

# ESCAPE TO ELKHART LAKE



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bluffs above two gorgeous miles of Lake Michigan shoreline is enough, says Tom, to get anyone to the Elkhart Lake area. Pronto. It is, after all, a legendary Midwest retreat rich in colorful history.

In the late 1800s the Milwaukee & Northern Railroad brought paradise seekers (including gangsters like Al Capone) from Chicago, Milwaukee and Green Bay. In the 1900s illegal gambling was all the rage. And in the 1950s, wildly popular open-road racing over hills and around lake curves continued to attract eager sun-and-funsters. Today, say Tom and Gina (she flies Citation's Bravo and Excel), the region has lost none of its draw as an "it" spot for terrific fly-in times.

Stay in a luxurious lakeside suite at splendid **Osthoff Resort** ([osthoff.com](http://osthoff.com) 800.876.3399), where 500 feet of sand beach, meals to swoon for at Lola's on the Lake and Jill Prescott's Ecole de Cuisine cooking school will keep you perfectly entertained. Or court romance at **52 Stafford** (800.421.4667), a charming Irish guesthouse where the four-poster beds, in-room whirlpools and authentic Irish pub are simply sensational. Add the shops and galleries of Elkhart Lake village and dream of only more thing: that Elkhart the brave could have known his namesake escape and, like Tom and Gina and so many flying adventurers today, love it like crazy.

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The Indian brave who slay an elk, ate its heart (thereby earning himself the name Elkhart) only tragically – romantically – to drown in the clear, spring-fed waters beside his teepee thanks to an ill-fated love affair, could hardly have foreseen it. That the lake in southwestern Wisconsin named for him – Elkhart Lake – would become one wow of a fly-in delight. Great fishing, awesome golf, a charming little village of restaurants and shopping.... These days, how do corporate pilots Tom and Gina Boyer love the lake bequeathed by the legend of Elkhart the brave?

Let them count the ways!

"It's a lot of fun," says Tom, who means a lot of fun. The pilot of both a Learjet 45 and Challenger 600 in his work with Kohler Corporate Air finds Elkhart Lake an especially super spot for his kids Allison, 4, and Danny, 1. The crystalline blue-green waters so clear the fish can be seen against the sandy bottom have for decades drawn families to great vacation times of swimming, kayaking, sailing and paddle-boating. Add the lake's charming village, and besides

being incredibly beautiful, says Tom of what the Indians considered "the chosen spot" for cedar tree-lined shores and glacial hills and forests, Elkhart Lake also is a joy for grown-ups. "Road America is here. Whistling Straits is close by. And," he adds, you are not going to find friendlier people anywhere.

Wing in to Sheboygan County Airport (SBM), where Tom has an additional job managing Western Shore Aviation, one of two FBOs, and he personally can attest to the allure of **Road America** ([roadamerica.com](http://roadamerica.com) 800.365-RACE), one of the world's premiere tracks for celebrity and pro circuits of everything from motorcycles to Indy cars. "It's a blast!" he says. "To stand right behind the pits, practically with the cars..." well, it's a charge as electrifying as a golf game well-played on The Straits Course of **Whistling Straits** ([destinationkohler.com/ws](http://destinationkohler.com/ws) 800.618.5535). Said by various golf critics to be "edgy, dangerous, dazzling," "mad, maddening, madcap," and akin either to Pebble Beach on steroids or golf on acid, The Straits' course on the