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In an age that has witnessed an explosion in the popularity of travel, when finding space away from the crowds is one of life's greatest luxuries, Cox & Kings is, above all else, a travel company you can trust to arrange stress-free escapes. Our experience, knowledge, service and business ethics are all underpinned by more than 260 years of heritage.

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A common strand running through the entire history is the spirit of innovation, which has remained a driving force for the business to this day. Our company may be old but it is also full of youthful energy.

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We continue to build on the tradition of high quality service, attention to detail and innovation that made our founder, Richard Cox, so successful over 260 years ago. We hope that this brochure will inspire you and that you will entrust your next adventure to Cox & Kings.

# EXPERIENCE LUXURY IN THE WILD

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Many of us feel instinctively drawn to particular landscapes. Maybe the swell of the sea, the flow of the river, or the quiet of the forest. They can stimulate a primal response in us; a heightened sense of awe, excitement or calm. Wilderness can take us away from everyday human life and remind us that we are just tiny grains in a vast world. That feeling of humility can make us feel more alive and does wonders for the soul.

Some people, faced with a mountain, have to climb it; faced with water, feel the need to plunge in; or in a desert, yearn to head for the horizon. Others are content to delight in the beauty of their surroundings in gentler ways. However you like to interact with the wild, there is no need to compromise on comfort when it comes to the accommodation.

In this brochure we have hand-picked four superb luxury properties in each of seven wilderness environments around the world. We do not necessarily intend these as standalone destinations – more as a focal point around which to create a fully tailor-made itinerary.

To start planning your perfect luxury adventure, you can either call one of our expert tour consultants on **020 3797 3924**, visit **CoxandKings.co.uk/tailor-made** where you will find an online form on which you can explain your initial ideas, or talk to your travel agent.



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*There is pleasure in the pathless woods, there is  
rapture in the lonely shore, there is society  
where none intrudes, by the deep sea, and  
music in its roar; I love not Man  
the less, but Nature more.*

Lord Byron

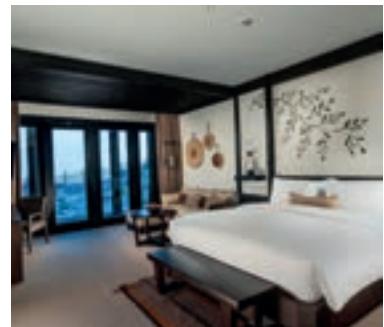
# MOUNTAINS

*When you go to the mountains,  
you see them and you admire them.  
In a sense, they give you a challenge, and  
you try to express that challenge  
by climbing them.*

*Edmund Hillary, Mountaineer*







## OMAN

### Alila Jabal Akhdar

The stone-clad suites and villas of the Alila Jabal Akhdar are scattered across the edge of a yawning ravine in a central section of the Al Hajar mountains (see photo on pages 6 -7). At 2,000m above sea level, its spectacular setting and excellent spa are reasons enough to visit, but it's worth making time for some of the experiences on offer. There are guided walks to nearby wadis and remote villages untouched by time, and hiking trails that lead to cascading rose terraces and secluded picnic spots with breathtaking canyon views.

**Ideal for:** Spa experts, intrepid hikers and free-spirited yogis

**Moment of inspiration:** A guided sunrise walk, through ancient juniper trees and overlooking vertiginous ravines, reveals this hotel's truly remarkable setting.

**Best paired with:** The Chedi Muscat

**Insider tip:** No need to pack a rucksack, each room has one ready for unforgettable hikes, and staff can prepare a picnic, complete with blanket and cushions.

#### Signature Experiences:

- Walk to the atmospheric abandoned village of Wadi Bani Habib, following a scenic trail through farmland growing walnut trees and pomegranate bushes.
- The yoga platform on the lip of the cliff is an ideal place to begin or end your day.
- In spring, the nearby damask rose terraces will be in bloom; take a guided walk and see how rosewater is produced.





## JAPAN

### Hoshinoya Fuji

Modern, minimal and quintessentially Japanese, Hoshinoya Fuji is the country's first luxury glamping resort. Set next to tranquil Lake Kawaguchi, this wonderful escape sits deep in the pine forest and offers spectacular views of Mount Fuji. It is surely one of Japan's most ethereal places to stay; with glassy lakeside cabins that open up into the forest, guests feel completely immersed in nature. This is glamping done brilliantly, striking a balance between adventure and comfort.

**Ideal for:** Nature-loving traditionalists, would-be royalty and stargazers

**Moment of inspiration:** A third of each room is connected to the outdoors, to make the most of the stars and the crackling fire, and with a series of wooden walkways you are never far from forest walks.

**Best paired with:** The Peninsula Tokyo

**Insider tip:** Thousands of years of volcanic activity has created luminous forests, ice caves and craters that are waiting to be explored in the company of an experienced guide.

#### Signature Experiences:

- Be greeted with binoculars, maps, blankets and a headlight before heading off to a minimalist cabin in the mountainous forest.
- Experience intimate alfresco dining and interactive cooking workshops on the Cloud Terrace.
- Enjoy a luxury nod to camping with modern campfires on the cabin balconies, titanium cups and a refined take on camping food.





## GEORGIA

### Rooms Hotel Kazbegi

Bringing high-altitude-chic to Georgia's isolated highlands, this retreat benefits from a truly spectacular backdrop – the dramatic Caucasus mountains. Floor-to-ceiling windows dominate the former Soviet brutalist building, while a minimalist yet cosy interior offers a rich neutral palette, locally-crafted furniture and roaring fireplaces. Facilities include an indoor swimming pool, an airy lobby lounge, an extensive library and the hotel's key architectural statement: a sweeping sun terrace showcasing the ridges dividing Europe and Asia.

**Ideal for:** Deep thinkers, culture vultures and alpine adventurers

**Moment of inspiration:** Enjoy a fresh *khachapuri* (a local delicacy of Georgian cheese-filled bread) and a tarragon flavoured lemonade from one of the sun deck's lounge seats.

