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Big Cedar Lodge

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MIDWEST

THE OZARK MOUNTAIN RANGE IS PACKED WITH CENTURIES OF HISTORY, and Big Cedar Lodge in Missouri is right in the middle. With 260 rooms, you can choose accommodations that best suit your preference: a lofted log cabin, a cottage, a deluxe room or a premiere room. Their aesthetics range from cozy and secluded cottages to grand country estate rooms. Each space uniquely reflects the rough beauty of the craggy Ozarks with various animal decorations, flannel sheets and plenty of antlers.

Refresh yourself in this copper tub with a steamy bath and bird's eye view of the lake.



The lofted Civil War Cabin is sparsely decorated, but doesn't lack any of the comforts of a premiere hotel.





Dine on smoked trout while sitting over a river at Canyon Grill in the nearby Dogwood Canyon Nature Park.

The robust leather couches, rustic chests and elongated interior make the Carriage House one of the most sought-after rooms.



WHAT TO DO AND WHERE TO GO

If you want to stay close to the lodge, visit the Ancient Ozarks Natural History Museum or take a tour of nearby natural wonders such as the Lost Canyon Cave with underground rock formations and imposing waterfalls. The lodge is close to three of Missouri's best golf locations, designed by legends such as Arnold Palmer and Tom Fazio. If you want to explore by car, drive over to the nearby Table Rock Lake for some waterskiing, or into the city of Branson to see one of over 100 variety music and theater shows.

If you want to see the golden yellows and bright oranges of fall, mid-October is the best time to go.



Sipping coffee during sunrise against this backdrop is the definition of sublime.

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