

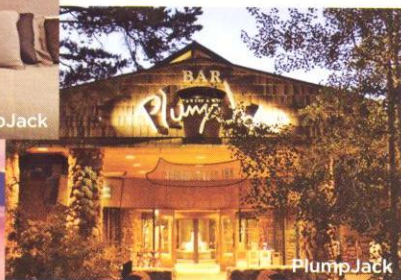
Tahoe City



PlumpJack



Sunnyside Restaurant



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Highlands, Lake Tahoe (13005 Ritz-Carlton Highlands Dr., Truckee, 530-562-8900; ritzcarlton.com) will offer 170 guest rooms and year-round

activities. And from Incline Village to Bliss State Park, **Tahoe Luxury Properties** (530-584-3434; tlxp.com) offers the largest selection of exclusive properties available for summer leases. **EAT/DRINK** Boat to Chamber's Landing pier and grab a famous punch cocktail at the **Chamber's Bar** (6300 W. Lake Blvd., Tahoma, 530-525-7262). Don't miss the old-school pancakes and home-smoked salmon omelettes at **Fire Sign Café** (1785 W. Lake Blvd., Tahoe City, 530-583-0871). Boating

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ith mountain ranges to rival those of Aspen and Vail and crystal lake waters that run 1,645 feet deep (the second deepest in America), Lake Tahoe remains one of California's true wonders.

In the early 1900s, San Francisco's elite, awed by the area's natural beauty, left the city's oft-chilly summer days for the lake's sunny shores and warm waters. Later, the likes of Frank Sinatra, Marilyn Monroe and Dean Martin frequented the legendary Cal Neva Casino, and when Squaw Valley hosted the 1960 Winter Olympics, Tahoe became a world-class winter skiing destination as well. Today, Lake Tahoe's North Shore remains the perfect destination for summer travelers craving a holiday complete with chic accommodations and eateries, an active outdoor agenda and 72 miles of picture-perfect shoreline.

STAY A boutique hotel nestled at the base of Squaw Valley mountain, **PlumpJack Squaw Valley Inn** (1920 Squaw Valley Rd., Olympic Valley, 530-583-1576; plumpjacksquawvalleyinn.com) is known for its cozy, well-appointed rooms and intimate cafe (breakfast is served to hotel guests only). Don't miss the winemaker dinners held throughout the summer with Bill Nancarrow from Duckhorn and Tom Hinde of Flowers, among others. With only four suites, two rooms and a crowd-pleasing restaurant with an expansive deck, the recently renovated **West Shore Café and Inn** (5160 W. Lake Blvd., Homewood, 530-525-5200; westshorecafe.com) is an impossible reservation to get—but one well worth the effort. Skip the main building of the **Hyatt Regency Lake Tahoe Resort** (111 Country Club Dr., Incline Village, NV, 775-832-1234; laketahoe.hyatt.com) and book one of their lakeside cottages for easy beach access and a shoreline fire pit for evening cocktails and s'mores. With its highly anticipated opening slated for late 2009, the **Ritz-Carlton**

BEST IN SHOW

Tahoe's hottest tickets, from high fashion to Shakespeare on the shore

LAKE TAHOE WOODEN BOAT

WEEK June 18-24 Events are held throughout the North and West Shores. laketahoeconcours.com.

TAHOE YACHT CLUB'S 37TH ANNUAL CONOURS D'ELEGANCE

June 19-21 Featuring Blonde Deck Runabouts. laketahoeconcours.com.

LAKE TAHOE SHAKESPEARE

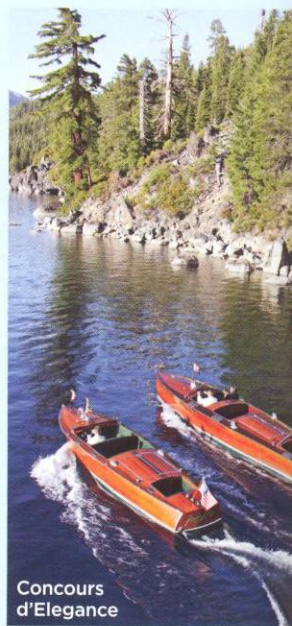
FESTIVAL July 11-August 23 Much *Ado about Nothing* and *Measure for Measure* on the Sand Harbor shore. laketahoeshakespeare.com.

20TH ANNIVERSARY AMERICAN CENTURY GOLF CELEBRITY CHAMPIONSHIP

July 14-19 Held at South Shore's Edgewood Golf Course. tahoecelibritygold.com.

THE LEAGUE TO SAVE LAKE TAHOE ANNUAL BENEFIT

August 1 Oscar de la Renta Fashion Show at the family home of Mara and Lynn Fritz. keptatahoeblue.org.



Concours d'Elegance



SECLUDED SHORES

Lake Tahoe's best kept secret: **Glenbrook**. Rent a lakeside home in this private enclave and enjoy warm cove swimming, lakeview golfing through the pines, clay tennis courts and glassy waters perfect for waterskiing. **Glenbrook Property Rentals**, 775-749-5662.