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02 KING LEWANIKA LODGE

ZAMBIA

Set up as a total immersion experience within the vast landscape of Zambia's Liuwa Plain, this is the only permanent lodging in the untouched National Park, and has just recently opened its tent-fronts to travellers. Here, guests are invited to experience nature's wonders in a simple, sustainable and meaningful way, with room for just 15 guests to explore the nature on the resort's doorstep. The six open-front tented villas boast panoramic decks and both indoor and outdoor showers, and lie scattered along the fringes of scenic floodplains, said to be protected by an African king, that play host to the country's largest wildebeest migration as well as hunting hyenas, beautiful birdlife and a famed lion pride. At night, a fire pit brings guests together while, elsewhere, the lodge is entirely run on solar power.

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THE ROOMS

Six tented villas, including one two-bed family home

THE FACILITIES

Private decking with extraordinary vistas, indoor and outdoor showers, an outdoor bar and restaurant and up to two safaris per day.

THE USP

The only permanent lodge in the midst of Zambia's Liuwa Plain National Park.

THE PRICE

From Dhs9,695 per villa per night, based on two sharing, including food, safari drives, park fees and conservation levies.

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NIMMO BAY WILDERNESS RESORT

CANADA

In the middle of the Great Bear Rainforest, this family-run resort is beautifully situated on the shore of a crystal clear lake, and while there is a helicopter available to make your escape, we can't see why you'd ever want to make use of it. The resort works hard at making your stay as spectacular as can be. Whale watching and kayaking, fine dining picnics, bear spotting and even catch and release heli-fishing tours are available as part of your daily options, all organised with an eye on the eco commitment of the resort's owners, who are keen to educate their guests about the wildlife and surroundings, and make sure their piece of wildlife heaven will continue to exist. The resort is powered primarily by a peloton wheel hydro system providing clean energy, the government recently banned grizzly bear hunting across the whole of British Columbia, where Nimmo Bay sits, and the resort commits a percentage of its revenue to the Sea to Cedar Foundation, which works to protect local wildlife and educate youngsters from remote local communities about the importance of conservation. Now that's what we call conscientious...

nimmobay.com

THE ROOMS

Nine waterfront cabins

THE FACILITIES

Indoor and outdoor dining, water and helicopter adventures, spa, nature guides for forest walks, whale and bear watching and even a nanny service.

THE USP

The Great Bear Rainforest – this awesome ecosystem is the largest intact coastal temperate rainforest in the world.

THE PRICE

From Dhs7,000 per person per night on an all-inclusive basis



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04 FIVELEMENTS

BALI

If you're keen to bring eco-friendly elements into your everyday life, this is the place to be. Facing a verdant forest hillside with waterfalls, natural elements abound throughout the resort, from wellness to food to architecture. The yoga epicentre is created in a shell-like shape, allowing the island breeze to flow comfortably through the space, while elsewhere the grass-thatched roofs and recycled wood-floored private suites hover over the sacred Ayung River, the open verandas poised above the swirling currents. Fancy a dip? A private bamboo enclosure on each deck houses a large open-air bathtub hewn from a stone boulder, while even your daily scrub is generated in the on-site laboratory from ingredients found in the nearby wilderness. A true eco-detox for body and mind, you'll leave with plenty of inspiration for how to live a greener, cleaner life. fivelements.org

THE ROOMS

Nine sleeping suites

THE FACILITIES

Outdoor sacred meditation circle, yoga room, spa, restaurant, river-front property, private pools, healing rooms and an on-site laboratory.

THE USP

Luxurious Balinese rejuvenation in an eco-friendly environment.

THE PRICE

From Dhs875 per room per night, based on two people sharing.



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05

LES SOURCES DE CAUDALIE

FRANCE

In the midst of the French countryside, set amid the vineyard grounds of a charming historic chateau, Les Sources de Caudalie combines wellness and luxury with a distinctly French charm. This ideally situated hotel takes pride in its modern, green credentials – think re-using waste from the vineyard harvest to create energy. The on-property spa is built over a naturally occurring warm spring, while the benefits of the grape are front and centre both on site and in the Caudalie beauty range – the crushed seeds even make it into the facial scrubs. Each restaurant manages its own herb and vegetable garden and works with all local produce to reduce carbon footprint. For those eager to explore, bikes are used to travel around the property and its rolling landscape surroundings. sources-caudalie.com

THE ROOMS

49 rooms and suites

THE FACILITIES

Besides a two-star restaurant, inn and tapas bar, the property boasts a spa and wellness centre, an indoor pool and a spectacular location making the best of the Bordeaux vineyards and local chateau.

THE USP

The honeymoon suite is a private wooden structure called the L'Île aux Oiseaux, or Bird's Island.

THE PRICE

From Dhs1,088 per room per night, based on two people sharing.



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06 JICARO ISLAND LODGE

NICARAGUA

Set in the most serene of settings – an isolated island retreat in the middle of Lake Nicaragua – this eco lodge deserves more than a mention. Everything has been thoroughly and precisely thought through to ensure minimum environmental impact, from the two-level villas, known as 'casitas', which are raised off the ground so as to not disturb the natural form of the island, through to the drinking water filtering system and solar panels for water heating. Even the furniture is made locally from Rainforest Alliance-certified wood, while the soaps and spa products are organic and biodegradable to boot. A hammock on the balcony of each of the nine island villas makes the most of the tree top vistas, with views of the Mombacho Volcano and the lodge itself ensuring you feel truly at one with the environment. jicarolodge.com

THE ROOMS

Nine island villas

THE FACILITIES

Spa, daily yoga, room service plus bar and restaurant, several island and city tours and activities.

THE USP

Jicaro Lodge is currently the only resort in Nicaragua to be recognised in the prestigious National Geographic Unique Lodges of the World list.

THE PRICE

From Dhs1,820 per room per night, based on two people sharing on a full-board basis.