



## **HOTEL QUINTESSENCE: CLAGETT'S CABIN, A UNIQUE GETAWAY LINKED TO THE HERITAGE OF MONT TREMBLANT**

MONT TREMBLANT, Quebec, Canada -- Hotel Quintessence's roots are deeply intertwined with those of Mont Tremblant, a historic ski and tourism area.

***THE EARLY DAYS:*** After a memorable ski holiday during the early 1940s, visitors Tom and Nancy Clagett fell under the spell of Mont Tremblant.

They acquired three acres of lakefront property from Joe and Mary Ryan, the original developers of Tremblant. Friends of the Ryans from the U.S.A., the Clagetts were privy to choice land nestled in a grove of towering evergreens and bordering Lake Tremblant. The Clagetts realized their dream and built an exclusive country retreat called Sans Sabots. Here they would enjoy splendid views of the heavy forests and rolling hills of the Laurentian Mountains of Quebec.

Perhaps most important, the Clagetts' estate was on the slopes of Mont Tremblant, almost adjacent to the landmark chairlift that Joe Ryan built. The pioneering ski developer built the first chairlift in Canada at Tremblant during the winter of 1938-39.

The French name "Sans Sabots" means "barefoot," (literally "without boots") so-called because Mrs. Clagett loved to walk barefoot on the glorious lakefront property.

It is on the site of this spectacular lakefront, slope-side estate that Hotel Quintessence was built. Guests of the grand country lodge also enjoy unparalleled views of Lake Tremblant and the Laurentian Mountains.

Welcome to "Q", the fifth element of the universe, the element of purity, soul and spirit. It is believed to be the substance of what heaven embodies. This is Clagett's Cabin.

***CLAGETT'S CABIN AT QUINTESSENCE:*** An enchanting log cabin that was a precious part of the Clagetts' domain has been lovingly preserved by Hotel Quintessence. About 30 meters (100 feet) from the lustrous luxe of the main hotel, Clagett's Cabin is the ultimate romantic getaway, a secluded haven of five-star comfort.

Guests who choose this unique accommodation enjoy the same rich décor as in the main lodge at Hotel Quintessence, with a queen canopy bed covered by a heavy duvet, a cream-coloured cotton damask duvet cover, a featherbed and 300-thread-count sheets.

Rustic luxury rules ! Clagett's Cabin's guests enjoy a wood-burning fireplace surrounded by a brick hearth as well as a traditional cast-iron, claw-foot bathtub.

Open the door of this lovely cabin and you are at the heart of the great Laurentian outdoors. Enjoy Quintessence's private boardwalk along Lake Tremblant, a ride on the hotel's vintage mahogany motor boat (built circa 1910) or a stroll through three acres of lushly landscaped grounds.

Clagett's Cabin guests also are steps away from modern-day facilities – the hotel's striking infinity-edge swimming pool and especially, the exquisite Spa Sans Sabots, named for the original country estate.

***TREMBLANT, A RICH HISTORY:*** The splendid mountains, lakes and forests around Mont Tremblant were popular for hiking, boating and Nordic (cross-country) skiing as far back as the 1890s.

In the 1930s, Joe Ryan, the dashing American adventurer and heir to a railway fortune, visited the Laurentians and was seduced by the rugged beauty of the land and the mountains. He singled out Mont Tremblant as the ideal ski mountain and with his director of operations, Charlie Duncan, carved downhill trails and installed surface lifts. During the winter of 1938-39 Ryan built the first chairlift in Canada on the site of what now is called the Flying Mile Express.

The pioneering ski mountain flourished, becoming the No. 1 area in Eastern North America and spawning an exciting year-round resort.

***PRESENT-DAY TREMBLANT*** -- Mont Tremblant has been thoroughly redeveloped to create a charming, bustling pedestrian village with a first-run cinema, 40 family-style restaurants and 45 boutiques ranging from kids' stuff to sports gear.

The region also is a natural playground that is adjacent to Mont Tremblant Provincial Park, a wildlife sanctuary, wilderness park and hiking/snowshoeing paradise for fans of light adventure.

In winter, down-hillers enjoy Tremblant's four mountain faces of terrific skiing and snowboarding. Mont Tremblant is consistently voted "best ski resort in the East" by Skiing and Ski magazines (USA) and Ski Canada Magazine. Other winter activities include snow-mobiling, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, skating, dog-sledding and horse-drawn sleigh rides.

During summer, sports lovers have access to golf at five picturesque courses, car racing at Le Circuit Mont Tremblant, hiking, cycling, tennis, fly-fishing, horse-back riding and mountain biking as well as boating, hydro-planing and swimming on Lake Tremblant.

Tremblant's year-round cultural calendar features festivals of music, dance, film and art.

In the spring, visit a typically Quebec cabane à sucre for a feast celebrating the annual maple syrup harvest. During autumn, Mont-Tremblant is perhaps at its most beautiful, when the vibrant fall colours transform the region.

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