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Go off the grid



THE HIDDEN VALLEY RESORT, China

Nestled in the northernmost tip of Yunnan province, on the border of the Tibet Autonomous Region, this tented camp sits 3,300m above sea level between two ridges of the Bisong Valley. There are just five luxurious tents, each featuring wooden floor beams, plush beds and outsized bathtubs. There are also an additional 10 rooms inside the refurbished 150-year-old timber home of Bisong's former village headman, which is packed with plenty of communal spaces. Cultural immersion is a central part of the activities, from guided village walks and horse riding to visits to nearby Tibetan monasteries and classes in black pottery making.

Get there: Fly to Kunming or Chengdu on SilkAir and get a domestic flight to Diqing Shangri-la airport. It's 20 minutes to the resort by taxi.
thehiddenvalleyresort.com

PAVILIONS HIMALAYAS LAKE VIEW, Nepal



Slated to open in January 2019, this resort offers eight tented eco-villas set above Phewa Lake – Nepal's second-largest freshwater reserve – which can only be accessed by rowboat. The highlights of each villa are the floor-to-ceiling windows that offer you unobstructed

views over rice fields to the Annapurna Massif, part of the Himalayan range. Set within the grounds of an organic farm, the resort's on-site team of naturalists and therapists offers guests a broad menu of mountain trekking, lake exploration and wellness treatments.

Get there: Fly to Kathmandu on SilkAir and then get a domestic flight to Pokhara airport. It's then a 30-minute journey by land and boat. pavilionshotels.com



MOUNT MULLIGAN LODGE, Australia



This new resort is located 100km northwest of Cairns, next to the 18km-long, 2.6km-wide Ngarrabullgan – or Mount Mulligan – a monolith first settled by Aborigines 37,000 years ago. The resort's large rooms face the ethereal, orange-glowing rock and offer plenty of indoor and outdoor living space. Packages include three gourmet meals daily, a fridge stocked with prized Aussie wines and even a private ATV to scoot around the wilderness. Besides the river-facing infinity pool, there are hiking trails, fishing spots and scenic

corners for a barbecue. The lodge only has four pavilions, each housing a room and a suite, which can be booked separately or together.

Get there: Fly to Cairns on SilkAir and get to Mount Mulligan via helicopter, 4WD or a private jet.
mountmulligan.com