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camps

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(CNN) — The glamping trend has swept through Asia, with new luxury tented camps setting up in the region's most pristine locations.

The latest additions include the soon-to-open Cardamom Tented Camp and Bill Bensley-designed Shinta Mani Wild, both in southwest Cambodia, and Rosewood Luang Prabang in the jungles of Laos.

Better yet, many of Asia's hottest spots provide glimpses of elephants, gibbons and leopards through safari-style excursions.

"It is different than an African safari," John Roberts, director of elephants at the Golden Triangle Asian Elephant Foundation, tells CNN Travel.

"The nature of the forests and wildlife allow you to be much more intimate. Even in deepest tiger, leopard, rhino, sloth and bear territory -- with a good guide, you can safely walk and spend time concentrating on birds, butterflies and plant life between encounters with large mammals."

Looking for adventure that doesn't sacrifice comfort? Here are the top luxury tent experiences in the Asia region.



**Sher Bagh Relais & Chateaux:** SUJÁN JAWAI's sister property Sher Bagh transports travelers to 1920s-style safaris within India's Ranthambore Tiger Reserve. By day, enjoy safaris and excursions and British-Raj style lunches; by night, settle into a tiger-themed pad.



**SUJÁN JAWAI Relais & Chateaux:** Aside from the stylishly appointed tents, there's a long menu of outdoor adventures, from romantic starlit dinners to leopard safaris.



**SUJÁN JAWAI, Relais & Chateaux:** A gem in the middle of the Rajasthan landscape, SUJÁN JAWAI is one of the most desirable camps in India.

**SUJÁN JAWAI and Sher Bagh Relais & Chateaux**

A rustic retreat in Rajasthan, [SUJÁN JAWAI](#) provides 10 white canvas tents and all the modern amenities you could hope for, including an on-site spa, restaurant, swimming pool, yoga and more.

Dotting the sandy Aravalli hills -- a three-hour drive from either Jodhpur or Udaipur in northern India -- the camp takes inspiration from its rugged surrounds, using leopard motifs, wildlife photography, and lots of bright red accents throughout.

With their luxury tent as a home base, travelers can be as lazy or as adventurous as they please.

The options include private bush picnics, sunset game drives, afternoon tea, evening cocktails and leisurely campfire dinners.

There's also a half-day excursion to the incredible carved Ranakpur Jain Temple and the 15th-century fort Kumbhalgarh -- a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Even just wandering around the property -- which is actively involved in big cat conservation -- there's no shortage of flora and fauna to admire.

Of course, the best experience will be with guides in town. On a Jeep-led safari, the camp's experts will lead travelers across grasslands, granite hills and lakes for the best views of leopards, antelopes, crocodiles, boars and flamingos.

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