**Best paired with:** Rooms Hotel Tbilisi

**Insider tip:** For the hotel's most impressive views, opt for a front-facing room overlooking Mount Kazbeg and the Gergeti Trinity Church.

#### Signature Experiences:

- Visit the secluded 14th-century Gergeti Trinity Church, perched on the steep Kazbeg mountain range.
- Journey to the remote village of Juta for complete immersion in the wild beauty of the Kazbegi landscape.
- Take a day trip to Sno, one of the region's most prominent cultural hubs, where centuries-old stone masonry and carpentry is still practised by master craftsmen.





## INDIA

### Chamba Camp Thiksey, Ladakh

For centuries, Ladakh has been an oasis for merchants, mercenaries and monks. Its mystical landscapes are silent, save for the distant chanting of monks. Chamba Camp is the ultimate high-altitude luxury camp; spacious, well-appointed tents are equipped with triple-layered natural insulation and all-weather, fire-resistant canvas. Tents have a bedroom, bathroom and verandah area, and are individually furnished with four-poster beds, thick carpets and handcrafted furniture. Acclaimed chefs prepare both Indian and continental meals in the restaurant.

**Ideal for:** History buffs, the spiritually awakened and canvas connoisseurs

**Moment of inspiration:** Enjoy 360° views of the dramatic landscapes from your private wooden deck while your personal butler serves you a cup of fresh chai.

**Best paired with:** Chamba Camp Diskit, Nubra Valley

**Insider tip:** Visit Lamayuru's 'moonscape' monastery on a full moon to witness its otherworldly beauty; you'll feel like you're on another planet.

#### Signature Experiences:

- Participate in a traditional Buddhist prayer ceremony in Thiksey monastery or visit the thousand-year-old Alchi monastery with its intricate murals.
- Have a sumptuous lunch high in the Wari-La pass.
- Try your hand at archery or take a walk around the local villages to get to know the friendly smiling locals.



# JUNGLE

*The rainforest has an intense beauty  
that at times seems almost suffocating.  
The jungle is one twig short of impenetrable,  
and the greenery seems to crowd in on you  
with a sensation that has been described  
as akin to snow blindness.*

*Mark Barrowcliffe, Writer*





## ECUADOR Mashpi Lodge

Experience nature from a new angle in Mashpi Lodge, an elegant and luxurious cocoon in the depths of nature. Situated in a private cloud forest and rainforest reserve, it is home to an astounding variety of flora and fauna including 400 species of birds, 36 of which are endemic. This contemporary lodge places no barriers between you and nature, with floor-to-ceiling windows allowing panoramic views. There is also a spa, yoga deck, and viewing platform that juts out into the forest for the ultimate immersive wellness experience.

**Ideal for:** Nature lovers, wellness pursuers and passionate photographers

**Moment of inspiration:** Experience the forest canopy up close as you float through the treetops on the lodge's sky bike.

**Best paired with:** Casa Gangotena, Quito and a Galapagos cruise

**Insider tip:** Visit the Life Centre to enjoy breakfast as you watch tropical birds from the wooden deck, and learn about the numerous species of butterfly found in the region.

### Signature Experiences:

- Visit the observation tower to appreciate the complex structure of the tropical forest below and spot a wide variety of birds.
- Seek out 32 different species of hummingbird in the hummingbird garden, a paradise for bird-lovers and photographers.
- Take a trip on the Dragonfly, Mashpi's open-air cable car; cruising at a leisurely speed above the forest canopy, you can admire the rainforest's flora and fauna.





## ARGENTINA

### Awasi Iguazú

The chic Awasi Iguazú is hidden in the dense tropical jungle of Misiones, close to the mighty Iguazú Falls. 14 stand-alone villas offer sophisticated, pared-back accommodation with pale woods, clean lines and floor-to-ceiling windows that allow the surrounding greenery to take centre stage. Built on stilts for minimal environmental impact, each villa has a private plunge pool, terrace and outdoor shower. You'll also have a personal guide and 4x4 on hand for exploring the area.

**Ideal for:** Jungle explorers, wildlife observers and treetop twitchers

**Moment of inspiration:** Paddling silently through a gin-clear pool, with the encroaching jungle all around, taking in the kaleidoscope of tropical birdcalls.

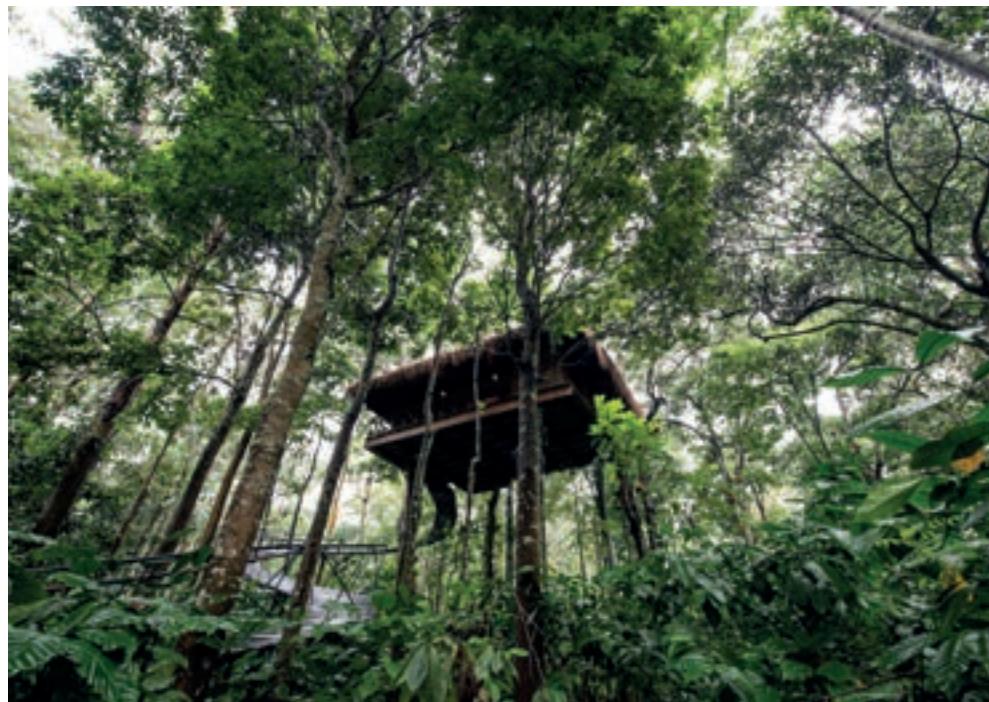
**Best paired with:** Hub Porteño, Buenos Aires and Eolo, near El Calafate, Patagonia

