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“25 Rooms to stay in before you die”





19 SHER BAGH TENTED CAMP, RANTHAMBORE, INDIA
Seeing a tiger in the wild has to be one of the ultimate travel experiences. Situated on the doorstep of the Ranthambore Tiger Reserve, home to more than 60 tigers, Sher Bagh offers arguably the best chance of seeing the elusive big cats in their natural environment. Its naturalists and trackers have an intimate knowledge of the area and its inhabitants, and the camp's conservation programme means some of the cost of your stay goes directly to protecting the tigers and their habitat. There are just 12 tents in the camp, along with a pool and jungle spa. Five nights, with two nights in Delhi and three at Sher Bagh, from £2,500pp full board including lights, transfers and six game drives (020 8682 055; scottidunn.com)

20 ISLE OF ERISKA HOTEL, SCOTLAND
There's something very particular about a rural Scottish break, a mix of isolation, breathtaking natural scenery and a strong sense of tradition and cultural heritage. The Isle of Eriska sits in the mouth of Loch Lerran, and is home just to the hotel and its 100-acre estate, where you can walk, horse-ride, mountain-bike or sail. Book a hilltop escape: the views from the private deck and outdoor hot tub are breathtaking. Although you can self-cater, guests can also book at the Michelin-star restaurant in the hotel. Three nights in a hilltop reserve from £499pp self-catering, including two hours of ESPA treatments per person and one dinner in the hotel (01631 720371; eriska-hotel.co.uk)

21 QUALIA, AUSTRALIA
From the moment you touch down on Hamilton Island, there's a delicious sense of being cocooned in Qualia-world, an idyllic resort with 60 architect-designed pavilions scattered across the northeastern tip of the island. The suites and infinity pool look out onto the tranquil beaches of the Whitsunday Islands, but it's the resort's position on the eastern edge of the Great Barrier Reef that really sets it apart. Snorkel, dive, explore by boat or let the hotel's boatman drop you off at an uninhabited island for a memorable day. Two nights, surrounded by spectacular scenery, from £508 per night, including breakfast (01 61 2 9433 3349; qualia.com.au)

22 PIKAIA LODGE, GALAPAGOS
Unique is an overused word in travel, but here really is no equivalent to the Galapagos Islands for the richness of wildlife, natural beauty and array of endemic species that exist only within the archipelago. When Pikaia Lodge opened last year, it brought a new level of accommodation to the island of Santa Cruz.



serious comfort without compromising the surrounding environment. Perched in a truly spectacular location on the cone of an extinct volcano, Pikaia offers a programme of land and marine trips and excursions that offers the chance to engage with and understand the fragile life forms and ecosystems that make the Galapagos so unlike anywhere else. A seven-night Galapagos Experience, including four nights' full board at Pikaia Lodge, from £6,755pp including flights, transfers and a programme of excursions (020 8682 5030; scottidunn.com)

23 DELUXE AIRSTREAM CAMPER, BOLIVIAN SALT FLATS
Bolivia's Salar de Uyuni – the vast salt flat that sprawls for more than 4,600sq miles – is one of the last truly untouched wildernesses on the planet, a place for which the word "empty" could have been invented. Overnighting in the silent, salted wastes is an incomparable experience; the fact that you stay in a deluxe Airstream camper just adds to the pleasure. The camper comes with its own chauffeur and personal chef – who camp some distance away to ensure you have complete privacy – and offers the flexibility to explore however you wish, by bike or on foot. The real joy comes at night; the chef cooks an alfresco supper beside the van, giving guests time to stargaze and soak up the feeling of almost total isolation. A 12-day Classic Bolivia tour, including 2 nights in the Airstream camper, from £5,345pp including all flights, 9 nights' accommodation, some meals and a private driver and guide (01993 838645; mudleytravel.com)

24 AMANGIRI, UTAH
Wake early at Amangiri, step out onto your private terrace and just keep walking, out into the sprawling plateau that surrounds the resort, stretching away to the statuesque mountain ridges that loom up like vast, stone peaks. Utah's scenery is biblical in its proportions; Amangiri, cleverly designed to blend into the landscape, feels like a hidden oasis of contemporary life. There are tours and excursions aplenty, but the joy of Amangiri is that the scenery is so jaw-dropping that just lying by the pool or eating breakfast in the glass-walled, open-plan living area feels almost otherworldly. Doubles from £858 per night full board (00 800 2255 2626; aman.com)

25 UMA BY COMO, PARO, BHUTAN
Visiting the deliciously remote Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan – said to be the happiest country in the world – doesn't have to involve rucksacks, hiking boots and rustic B&Bs. Uma Paro, perched on a mountainside, surrounded by swathes of jade-green pine forest, oozes the kind of boutique luxury normally found on the shores of the Med; 29 sleek, pared-down rooms, a world-class Como Shambhala spa and a firelit restaurant offering Indian or Bhutanese cuisine. For the kind of spectacular views you only see once in a lifetime, book room 30, where the wraparound window frames the staggeringly beautiful mountainscape. A forest view room from £333 half board (020 7447 1025; comohotels.com) ■