



7 BAY OF FIRES LODGE, TASMANIA

Bay of Fires is a wilderness beach on the untouched north-east tip of Tasmania, just a couple of hours' drive from the state's second city, Launceston (much of it off-road). The Lodge is a minimalist, timber and glass, solar-powered 10-bedroom eco-haven high on a cliff overlooking the ocean and stunning, remote coastline on the edge of Mount William National Park. Meals are prepared from fresh local produce, accompanied by Tasmanian wines. Worth the two-day trek to reach it.

££

Tour operator: The Turquoise Holiday Company



9 THE LODGE AT PICO BONITO, PICO BONITO NATIONAL PARK, HONDURAS

Lush, leafy and luxurious, Pico Bonito Lodge is no rough-around the edges eco-outpost. Nestled in the rainforest in the heart of Pico Bonito National Park, a fantastic place for wildlife spotting, it's a member of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World group, yet offers ecologically savvy accommodation at affordable prices. Tourist numbers to Honduras are still small. It's best known for its white-sand beaches at Tela, Trujillo and the Bay Islands, world-class diving, and the amazing Mayan ruins at Copan, but the nearby village of the same name, with cobbled streets and adobe houses, is as much of a treat. Go soon, because as word leaks out, it's bound to become more popular.

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Tour operators: Journey Latin America, Exsus Travel

8 YACUTINGA LODGE, ARGENTINA

Rooms are so eco-friendly at this lodge they're made of local material. It's in a private nature reserve on Iguazú River in north-east Argentina, in the 'green corridor' shared by Brazil and Argentina and surrounded by the Iguazú National Park. The final leg of the journey is by canoe; nearby are the awesome Iguazú Falls. Biologists from a research station reveal the wonders of the jungle, and you can drift in canoes in search of the perfect toucan or just eat by the pool.

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Tour operator: Abercrombie & Kent



'VISITING KENYA, AND THE MASAI MARA IS A HUMBLING EXPERIENCE. IT MAKES YOU REALISE JUST HOW TRIVIAL MANY OF THE THINGS WE WORRY ABOUT ON A DAILY BASIS, REALLY ARE.' – NORMANDIE KEITH



10 SWISS ALPS

Forget hotels and the daily plod to your first lift, typical of other winter holidays. At White Pod, at the feet of the Dents du Midi mountains near Villars, Switzerland, you sleep in your own dome-shaped, fully insulated 'pod' complete with wood-burning stove, double bed and ipod.

The luxury pods are set around a traditional chalet, where you eat and shower. As with camping, there is no running water in the pods and no ensuite bathroom. There are basins, though, and flasks of hot and cold water to wash with. Similarly, there's no electricity in the pods, but infinitely more atmospheric oil lamps illuminate your stay. You can eat in the chalet or order dinner in the pod. Don't miss the guided dog-sledging expeditions, paragliding, or a full moon descent on skis, sledges or snowshoes. Transfers to the Portes du Soleil ski resort are also available. (AM)

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