**Insider tip:** The restaurant at this Relais & Chateaux property is exceptional, using produce picked straight from the surrounding jungle – we recommend dining on the outside veranda beneath the forest canopy.

#### Signature Experiences:

- Follow rainforest trails seeking out tropical birds, tapirs, capuchin monkeys and, if you're lucky, pumas.
- Visit the Iguazú Falls on your own schedule, with a private guide.
- Take a boat across crystal-clear pools and picnic in the jungle as the sun sets.
- Visit nearby Jesuit ruins and meet local Guarani tribes.
- Evening lectures about surrounding flora, fauna and indigenous culture.





## INDIA Pepper Trail

Set deep within Mangalam Carp Estate, a tea, coffee and spice plantation in Kerala's Western Ghats, Pepper Trail preserves the essence of a bygone era. It's a serene, intimate retreat offering accommodation in suites within a charming colonial bungalow or, more excitingly, in spacious treehouses built on giant jackfruit trees, complete with four-poster beds, indoor and outdoor living spaces and luxurious bathrooms.

**Ideal for:** Adventurous trekkers, early risers and spice connoisseurs

**Moment of inspiration:** Enjoy an elaborate breakfast that includes a cup of coffee made with beans from the estate, as the birds of Wayanad begin their morning chorus.

**Best paired with:** Evolve Back, Coorg

**Insider tip:** Don't miss an early morning walk with a guide through the coffee, tea and spice gardens when the light is at its best and the heat isn't too overwhelming.

### Signature Experiences:

- Pamper yourself with a relaxing Ayurveda massage in a private pavilion, deep within the coffee plantation.
- Trek to the far corner of the estate to explore prehistoric caves and seek out wildlife in its natural habitat with an experienced guide.
- Take a coracle ride on the reservoir, go cycling with a guide to see rice paddies and temples, or explore the area in an open top 4x4.





## TANZANIA

### Greystoke Mahale

Mahale Mountains National Park is home to the world's largest known population of eastern chimpanzees and is the remote setting of Greystoke Mahale. With no roads for 100 miles, this secluded lodge brings you to the heart of its leafy nirvana. Stay in one of six exotic, open-fronted wooden bandas overlooking Lake Tanganyika. Each banda is equipped with an upstairs relaxation deck, from where you may sometimes spot chimpanzees ambling. The communal dining area and open-air bar serve delicious cuisine and beverages.

**Ideal for:** Primate enthusiasts, social characters and active adventurers

**Moment of inspiration:** Waking up to the sun sparkling on Lake Tanganyika in front of your thatched dhow wood banda, and enjoying a private barefoot dinner on the beach.

**Best paired with:** Chada Katavi, Katavi National Park

**Insider tip:** Be sure to take a guided bushwalk to spot some of the resident chimpanzees, as well as other local wildlife including warthogs, red-tailed monkeys and colobus monkeys.

#### Signature Experiences:

- Embark with expert guides on a forest path safari to track some of the ten species of primates present in the national park.
- Visit a local village to get a feel for the region's culture and sample Tanzanian hospitality.
- Plunge off a traditional dhow into the crystalline waters of Lake Tanganyika or spot bathing hippos from a kayak.





# DESERT

*I don't see the desert as barren at all;  
I see it as full and ripe. It doesn't need to be  
flattered with rain. It certainly needs rain,  
but it does with what it has, and creates  
amazing beauty.*

*Joy Harjo, Poet*





## BOLIVIA

### Airstream Camper

Set amongst the immense and empty panoramas of the Salar de Uyuni, these luxury campers offer the opportunity to experience the peaceful solitude of one of the most striking landscapes on the planet in comfort and style. Each Airstream camper is equipped with hot water showers, modern toilets, a queen-size bed and thermal bedding. Your own personal guide, driver and chef will also accompany you, ensuring that you want for nothing during your stay.

**Ideal for:** Star-gazing individualists, retro-revivers and solitude seekers

**Moment of inspiration:** You truly do have this incredible landscape all to yourself. Gaze out across an infinite expanse of crystalline white salt flats under a sky filled with stars as you dine on delicious local specialties, cooked by your own personal chef.

**Best paired with:** Casa Grande, La Paz and Titilaka Lodge, Lake Titicaca

**Insider tip:** Take a morning bike tour across the flats under the spectacular dawn sky for breathtaking views and an adventurous start to your day.

#### Signature Experiences:

- Cycle or trek with your guide to the most remote reaches of the salt flats.
- Visit local communities, ancient villages with stunning colonial architecture, and pre-Incan tombs to learn more about local culture.
- Stargaze under one of the southern hemisphere's clearest skies and try to spot the rings of Saturn through a telescope.





## NAMIBIA Shipwreck Lodge

With a name that conjures up dramatic nautical tales through the centuries, Shipwreck Lodge is modelled on the mysterious shipwrecks that line Namibia's Skeleton Coast. Located in a rugged slice of otherworldly African wilderness, the hotel's ten luxurious cabins are spread generously across the hauntingly beautiful sand dunes, each with a wood-burning stove and solar-power. At the lodge's heart is a restaurant and dining area that is surrounded by an outdoor deck overlooking the Atlantic Ocean; ideal for post-adventure sundowners.

