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From mountain biking to swimming to shooting pool, there are many ways to keep the family entertained at **The Balsams Grand Resort Hotel** with an Adventure Package. thebalsams.com

COOKING CLASSES Learn from the master chefs at **The Balsams Grand Resort Hotel** in a unique setting in Dixville Notch. thebalsams.com

***DREAMCOTTAGE** That's its name and it fits. Just across the flower gardens from the main **Sugar Hill Inn**, this too-good-to-be-true retreat holds a spacious cathedral-ceilinged bed/sitting room with a fieldstone fireplace and comfy suede sofa. As attention-getting as the room with its tasteful rustic/chic décor, it's the bathroom suite that leaves guests in awe — a double whirlpool tub (with heavenly lavender mineral bath salts), twin-sink vanity, slate-lined shower the size of an ordinary bathroom and a full Finnish sauna. Breakfast served in the inn's dining room is included. sugarhillinn.com

***LUXURY IN THE NATIONAL FOREST** Of course, you can pitch a tent at one of the campgrounds and cook dinner on a campfire, but for the comforts of home — plus a few — relax after a day's hiking in the **Notchland Inn's** outdoor hot tub, at Hart's Location in Crawford Notch. Then savor a fine dinner before retiring to one of the lushly tailored rooms or cottages. Maybe your eggs in the morning won't have that wood-smoke flavor, but the French toast just doesn't get any better than theirs. notchland.com

RESORT/HOTEL SPA Not only do you get the finest accommodations and cuisine, at the **Wentworth by the Sea Marriott Hotel and Spa** in New Castle you can indulge yourself at the resort's tranquil spa. wentworth.com

***MAC 'N CHEESE EVENT** If you missed the inaugural Mac 'N Cheese Bake Off, make sure you save the date for next year's competition. The **Granite State Dairy Promotion** asked professional chefs and home cooks alike to bring their best macaroni and cheese dishes for judgment and a hungry crowd, and there wasn't a spoonful left by the time it was over. nhdairypromo.org