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## AN URBAN SUGAR SHACK: "UN CHEF À L'ÉRABLE"

Who says sugar shacks have to be outside city limits? Certainly not Laurent Godbout, who – for the third year in a row – will be at work in the kitchen of Un Chef à l'érable right in the heart of Montreal! The "shack" will open its doors in March at its usual venue in the Old Port's Scena. Be prepared to loosen your belt: Quai Jacques-Cartier will be a foodie haven! The celebrated Chez l'Épicier chef will put his spin on a number of maple-infused classics – from starters to the ultimate in maple taffy. Within an airy, festive decor reminiscent of traditional sugar shacks, good music adds to the atmosphere. Maple syrup dominates the menu, of course, but it's the views overlooking the marina, the St. Lawrence and downtown that make this sugar shack truly unique. Weekends only.

**Info:** [scena.ca/evenements/un-chef-a-lerable](http://scena.ca/evenements/un-chef-a-lerable)

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## LET'S GO "GLAMPING"



Mont-Tremblant, Treehouse 2 boasts a stunning lake view and can accommodate up to six people.



Au Diable Vert's Abenaki cabin is just right for a twosome.

These days, camping is a lot more than just pitching a tent in the middle of the forest. Creature comforts have become so important that they've spawned a whole new, ready-to-camp concept dubbed "glamping" (glamour + camping). All that would-be "glampers" need to bring are their personal items – clothes, sleeping bags, food – to the site where, as the case may be, their tent, yurt, caravan or cabin, is ready and waiting.

Located in the Parc Éco des Laurentides, **Les Refuges Perchés Mont-Tremblant** (Mont Tremblant Treehouses) have managed to literally raise the bar: As their name suggests, accommodations are set up in the trees. Each wood-heated unit is equipped for cooking and is accessible by hiking trail (10 to 20 minutes' walk from the reception area) or canoe (luggage carts and

canoe provided). There's no running water, but all units boast sunny terraces with terrific views of the natural surroundings. Open year-round, the facility offers seasonal activities like snowshoeing in winter and, in warmer weather, swimming and fishing.

The mountain station **Au Diable Vert** in Sutton in the Eastern Townships also offers lodging in the trees. Here, the view over Mount Sutton and the lush valley below is breathtaking at any time of year. Hiking trails, wide and easy to negotiate on relatively flat terrain, become more sinuous and strenuous as you trudge through the woods, up hillsides, across streams and rivers and along gentle cliffs. Feeling more adventurous? You can also kayak on the nearby Missisquoi River.

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