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Belhurst Castle (top) brings cozy dining and living to a new level. (Bottom) The Black 'N Tan Suite at Springdale Farm Bed & Breakfast has its own fireplace for wintertime warmth.

## Trips

**ESCAPE, WITH WARMTH.** Eileen Cash, innkeeper of the Springdale Farm Bed & Breakfast in Victor, has developed special packages to make her place a winter destination. Here are two that caught our eye:

- **Signature Tranquility:** A Two Day Escape from Winter sets up guests with the nearby Beau Monde Salon & Spa for a one-hour couples aromatherapy massage. The log-cabin style spa (complete with roaring fireplaces on both levels to chase the chill away) offers this relaxing side-by-side experience in a private spa room. Complimentary snacks and drinks (from water to wine) are always on hand, and lunch can be ordered in if you want to linger by the fire. The package includes a two-night stay for two at the B&B, including its signature breakfast daily. Package price for the Seneca Room is \$475 and Black N' Tan Suite is \$498 (both have a fireplace).

- **The Winter Picnic** package caters to outdoorsy nature lovers, accommodating up to 10 people for hiking, bird-watching, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. The B&B property is nestled on 10 bucolic acres with the MaryFrances Bluebird Haven nature preserve trail right across the road. To replenish, a catered picnic (homemade soups and chowders, breads and pie) is served inside the carriage barn or fireside in the B&B's gathering room. Prices are customized to the menu choices, but all include a two-night stay and breakfast each morning.

*Springdale Farm Bed and Breakfast, 242 County Road 9, Victor; 585-924-5952, [www.springdalefarmbb.com](http://www.springdalefarmbb.com).*

- **ESCAPE, WITH SPA TREATMENTS.** Kathleen Connor, innkeeper of the 1837 Cobblestone Cottage Bed & Breakfast in Canandaigua, offers an indulgent Couples Spa Retreat Package that includes a discounted overnight stay and couples massage at Life Path Spa on Seneca Point Road near South Bristol, plus a gourmet breakfast the next morning (\$355). The side-by-side 50-minute massage is on heated tables to enhance the experience, and anyone getting a spa treatment can enjoy a

complimentary exercise class on the same day. Or you can sip wine by the fireplace and soak in the serene winter view of Canandaigua Lake (bring your own bottle or order it in). Spa director Melissa Endres says couples can learn the art of massage by adding a private class for two (\$40).

Isaac Parrish built the home that now houses the B&B in 1837, and some historians believe he sheltered fleeing slaves in a secret attic room as a stop along a Finger Lakes Underground Railroad route. History buffs occasionally knock on the door to ask about the room—which still exists, adjacent to the Attic Quilt Suite. Connor also offers the Isaac Parrish Suite and the Honeymoon Cottage Suite, all with king-sized beds, private bathrooms and fireplaces.

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- **ESCAPE, WITH FOOD AND ROMANCE.** New weekday overnight packages (Sunday to Thursday) at Belhurst Castle in Geneva are winter-friendly and discounted for the off-season, from November through May. Weekend upgrades are available, as well.

The castle has been a longtime destination for romantic getaways with its 14 period guest rooms, banquet hall and venerable Edgar's Restaurant. But an expansion added the adjoining Vinifera Inn, another ballroom, Stonecutters restaurant/lounge, a retail shop/wine-tasting room (with Belhurst's award-winning wine, naturally) and the Isabella Spa Salon. The packages take advantage of all of Belhurst's amenities:

- The Belhurst Castle Fires Package includes overnight accommodations, a bottle of red or white wine, cheeseboard, \$50 Stonecutters voucher for two and breakfast buffet for two in Edgars (\$204 per couple).

- Belhurst Castle Lovers Getaway Package includes overnight accommodations, four-course dinner for two in Edgars, \$25 wine and gift shop certificate and breakfast for two in Edgars (\$298 per couple).

- The Ultimate Shopping Package



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Scrapbooking gets its own weekend at the Chalet of Canandaigua.

includes overnight accommodations, dinner for two in Stonecutters, a \$50 gift card to shop anywhere you please, \$25 to use in Isabella Spa/Salon and breakfast in Edgars (\$234.33 per couple).

Valerie Knoblauch, president of the Finger Lakes Visitors Connection, says Belhurst has all the right ingredients: "Fireplaces, lake views, Finger Lakes wines, and even a spa. It feels like another world, yet it's right here on Seneca Lake."

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- **ESCAPE, WITH SCRAPBOOKS.** Scrapbook hobbyists will love the Chalet of Canandaigua's "Crop Till You Drop" group weekend package: a full, uninterrupted marathon to crop, cut, paste and journal. Fortunately, the spacious Great Room has plenty of room to spread out project supplies, plus a lounge area for breaks and a dining area for meals and snacks. This all-inclusive package (which can also be tailored to quilting groups) includes two overnights and all meals. It's custom priced for groups of 6 to 10 and can be personalized to each group. "Our guests do not have to deal with the details and can focus on having a great time," says co-owner Margaret Covington. The rustic-chic log-cabin style B&B offers bedroom suites with fireplaces.

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