**Ideal for:** Wildlife watchers, story-tellers and nautical souls

**Moment of inspiration:** For early mornings that inspire, leave your blinds open at night and watch as the sun casts its first shadows over the dunes from the luxury of your bed.

**Best paired with:** Mowani Mountain Camp, Damaraland

**Insider tip:** Take a guided sunset drive to Oasis water point and the roaring dunes to experience unspoilt wilderness in its truest sense.

### Signature Experiences:

- Take a 4x4 Hoarusib River excursion, with the chance to spot kudu and hyenas, as well as elusive desert-dwelling elephants and lions.
- Take a day excursion to the seal colony in Mowe Bay, stopping to see the Karimona shipwrecks and the remains of a Ventura bomber.
- Enjoy exclusive use of the Shipwreck Lodge's fishing area, with chefs on hand to prepare your catch for dinner.





## JORDAN

### Bespoke Hideaways Camp

T.E. Lawrence famously described the arid landscapes of Wadi Rum as 'vast, echoing and God-like'. Surrounded by undulating desert and towering sandstone hills, Bespoke Hideaways Camp offers a more-than-comfortable refuge from the unrelenting desert sun. Its six tented suites feature hardwood floors, king-size or twin beds, en suite bathrooms with hot showers, and solar-powered electricity. In the evenings, once the lanterns and candles have been lit, authentic Arabic dishes are served in the central Bedouin tent or at a private table under the stars.

**Ideal for:** Would-be astronomers, ancient history enthusiasts and desert romantics

**Moment of inspiration:** Savouring the unadulterated silence of the desert while enjoying breakfast on a sandstone hill near the camp.

**Best paired with:** Kempinski Ishtar, Dead Sea

**Insider tip:** With virtually no light pollution, Wadi Rum's ink-black night skies are ideal for stargazing.

#### Signature Experiences:

- Take in the enormity of the desert on a dawn hot air balloon trip.
- Trek through otherworldly landscapes and learn about local culture with a Bedouin guide.
- Drive through Wadi Rum in a 4x4, stopping at Khazali Canyon, fascinating rock formations and ancient Nabataean inscriptions.
- Take a camel ride through the desert as the sun goes down.
- Stargaze through a professional telescope with an astronomer.





## CHILE

### Tierra Atacama

Imagine a trip to the moon but without the hassle of space travel or lack of creature comforts. The sumptuous lodgings of the Tierra Atacama make this a dream come true. Surrounded by the remarkable moonscapes of the Atacama, this exclusive desert hideaway offers an at-one-with-nature experience using eco-friendly initiatives but with every attention to life's little luxuries. Explorations out into the desert range from horse riding, hiking and biking tours to birdwatching and stargazing trips with an expert, and visits to all manner of geological wonders.

**Ideal for:** Space-seeking escapists, infinity pool enthusiasts and clean-living adventurers

**Moment of inspiration:** Pick up a glass of chilled Chilean white and choose from any number of secluded spots around the hotel to revel in those volcanic desert vistas.

**Best paired with:** Singular, Santiago and Tierra Patagonia Hotel & Spa, near Torres del Paine

**Insider tip:** Don't take the altitude lightly. Tierra Atacama is located at a lofty 2,407 metres, so make your first day a spa day; lather yourself in volcanic mud and relax.

#### Signature Experiences:

- Join a spellbinding nocturnal hike through the Atacama desert by the light of the full moon.
- Visit the people who inhabit these harsh landscapes on a gentle cycle ride through villages, passing artisans at work, adobe homes and farming communities.
- Round off a demanding desert excursion with a specially paired spa therapy using the natural minerals and flora of the desert.



# COAST

*I love the sea's sounds and the way it reflects the sky. The colours that shimmer across its surface are unbelievable. This, combined with the colour of the water over white sand, surprises me every time.*

*John Dyer, Artist*





## NEW ZEALAND

### Hapuku Lodge

For those deciding between a coastal or mountain stay, Hapuku Lodge offers the best of both worlds. Situated on New Zealand's South Island amid the lush fields of a deer farm, this rural retreat sits at the feet of the Kaikoura Seaward mountain range with the Pacific Ocean a kilometre to the east. The light-filled rooms feature soaking tubs, cosy fireplaces and balconies. Alternatively, escape to your very own mountain eyrie and opt for a stay in one of five remarkable tree houses.

**Ideal for:** Country folk, seafood lovers and marine-life spectators

**Moment of inspiration:** Soak in your treetop jacuzzi bathtub 10 metres above the ground with views through the canopy to the Pacific Ocean beyond – there's no better way to relax amid Kaikoura's nature.

**Best paired with:** Bay of Many Coves Resort, Marlborough Sounds

**Insider tip:** Delicious local food is a big part of any stay at Hapuku. Before dinner, watch the chefs in action from the bar and talk with them about the farm-to-fork process.

#### Signature Experiences:

- Get involved with activities on the farm: help gather the olives (May-June), watch antlers being harvested from the stags and try catching crayfish with a guide.
- Take a picnic basket prepared by the lodge and head out on nearby forest and bush trails.
- Enjoy easy access to exceptional marine activities including swimming with seals, sea kayaking, whale watching, dolphin and albatross encounters.





## MADAGASCAR Miavana

Lying off the north-eastern coast of Madagascar, Miavana is an exclusive island retreat like no other. Reached by helicopter from Nosy Be or Diego Suarez, its exquisitely designed villas offer the highest standards of luxury, with private pools, butler service and in-villa spa treatments. What really sets this lodge apart is the range of experiences on offer, which includes lemur trekking, nocturnal forest walks, dolphin and whale watching, deep-sea fishing and helicopter tours.

