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Sheldon Chalet

Denali National Park, Alaska

Perched on a lonely outcropping high above a glacier in Alaska's Denali National Park, **Sheldon Chalet** is as remote as it is luxurious. The lodge, which opened in February, is only accessible by helicopter from the town of Talkeetna. Upon arrival, guests are offered locally inspired fare prepared by the lodge's private chef—think Alaskan crab and barbecued oysters—as well as an array of guided outings in the mountainous wilderness. Among them: a rappelling adventure, a mountaineering course, crevasse exploration and a “lightseeing” plane tour of the surrounding peaks. At an elevation of 6,000 ft., the chalet also offers extraordinary views of the Northern Lights, which are brighter in the desolate wilderness. Stays start at around \$2,300 per person per night, including the helicopter transport. —*Alejandro de la Garza*