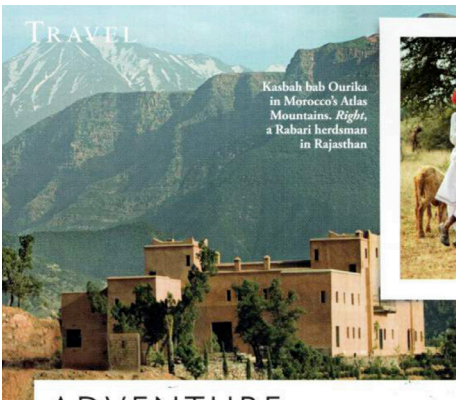


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Kasbah bab Ourika in Morocco's Atlas Mountains. *Right*, a Rabari herdsman in Rajasthan



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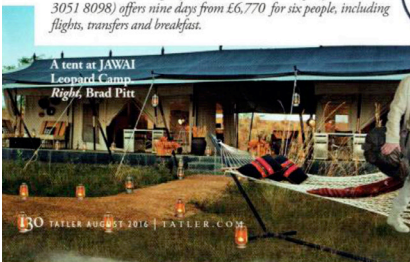
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ADVENTURE

Start your Rajasthan adventure at **RAAS DEVI GARH**, an 18th-century fort-cum-palace in the Aravalli hills owned by Nikhilendra Singh, who can handle the most demanding of guests (he arranged Elizabeth Hurley's wedding and is rumoured to have dated Naomi Campbell). A couple of hours' drive away is **JAWAI LEOPARD CAMP**, with a new, solitary private tent (good for the in-laws). Make the most of leopard-spotting, strolls with Rabari herdsman and tours of the insanely intricate Jain temple at Ranakpur. End at **UMAID BHAWAN PALACE**, near Jodhpur's Mehrangarh Fort, where kids can go ziplining, enjoy a rickshaw treasure hunt, race camels through the desert or brush up on their polo. **BOOK IT** *Ampersand Travel* (ampersandtravel.com; 020 7819 9770) can arrange a similar 10-night trip from £84,200 for 20 people, including three nights at each hotel mentioned and one night at the Imperial New Delhi, domestic and international flights, transfers, excursions and guides.

EL FENI's four-bedroom private house in Marrakesh, owned by Vanessa Branson, is brilliantly central and just a minute from her main hotel (Romola Garai and Sacha Baron Cohen are regulars). The hotel has a new concept store that's co-curated by Paul Rowland, formerly of Ford Models, and sells kilims, Fez pottery and vintage bits and bobs. There are also three pools, tortoisés poking about amid the bougainvillea, and Walter the dachshund (plus, for those with gammy knees, a lift up to the roof — rare in a riad). Next, head for the hills to the new five-bedroom Retreat at **ASBAH BAB OURIKA**, with trekking, rafting and staggering views of the Atlas mountains, safe in the knowledge that Sir Mick Jagger and Princess Michael of Kent like it here. Conclude at **INNE TAKENNA**, in Marrakesh's Palmerie, where you can fly the extended family in for a final fiesta. There are 24 bedrooms spread over five houses, each with a pool, and the hotel will organise the best parties in town; a recent bash for over 400 guests had them all sitting at one table covered with 9,000 candles and 9,000 roses. **BOOK IT** *The Ultimate Travel Company* (theultimatetravelcompany.co.uk; 020 3051 8098) offers nine days from £6,770 for six people, including flights, transfers and breakfast.



A tent at JAWAI Leopard Camp. *Right*, Brad Pitt

SKI

Head to **HOUSE HANNES SCHNEIDER** in tiny Stuben — one of the original Arlberg villages near Lech in Austria, loved by the Euro royals (Monégasque in Zürs, Dutch in Lech). This is the former home of ski pioneer Hannes Schneider, who invented the stem turn and the 'Arlberg squat' (nope, we've no idea either). It sleeps over 20 and has a cinema, games room, spa, sauna, pool and hot tub — and is ski-in, ski-out. The concierge organises everything, including guided ski-touring to remote Bürsteegg for a traditional picnic with sheepskin rugs, wicker baskets and snowball fights. **BOOK IT** *Scott Dunn* (scottdunn.com; 020 8682 5050) offers seven nights, full board, from £1,695 per person, based on 20 sharing, including a ski tour, international flights and transfers.

Powder is king in Canada's Whistler, and nowhere more so than at the **HELI CHALET**, which sits on seven acres with its own helipad for extreme aerial ski-in and ski-out. Along with five bedrooms (and two more at a nearby guesthouse), there's an outdoor heated pool, hot tub, steam room, gym, cinema, loads of Lego (if the snow gets boring) and children's books in the library. Best bit: the concierge does the dreaded removal of children's ski boots. **BOOK IT** *The Oxford Ski Company* (oxfordski.com; 01993 899 420) offers seven nights from £85,000 for 10 people, including breakfast, guided ski-touring, a concierge and a private chauffeur; flights not included. □

King Willem-Alexander, Princess Alexia and Queen Máxima of the Netherlands in Lech