**Ideal for:** Paradise-seekers, privacy pursuers and starry-eyed honeymooners

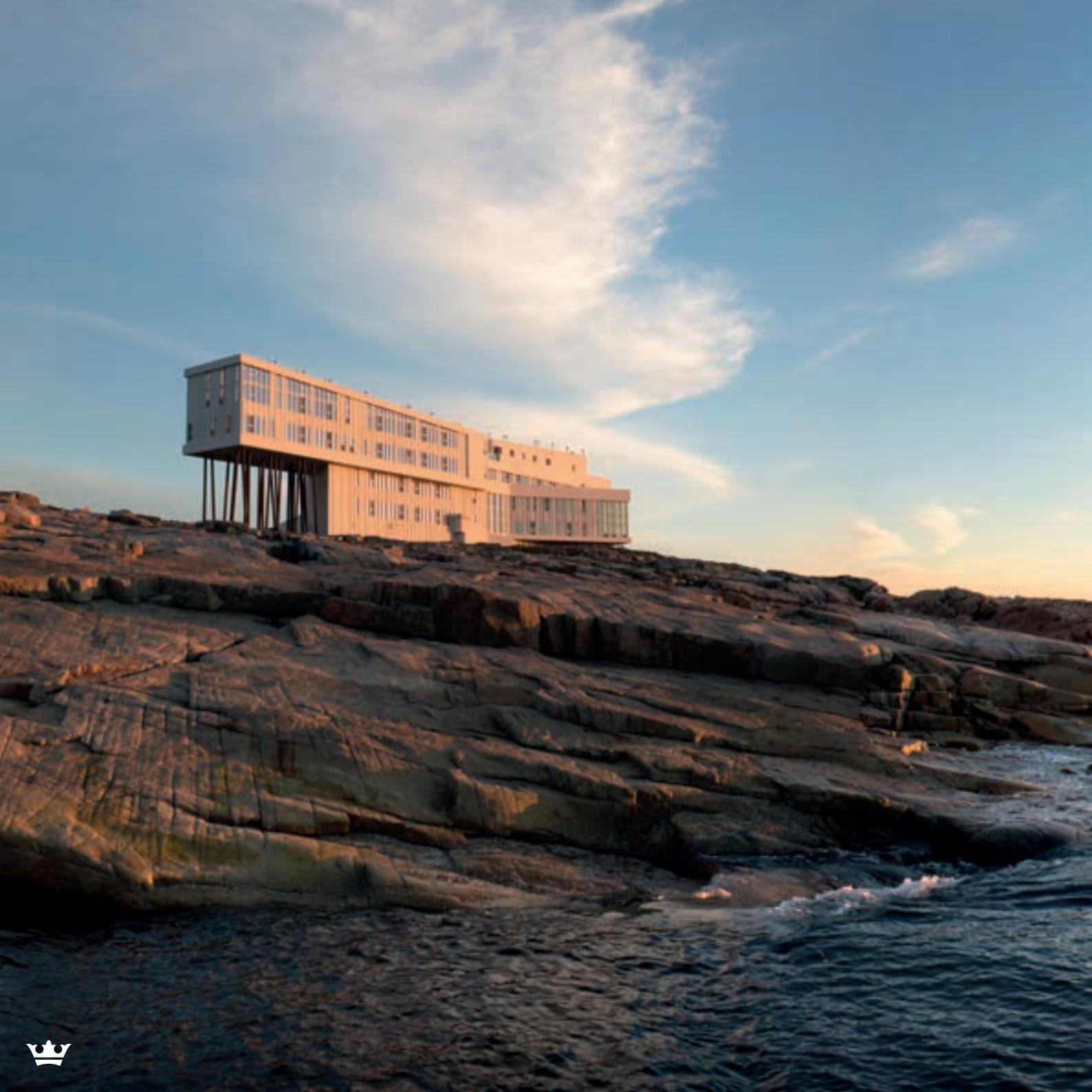
**Moment of inspiration:** Sweeping over the azure waters of the Indian Ocean by helicopter, en route to explore the rainforests of Madagascar.

**Best paired with:** Manafiafy Beach and Rainforest Lodge, Manafiafy

**Insider tip:** The resort's 'Cabinet de Curiosities' is a mini-museum of natural and man-made Madagascan artefacts including extraordinary butterfly collections, the skeleton of a pygmy hippopotamus, dinosaur bones and headgear once worn by Malagasy royalty.

### Signature Experiences:

- Explore the island's forests with a conservationist guide, seeking out lemurs.
- Encounter the extraordinary wildlife of Madagascar, 80% of which is endemic.
- Surrounded by pristine reefs, the island's snorkelling and scuba diving opportunities are superb.
- Observe turtles nesting and hatchlings making their way to the water's edge (Apr–May).





## CANADA

### Fogo Island Inn

This sustainably built inn opens out onto one of the wildest seas on the planet, the North Atlantic. Stilted to allow for the undulating topography of Fogo Island's unspoiled wilderness, its contemporary design complements the natural landscape. The hotel includes a modern art gallery, heritage library, cinema, wood-fired saunas and outdoor hot tubs. Light-filled rooms are decorated with a distinct nod to traditional Newfoundland design and offer dramatic views.

**Ideal for:** Coastal-loving modernists, whale-watchers and nature hikers

**Moment of inspiration:** Stepping out onto the rooftop deck after using the wood-fired sauna to admire the scenery and maybe even take a dip in the hot tub.

**Best paired with:** Leaside Manor, St John's

**Insider tip:** Take a visit to the 'white cube' art gallery on the first floor. It features new works by contemporary artists and curators who have participated in the Fogo Island Arts international residency program.

#### Signature Experiences:

- Each of Fogo Island's seven singular seasons offers different activities, from guided nature and geology hikes to boat tours, snowshoeing and bicycling.
- Witness night skies completely unpolluted by light and filled with stars.
- Try something different and bottle some jam, attend an art or boat building workshop, or join in with a music and storytelling event.





## AUSTRALIA

### Saffire Freycinet

Award-winning Saffire is Tasmania's premier luxury lodge, providing an immersive connection to Freycinet National Park and Wineglass Bay. The lodge's distinct architecture has been created with exclusivity in mind and offers phenomenal panoramic views. Cuisine takes centre stage, with world-renowned menus drawing inspiration from local ingredients, while an extensive range of complimentary experiences, a luxurious day spa and 20 timber-framed suites adorned with authentic Australian design combine to create the ultimate hideaway.

