leisure travellers in the U.S. wanted to.

"We connect the cannabis community with cool places to stay," HiBnb founder Elizabeth Becker said recently. "We received 12 new listings for lodging today and we can hardly keep up with the demand."

"Canada is poised to become a global leader in marijuana tourism, eventually with events, activities and excursions that are cannabis-centric."

Generally, Canada's climate is a challenge for ganja growers, but Becker says the harvest from the Okanagan Valley (known as B.C. Bud) is "killer" and she sees great potential in the agri-rich Niagara region.

Within Canada, guests can bring their own bud to their rented digs. To stock up, HiBnb partners with licensed retailers to sell and deliver infused products like lemon-lime sparkling water, munchies such as ice cream sandwiches, as well as CBD oils and topical creams for healing.

Because you can't cross borders with drugs, some of HiBnb's foreign lodgings provide edibles, drinks or pre-rolled joints, as well as accessories like bongs, vaporizers and pipes. The hosts are not authorized to sell, but they might stash a welcome gift of brownies in the fridge or a bath bomb in the tub.

HiBnb's destinations are as varied as the product line in a cannabis shop.



Ontario's Five Star Ranch features a hayloft that has been converted into a cannabis-friendly country cottage, which can be rented through HiBnb at hibnb.ca. *HIBNB*

A studio in Greater Victoria, B.C., located between the beach and the charming village of Sidney-by-the-Sea, has a patio for smoking and provides a grinder and a rolling station. Guests can preorder marijuana products and a nearby dispensary will deliver. The town is chock full of bakeries, breweries and bike paths.

The Five Star Ranch, a picturesque farm about 70 km west of Toronto, is alive with gardens and animals. A century-old barn has been turned into a country chalet with a gym, sauna, pool and hot tub. The host, an accomplished equestrienne, nutritionist and cultivator, permits smoking in covered outdoor spaces. If you need to score product, there's a marijuana shop in nearby Campbellville.

An all-season retreat called Weekend Wellness in Algonquin Highlands, Ont., flourishes in a northern landscape of towering trees and tranquil waters. This

cluster of 15 progressive cabins offers group meditation, yoga or qigong, massage, lake activities, evening gatherings and walking through the woods. The owner, who permits smoking outdoors, sees cannabis as a plant-based medicine and a "psychedelic ally" in the journey to relaxation and self-discovery.

The pot producers in the rolling hills around San Francisco cultivate weed of renowned potency and purity. One such farm in Watsonville rents a sprawling house with a chef's kitchen and pool, and guests can spark up on the porch while enjoying compelling views of the countryside, wildlife and marijuana fields. This idyllic getaway is near the beaches of Monterey Bay and the wineries of Santa Cruz.

In Jamaica, smoking ganja is a way of life and spliffs are rolled as big as bananas, but perhaps you're ready to go higher with

hallucinogenic hospitality. HiBnb's trippiest experience is a five-day psychedelic retreat at the Rastafari Indigenous Village, a jungle-like domain near Montego Bay. Guests awoken to the sounds of songbirds and a rushing river, and later enjoy plant-based meals and Rastafarian rituals. Each visit incorporates "visionary plant" materials such as psilocybin or mescaline.

The cannabis travel rush is the latest phase in the evolution of marijuana from counterculture fodder of the 1960s to a major business commodity.

HiBnb also books lodgings in Puerto Rico, Portugal, Mexico, South Africa and Central and South America, and Becker intends to expand to Germany and the Czech Republic as cannabis legislation evolves. Travellers must respect local laws concerning the use or purchase of cannabis and the legal age. rochellelash@gmail.com

