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AMENITIES ABOUND AT THREE HOTELS IN THE AREA, BUT THE REAL SHOW-STOPPERS ARE THEIR INTERIORS CREATED BY THE TOP TASTE-MAKERS IN THE BUSINESS.

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From top: Ephemera, shells, geodes and minerals dot Troutbeck's library; in addition to the outdoor pool with a grill and bar, Troutbeck guests can also enjoy a tennis, fishing, hiking and river rafting.



TROUTBECK Designer Alexandra Champalimaud had no small undertaking ahead of her when she set out to revamp Amenia's Troutbeck, a 250-acre estate hotel that is absolutely steeped in history. Previously serving as a private estate, country inn and tavern dating back to the 18th century, the property drew Mark Twain, Henry David Thoreau and Ralph Waldo Emerson with its sycamore forests and walled garden that housed what was once the world's greatest collection of clematis flowers.



Today, the hotel still maintains a relaxed air fitting for thoughtful study and observation of the natural world. From the library to the living room, original wood paneling envelops cozy fireplaces and antiques. For weddings and events, the ballroom, which is the largest one on a full-service estate property anywhere between Connecticut and the Hudson River, is outfitted with locally made chandeliers, French doors, a gas fireplace and a reclaimed bar.

For privacy, corporate clients or bridal parties can book one of the off-buildings, such as Garden House, a four-bedroom suite marked by outdoor terrace and balconies, and Century Lodge & Annex, a large cottage complete with foosball, a kitchenette, a 75-inch smart television and, of course, impeccable design. *From \$325 per night, 515 Leedsville Road, Amenia, N.Y., troutbeck.com*

VALLEY ROCK INN & MOUNTAIN CLUB As soon as Michael Bruno steps into his antique store, he begins moving things around. He arranges a table in one spot, adding a few chairs, before deciding it doesn't work together and shuffling it all away. Tuxedo Hudson Realty and Antique Center is a multifunctional mass of large, expensive treasures in Sloatsburg, N.Y., also the home of Bruno's Valley Rock Inn & Mountain Club. In the four, spacious guest houses, the 1stdibs.com founder and real estate broker found a home for his never-



From top: The Rose Garden at Valley Rock Inn & Mountain Club; the property's guest houses were designed by New York-based Lisa Bowles.

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From top: A sitting area at Valley Rock's new restaurant; Mayflower Inn & Spa's Shakespeare garden will be outfitted with fire pits to make it more of a social hub.

ending inventory that he has amassed from 1stdibs and from the intense shopping one does when possessing a love of fine things. The town of Sloatsburg has become one of his projects—Bruno is often moving items from the store to the inn, which is always expanding. He points out the areas he is planning to develop into massage houses or hot and cold pools and the design finds he has landed. (The Barneys closeout sale was

"I would drive through Sloatsburg and say, 'Couldn't somebody do a little something to this place?'"

—MICHAEL BRUNO, FOUNDER OF VALLEY ROCK INN & MOUNTAIN CLUB

his hunting ground for a cashier countertop that will become a bar and a pair of benches with a former life in the shoe department.) The Lodge restaurant recently opened with woodsy, locally sourced fare, as well as striking marble and antler decor throughout.

As a result, Valley Rock guests gain the sense of living in his aesthetic for the length of their stays. They sip craft cocktails in a rose garden, dine on the brightest-colored produce, frolick around picturesque grounds and surround themselves with beautiful objects. *From \$495 per night, 27 Mill St., Sloatsburg, N.Y., valleyrockinn.com*

MAYFLOWER INN & SPA Northeasterners might know Mayflower Inn & Spa for its resplendent spa packages and 58 acres of landscaped gardens and woodland. Now, the estate hotel in Connecticut gets a makeover from design darling Celerie Kemble, who is known for inserting a bit of whimsy into traditional spaces. At the Mayflower, Kemble swaps out the more mild-mannered skirted tables, tassels and crystal candlesticks in favor of brighter colors, florals, contemporary art and English and Scandinavian antiques. Sperry Tents came in to construct a new event pavilion, and to top off the renovation, chef Lacey Lou Franklin puts a California spin on New England cuisine at the restaurant. *\$749-\$2,199 per night, 118 Woodbury Road, Route 47, Washington, Conn., aubergeresorts.com/mayflower/* ■



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