**Ideal for:** Active wanderers, seafood devotees and spa enthusiasts

**Moment of inspiration:** Take a guided walk to the lookout over Wineglass Bay and breathe in some of the cleanest air in the world.

**Best paired with:** Pumphouse Point, Cradle Mountain – Lake St Clair National Park

**Insider tip:** Opt for a private transfer by scenic plane to take in a bird's-eye view of Tasmania's spectacular mountains, coastlines and islands.

#### Signature Experiences:

- Enjoy a rare opportunity to witness Tasmanian devils in a natural setting accompanied by a knowledgeable guide.
- Pull on a pair of waders and taste prized Pacific oysters, direct from the ocean on a working oyster farm tour.
- Join an indigenous guide to learn about the history of the Oyster Bay people. Sample bush tucker, learn about foraging and take in the local flora and fauna as you explore.



# PLAINS

*There is something about safari life that makes you forget all your sorrows and feel as if you had drunk half a bottle of champagne – bubbling over with heartfelt gratitude for being alive.*

*Karen Blixen, Author*





## COLOMBIA

### Corocora Camp

Known for its cowboys, Los Llanos is a tropical grassland beneath the Andes. An exclusive tented camp in its own private reserve, Corocora provides a truly authentic experience. Surrounded by abundant wildlife, including 700 bird species, days can be spent horse riding, tracking pumas, birdwatching or herding cattle. By night, enjoy the best of Colombian cuisine in the Social Tent or by the bonfire, where stories of your day can be shared with fellow guests.

**Ideal for:** Authenticity seekers, inner cowboys and experienced safariers

**Moment of inspiration:** Spending a day with a local cowboy, trying your hand at the lasso and learning traditional cattle calling melodies.

**Best paired with:** Casa San Agustin, Cartagena

**Insider tip:** The region is home to a type of music called *joropo*, which is considered one of the most difficult to dance to due to the speed of its steps. Watching the locals dance is remarkable and a sight not to be missed.

#### Signature Experiences:

- Take a safari to look for white-tailed deer, capybaras, anacondas, giant anteaters and howler monkeys.
- Journey across the endless plains on horseback to witness the region's diverse landscapes.
- Enjoy the locals showcasing their cultural traditions such as music and poetry, while fresh meat cooks on the barbecue.
- Join biologists and contribute towards the conservation of the region's ocelots, pumas and jaguars.





## KENYA

### Saruni Samburu

Saruni Samburu Lodge is comprised of six luxury villas built into and around a giant volcanic rock face. It is the only lodge in the Kalama Conservancy, surrounded by 80,000 hectares of unspoiled wilderness, and providing spectacular views over Kenya's Northern Frontier District and Mount Kenya. Each spacious villa is individually decorated in an eco-chic style and has open-sided walls. The lodge serves Italian inspired cuisine in its dining room, which has panoramic views of the surrounding nature, and also features two infinity pools.

**Ideal for:** Elephant spotters, community engagers and wildlife photographers

**Moment of inspiration:** Spotting wildlife under the stars on a night safari drive.

**Best paired with:** Saruni Mara, Masai Mara

**Insider tip:** Take a trip to the elephant-proof photographic hideaway by one of the main waterholes, where you can snap incredible photographs of the animals from ground level.

#### Signature Experiences:

- View the conservancy's varied wildlife on early morning and night safari drives, or track the black rhino on foot.
- Join educational safaris to learn about local wildlife and the lifestyles of the Maasai and Samburu tribes.
- Meet the residents of Reteti Elephant Sanctuary, which provides protection for orphaned and abandoned elephant calves.





## BOTSWANA Sanctuary Chief's Camp

This beautiful unfenced camp, situated on Chief's Island in the Moremi Game Reserve, knows no bounds. Breathtakingly close to the remarkable variety of wildlife roaming the Okavango delta, the lodge ensures a stay of unlimited indulgence. Each spacious bush pavilion features an indoor and outdoor shower, private deck, lounge area and plunge pool. Enjoy remarkable views of the floodplains from the lodge's main pool, roaring firepit and shaded dining terrace.

**Ideal for:** Up-close experiencers, year-round wildlife viewers and peaceful contemplators.

**Moment of inspiration:** Watch the inhabitants of the plains wander past as you enjoy a sunset soak in your private plunge pool and a romantic dinner brought to your terrace.

**Best paired with:** Sanctuary Chobe Chilwero, Chobe National Park

**Insider tip:** The adrenaline of a safari drive will leave you feeling exhausted. We recommend tucking into an indulgent afternoon tea, followed by a revitalising spa treatment and sunset cocktail before dinner.

### Signature Experiences:

- Outstanding guides ensure rare and up-close viewings of animals on safari drives across the plains.
- There is exceptional wildlife viewing year-round, but come in June when the plains flood for magical mokoro (traditional canoe) rides along the waterways.
- Jump aboard a helicopter for bird's-eye views of the delta and photo opportunities like no other.





## INDIA

### Jawai Leopard Camp

This modern luxury camp is characterised by its opulence and sense of adventure. Located in the hills and towering granite formations of Jawai Bandh, it has nine luxurious suites, each equipped with an en suite bathroom and private deck area. You can witness leopards roaming the surrounding wilderness on one of the many organised activities available at the camp. The kitchen sources all of its produce on site or from local farmers, creating delicious meals for you to enjoy at any time and in any place, be it dinner by campfire, picnics in the bush or lunch by the lake.

**Ideal for:** Big-cat enthusiasts, exclusivity seekers and diehard romantics

**Moment of inspiration:** Spot majestic leopards and other wildlife on a night safari after enjoying a fresh meal around the campfire.

**Best paired with:** The Mountbatten Lodge, Ranakpur

**Insider tip:** If you book in advance, you can take part in a yoga class amongst the stunning and remote scenery of the surrounding wilderness.