TV TIMES TONIGHT - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17												MOVIES	SPORTS	TALK	
	B	W	E	V	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30			
2 SRC	10	4	4	2	Tout simplement country (N)			Sissi (N) (FS)		Femmes symphoniques (N)		Le téléjournal (N)	Doc humanité		
3 CBS	282	21	21	87	5:30 College Basketball UCLA vs. Kentucky (N)			Fire Country		48 Hours		48 Hours			
5 NBC	280	23	18	84	Jeopardy!		Wheel of Fortune	Password		Dateline NBC		Saturday Night Live (N)			
6 CBC	206	13	13	6	NHL Hockey Toronto Maple Leafs at Washington Capitals (N)							NHL Hockey			
8 CJOH	229	-	-	10	Celebrating (N)			Gordon Ramsay's Road Trip		🏆 Hotel for the Holidays ('22, Rom) Mena Massoud, Madelaine Petsch. (P)					
9 MATV	-	9	9	9	Cap sur 2030			Mon île, mon	Zone familiale	Endorphine	Compétition	Paroles d'auteurs	Pas		
10 TVA	115	7	7	4	6:30 🏆 ** Pokémon: Détective Pikachu ('19) Justice Smith. (P)			🏆 *** Capitaine America: le premier vengeur ('11, Act) Hayley Atwell, Chris Evans. (P)							
12 CTV	70	11	11	7	Celebrating (N)			Gordon Ramsay's Road Trip		🏆 Hotel for the Holidays ('22, Rom) Mena Massoud, Madelaine Petsch. (P)					
17 TQc	138	8	8	3	6:30 🏆 Elliot: le plus petit des rennes ('18)			10 🏆 Le prince oublié ('20, Avent) François Damiens, Omar Sy. (P)				🏆 ** Tanguy ('01) Sabine Azéma.			
22 ABC	281	22	22	86	Coll. Football (N)		College Football New Mexico Bowl: SMU vs. BYU (N)								
33 PBS	-	57	-	88	Still Open All Hours		My Hero	Father Brown		Death in Paradise		RFDS: Royal Flying Doctor Service			
35 Noovo	114	5	-	5	6:30 🏆 *** Harry Potter et l'Ordre du Phénix ('07, Fant) Rupert Grint, Daniel Radcliffe.			15 🏆 ** Doom ('05, Sci-Fi) Karl Urban, Dwayne Johnson.							
44 FOX	283	46	36	85	Big Bang		Big Bang	Gordon Ramsay's Road Trip		Hell's Kitchen		News	Big Bang		
46 GBL	234	3	3	8	The New Reality (N)		Border Security	Private Eyes		Ransom		48 Hours			
57 PBS	-	24	40	89	Mountain Lake		New York Now	Midsomer Murders		20 Things-Midsomer		Silent Witness			
62 CITY	207	14	14	14	NHL Hockey Tampa Bay Lightning at Montreal Canadiens (N)							Hudson & Rex			
A&E	615	39	-	90	The First 48			The First 48		The First 48: Scared Silent (N)		Killer Cases (N)			
AMC	293	-	-	209	6:15 🏆 **** White Christmas ('54) Danny Kaye, Bing Crosby.					🏆 ** Christmas With the Kranks ('04, Com) Jamie Lee Curtis, Tim Allen.					
APTN	23	10	58	16	Gespe'gewa'gi		Merchants-Wild	Yukon Harvest	Red Earth	🏆 ** Battleship ('12, Sci-Fi) Alexander Skarsgård, Taylor Kitsch.					
CBCNN	502	48	48	18	The Fifth Estate			Things Wild Canadian Weather - Sun		CBC News Live (N)	Marketplace	Things Wild Canadian Weather - Sun			
CD	129	20	20	36	La famille renne et moi (N)			Je suis Jackie Onassis				🏆 ** Chez Big Momma ('00) (P)			
CNN	500	36	27	81	CNN Newsroom With Pamela Brown (N)			CNN Newsroom With Pamela Brown (N)		Tis The Season: The Holidays On Screen					
CRVM1	300	-	-	211	6:45 🏆 *** GoldenEye ('95, Act) Sean Bean, Pierce Brosnan.					🏆 ** Black Adam ('22, Act) Aldis Hodge, Dwayne Johnson. (P)					
CTVDR	30	34	-	92	Bones			Bones		Bones		Bones			
CTVSc	90	32	-	101	6:30 🏆 ** Alien: Covenant ('17, Sci-Fi) Katherine Waterston, Michael Fassbender.					🏆 ** Life ('17, Sci-Fi) Rebecca Ferguson, Jake Gyllenhaal.					
CV	135	44	35	44	Réno à l'italienne			Vendre ou rénover au Québec		Offre acceptée	Chez Marcus	Starstruck	Starstruck		
DISC	636	37	37	102	North Woods Law			Street Outlaws (N)		Street Outlaws: No Prep Kings (N)					
FAM	556	-	-	64	Domino Masters			Summer Memories	Goosebumps	🏆 ** Blizzard ('03, Child) Christopher Plummer, Brenda Blethyn.					
HB01	306	-	-	215	🏆 A Christmas Story Christmas ('22, Fam)			Erinn Hayes, Peter Billingsley.		Gossip Girl (N)		The Gilded Age			
HGTV	83	29	-	97	Property Brothers: Forever Home			Sarah's Mountain Escape		Celebrity IOU		Good Bones			