#### Signature Experiences:

- Embark on a morning or evening wildlife drive in a customised 4x4 vehicle to spot leopards, birds and other wildlife.
- Stroll through the fields and villages of Jawai Bandh accompanied by a local guide to discover the wildlife, people and history on foot.
- Spot some of the 170 different species of birds on a guided birdwatching excursion.





# RIVERS & LAKES

*What makes a river so restful to people is that it doesn't have any doubt - it is sure to get where it is going, and it doesn't want to go anywhere else.*

*Hal Boyle, Journalist*





## CHILE & Beyond Vira Vira

Nothing could be more nourishing for the mind, body and soul than a stay at Vira Vira. Set on a working farm amid the Chilean Lake District's rivers and volcanoes, this chic lodge seamlessly blends lavish comforts with nature's incredible bounty. During the day, explore the wild surroundings on walks and horseback or paddleboard downriver. Return to the lodge's manicured gardens where roaring fires, bubbling hot tubs and locally-sourced cuisine await.

**Ideal for:** Cheese and wine gourmands, avid walkers and novice horticulturists

**Moment of inspiration:** Listen to the soothing sounds of nature as you tuck into hearty yet nutritious, home-grown fare accompanied by a glass of deep red, Chilean wine on the banks of the Liucura river.

**Best paired with:** Vik Chile, Winelands

**Insider tip:** The adventures to be had at Vira Vira are endless. Speak to one of the lodge's expert guides for advice on what excursions would best suit your interests and abilities.

### Signature Experiences:

- Take a tour of the lodge's very own cheese factory, rounded off with tastings ranging from the mild to the mature.
- Climb aboard the lodge's helicopter and fly over Villarrica, looking down into the steaming crater of this magnificent volcano.
- Visit the local Mapuche people on a tour including a visit to a local weaver and lunch at a ruka (traditional house).





## CAMBODIA

### Shinta Mani Wild

Tucked into the wildlife corridor running between Bokor and Kirirom national parks, Bensley-designed Shinta Mani Wild has a spectacular location in the Cardamom mountains. Set amongst 160 hectares of lush forest, each custom-designed tent is suspended over the rushing waters of the Tatai river, offering sweeping views. This is the first private wildlife and nature reserve in Cambodia, located around three hours from Phnom Penh or Sihanoukville.

**Ideal for:** Adventurous couples, forest enthusiasts and conservation supporters

**Moment of inspiration:** After a long day's trek, relax in your outdoor freestanding bathtub looking out across the forest and river valley. A Bensley Butler will be on hand to assist with all requests.

**Best paired with:** Amansara, Siem Reap

**Insider tip:** For an in-depth forest wildlife experience, head out early with rangers and researchers as they check camera traps and study the forests and their inhabitants.

#### Signature Experiences:

- Choose to eat in your tent or at the Waterfall Restaurant, where locally sourced food is cooked and served by graduates of the Shinta Mani Foundation program.
- Explore the waterways of south-east Asia's last wild estuarine ecosystem aboard one of the Bensley-designed Shinta Mani expedition boats.
- Be truly pampered at the 'Boulders Spa' which features natural, chemical-free products by Khmer Tonics.





## ICELAND

### Ion Adventure

Located on the Golden Circle route, this design hotel sits among mountainous lava fields an hour's drive from Reykjavik. Its modern industrial style blends Iceland's natural features into its design, using innovative materials and sustainable practices. At the award-winning Northern Lights Bar, guests can watch the skies through tall floor-to-ceiling windows. The Silfra restaurant serves new Nordic cuisine made with fresh local ingredients, and a spa with saunas, hot tubs and a range of treatments completes your stay.

**Ideal for:** Night-sky gazers, adventurous short-breakers, wellness seekers

**Moment of inspiration:** Soak in the warm outdoor pool as the northern lights dance above you in the night sky.

**Best paired with:** Ion City Hotel, Reykjavik

**Insider tip:** Request a lake-facing room and enjoy views across the lava fields towards Thingvellir National Park.

#### Signature Experiences:

- Ride on horseback along the mountains and beautiful scenery near Lake Thingvallavatn.
- Enjoy the rich birdlife of the surrounding area, spotting over 50 different species of breeding birds.
- Try fly fishing in icy rivers or exploring on a snowmobile.





## SRI LANKA

### Ceylon Tea Trails

Remove yourself from the modern world with a stay at Ceylon Tea Trails, a working tea plantation in the verdant Bogawantalawa valley, set around Castlereagh lake. Colonial-era elegance abounds, with guests accommodated in former tea planters' bungalows, each with its own private butler and chef. Soak up the spectacular scenery as you indulge in afternoon tea on the lawns, read a book on the veranda or explore the estate's myriad trails.

**Ideal for:** Old-world enthusiasts, afternoon tea addicts and croquet players

**Moment of inspiration:** There is no better way to start the day than with Bed Tea. Feel like royalty from the moment you wake in your four-poster bed as your private butler serves up the best brew you will ever taste.

**Best paired with:** Gal Oya Lodge, Gal Oya National Park

**Insider tip:** A stay at Ceylon Tea Trails is to enter a time warp – rooms are free of technology such as televisions, to recreate the peace and tranquillity of a bygone era.

#### Signature Experiences:

- Experience a day in the life of a tea planter, from walking the tea plantations with the tea pluckers to a factory tour finishing with tastings.
- Relax with a fragrant, tea-infused bath followed by a soothing massage, all in the privacy of your own room.
- Enjoy leisurely activities including croquet on the lawns and gentle strolls from bungalow to bungalow through the tea gardens.





# FOREST

*The forest was not dark, because darkness  
has nothing to do with the forest – the forest is  
made of life, of light – but the trees moved  
with wind and subtle creatures.*

*Lauren Groff, Novelist*





## INDIA

### Baghvan

Baghvan sits on the edge of Pench National Park, one of India's quietest and most beautiful nature reserves. This lodge is specially designed to bring you closer to nature without compromising on the amenities and service of a luxury hotel. The 12 guest bungalows each feature a shaded deck and a machan or covered rooftop platform, where you can comfortably camp amid the lush teak forest canopy. After a day of adventures, retreat to the tranquil infinity pool or the cool of the library.

**Ideal for:** Keen birdwatchers, wildlife enthusiasts and aspiring forest dwellers

**Moment of inspiration:** Sleeping out in the machan is an experience that will truly make you feel at one with nature as you listen in secret to the night-time calls of all manner of creatures.

**Best paired with:** Banjaar Tola, Kanha National Park

**Insider tip:** Tigers aren't easy to spot here, but the superb naturalist guides will make any safari a rewarding experience, bringing you into close contact with a rich variety of species.

#### Signature Experiences:

- Enjoy an array of dining venues, from a 'bonnet breakfast' set up on your safari vehicle to an interactive dinner beside the dry riverbed as you look out for wildlife.
- Visit local communities and artisans to see how they live and learn about their traditional crafts.
- Join expert naturalists on safari drives through the forest or, to explore in more detail, take to the forest trails on foot.





## CANADA

### Nimmo Bay Wilderness Resort

Nimmo Bay Wilderness Resort is the very definition of a secret hideaway, nestled into the old growth trees of British Columbia's Great Bear Rainforest and only accessible by helicopter or seaplane. The resort is a small collection of beautifully designed wooden chalets that seem to float at the water's edge. Food, wine and energy are sourced locally, and with a 1,500-metre waterfall just steps from the lodge, nature and wildlife are literally on the doorstep.

**Ideal for:** Fishing fanatics, great outdoors explorers and bear-spotters

**Moment of inspiration:** After a long day's hike, have a relaxing soak in a cedar hot tub at the foot of the nearby waterfall with a fine BC wine.

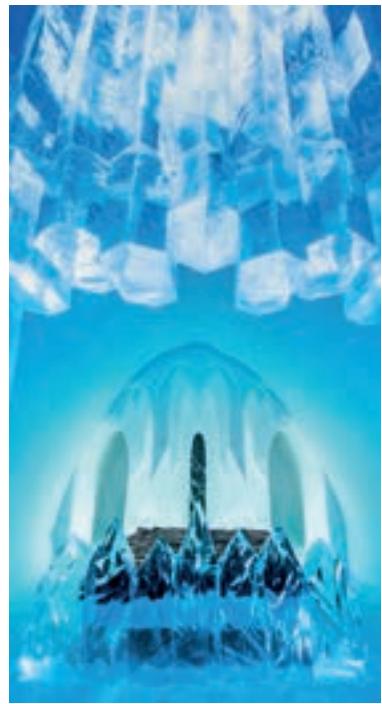
**Best paired with:** Loden Vancouver

**Insider tip:** Whether you're an accomplished fisher or just starting out, don't miss out on a day's fishing – experienced guides will fly you to over 50 isolated rivers and streams with ease.

#### Signature Experiences:

- From May to mid-July the resort offers helicopter adventures to glaciers, mountaintops, forgotten beaches and pristine lakes.
- Between mid-July and the end of October is the perfect time to focus on fishing, with fly fishing and fishing heli adventures coming to the fore.





## SWEDEN

### **Ice Hotel**

The Ice Hotel is a communion between man and nature, situated 200km north of the Arctic Circle. This innovative hotel is recreated each year by a team of artists that carve a new structure from the frozen waters of the Torne river. The stunning suites feature ice sculptures and furniture. Activities vary throughout the year, from snowmobile rides and moose safaris to river-rafting and wilderness dinners beneath the midnight sun.

**Ideal for:** Northern-light chasers, cool-climate creatives and Arctic explorers

**Moment of inspiration:** A Swedish sauna will take your breath away. Roll in the snow, scrub up using tar soap, plunge into the icy Torne river and then reheat in the sauna and outdoor hot tubs.

**Best paired with:** Nobis Hotel, Stockholm (as part of a stopover)

**Insider tip:** If you want the best chance of seeing the northern lights, book a stay in December or January when the nights are darkest and longest. And book well in advance!

#### **Signature Experiences:**

- Enjoy airport transfers with a difference aboard a sled pulled by a team of husky dogs (Dec-Apr).
- Try your hand at ice sculpting. The clarity of the ice is remarkable, so whatever your skills, the finished piece will sparkle (year-round).
- Tour the melting ruins of the Ice Hotel as the spring sunshine returns it to the river and see how the ice is produced and stored for next winter (Apr-May).





## SOUTH AFRICA

### Forest Lodge, Grootbos Nature Reserve

Nestled between milkwood forests, mountains and ocean, Grootbos eco-reserve offers a balance of natural wonder and sustainability. Merging faultlessly with the exquisite setting, Forest Lodge oozes indulgence. An exceptional dining experience showcases South Africa's culinary flair, while each freestanding suite hosts a canopy bed, outdoor shower and deck. The experience is completed with guided tours, from beekeeping to botanical walks, reflecting the reserve's diversity.

**Ideal for:** Sustainability enthusiasts, sunset devotees and new-experience seekers

**Moment of inspiration:** Sink into your generous bathtub (made for two, pure indulgence for one) and enjoy phenomenal bath-to-ceiling views of the sunset over Walker Bay.

**Best paired with:** Cape Grace, Cape Town

**Insider tip:** For the ultimate experience, view newborn calves and breaching whales from the air on a scenic flight over Walker Bay (between June and December, subject to nature).

#### Signature Experiences:

- Enjoy land-based whale watching metres from the shoreline (Jun-Dec).
- Get active on a mountain bike, enjoy a 4x4 safari drive, or horse ride on the beach with a personalised itinerary of included activities.
- Search for Africa's Marine Big Five – whales, seals, sharks, penguins and dolphins – on a marine safari.
- Learn about the non-profit Grootbos Foundation on a guided tour of the reserve.



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