HIST	84	47	-	107	NCIS: Los Angeles			NCIS: Los Angeles		S.W.A.T.		S.W.A.T.			
MAX	142	48	32	32	6:00 🏆 ** Une vie en danger ('09)			🏆 *** Des hommes d'honneur ('92, Dra) Jack Nicholson, Tom Cruise.				:45 🏆 Jerry Maguire			
MUCH	570	35	-	112	🏆 ** Jingle All the Way ('96, Child) Sinbad, Arnold Schwarzenegger.					The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	The Simpsons		
OWN	526	-	-	94	The Oprah Winfrey Show			Love & Marriage: DC		Ready to Love		The Oprah Winfrey Show			
PEACH	294	-	-	218	Atlanta Eats			Big Bang	Big Bang	Atlanta News First Saturday at 9pm (N)		Atlanta News First Saturday at 10pm (N)			
RDI	126	19	19	19	6:30 Découverte (N)	Le national (N)	Les grands reportages L'île de plastique (N)		Le téléjournal (N)		La facture (N)	Le téléjournal (N)	Le national (N)		
RDS	123	33	33	25	4:30 Football NFL (N)	30 images/seconde	Blitz: avant-match / :15 Football NFL Dolphins de Miami c. Bills de Buffalo (N)								
SC	73	205	205	205	6:00 🏆 The Right One :35 🏆 Luxor ('20, Dra) Michael Landes, Andrea Riseborough.			:05 🏆 Fear of Rain ('21, Thril) Madison Iseman, Katherine Heigl. (P)							
SE	180	-	-	201	:05 🏆 *** L'homme libre ('21, Act) Jodie Comer, Ryan Reynolds.					🏆 ** Black Adam ('22, Act) Aldis Hodge, Dwayne Johnson. (P)					
SHOW	616	40	-	105	6:00 🏆 ** Man of Steel ('13, Act) Amy Adams, Henry Cavill.					🏆 ** Justice League ('17, Act) Henry Cavill, Ben Affleck.					
SLICE	27	-	-	99	6:30 🏆 ** Almost Christmas ('16) Gabrielle Union, Danny Glover.					🏆 ** Bad Teacher ('11, Com) Justin Timberlake, Cameron Diaz.					
SN1	418	-	-	184	5:00 NBA Basketball		NBA GameTime (N)		NBA Basketball New Orleans Pelicans at Phoenix Suns (N)						
SNE	406	38	38	179	NHL Hockey Tampa Bay Lightning at Montreal Canadiens (N)							NHL Hockey			
STARZ1	304	55	-	216	:15 🏆 *** The Polar Express ('04, Ani)					🏆 *** The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1 ('14) Jennifer Lawrence. (P)					
TCM	292	-	-	219	5:00 🏆 *** King of Kings ('61)			🏆 *** The Greatest Story Ever Told ('65, Hist) Charlton Heston, Max von Sydow.							
TLC	521	27	39	91	Love in Paradise			My 600-lb Life: Biggest Transformations					My 600-lb Life: Biggest Transformations		
TLN	700	-	-	250	:15 Helene Fischer: Christmas From Vienna (N)			The Cather		🏆 ** Bachelorette ('12, Com) Isla Fisher, Kirsten Dunst.					
TOONE	85	49	-	57	🏆 *** Abominable ('19, Ani)			:45 Total		🏆 Scooby-Doo! The Sword and the Scoob ('21, Ani)			:45 Total		
TOONF	87	45	34	53	Teen/:15 Teen	Teen/:45 Teen	American Dad	Family Guy	Les Simpson	American Dad	Family Guy	Les Simpson			
TSN2	401	-	-	187	5:45 College Football LendingTree Bowl: Rice vs. Southern Mississippi (N)					:15 College Football Frisco Bowl: North Texas vs. Boise State (N)					
TSN5	404	28	28	190	UFC Fight Night (N)								Boxing Michel Rivera vs. Frank Martin (N)		
TV5	145	15	15	29	Sam (N)			Ensemble pour les (N)		La SuperFrancoFête					
TVAS	193	-	-	23	Hockey LNH Lightning de Tampa Bay c. Canadiens de Montréal (N)							:45 L'après-match LNH (N)		:45 Hockey LNH	
TVO	22	-	-	71	Orangutan Rescue	TVOArts/ Ontario	World's Most (N)	:45 TVO Arts	🏆 Forest for the Trees ('21)			Borealis			
VISN	65	-	-	159	6:00 Endeavour		Sardini		Aikam		Journey of Healing		Waqt 4 U		
WGN	295	-	-	222	Chicago Football (N)	Identity Theft	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	WGN Weekend News at Nine (N)				
WSBK	296	-	-	223	Big Bang	Big Bang	🏆 Robert the Bruce ('19, Hist) Jared Harris, Angus Macfadyen.					CBS News Boston Now on TV38 (N)			
YTV	25	-	-	65	6:00 🏆 Mariah Carey's All I Want for Chri...			🏆 *** Despicable Me ('10, Ani)					The Next Step	The Next Step	
B – Bell TV; W – Vidéotron West Montréal; E – Vidéotron East Montréal; V – Vidéotron Illico															