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The boutique hotel is set in a 100-year-old restored villa

▲ CASA DA GRAÇA, GOA

Lose the Goa crowds and find your haven of peace at the newly-opened Casa da Graça near Bambolim. This new luxury boutique hotel by the Amarya Group is a lovingly restored century-old Portuguese villa divided into four elegant rooms. Three of the rooms have gorgeous pool views, though our pick is the charming Peace Room with a four-poster bed and a freestanding bath; it also has a private garden and looks out over a serene lake. Casadagraca.in

COOL TIP

Hop on a cycle and head to Old Goa to amble about the beautifully preserved churches or just soak in the susegad vibe of the place.

▶ JAMTARA WILDERNESS CAMP, PENCH

Set in the heart of rural Pench, this luxury property is located near the tiger reserve of the Pench National Park. Each of the 10 tents is bright and airy, and overlooks the forest. Opt for a safari (tiger and leopard sightings are common) or wind up with a cookery class around a campfire. Jamtarawilderness.com

COOL TIP

Spend a night in the Star Bed, a four-poster bed placed on a 'machan' outdoors.

Opt for a night under the open sky and its mesh of constellations

▼ LEBUA LODGE, AMER

The futuristic cube-like tents of Lebu Lodge at Amer make an interesting statement adjacent to the historic Amer Fort, just 15km north of Jaipur. The minimalist decor of red stone, canvas and wood gives the tent an understated air of elegance. Their private pavilion and garden are perfect spots to read or sunbathe. Guests can also try one of the signature treatments by la Terre Spa by L'Occitane in the privacy of their pavilion. Lebua.com

COOL TIP

Take to the sky in a hot air balloon and get a bird's-eye view of the lodge with the magnificent fort in the background.



The property comprises 40 luxury tents, each with a private outdoor garden

▼ RI KYNJAI, SHILLONG

Ri Kynjai means 'serenity by the lake' in Khasi, and this boutique resort certainly lives up to its name. Overlooking the man-made Umiam lake, Ri Kynjai is spread over 45 acres in the Khasi hills. We love the cottages inspired by Khasi thatch huts, each with upturned boat roofs, red-pine-panelled rooms and a balcony with a view. Get a taste of classic north-eastern cuisine at the Sao Aiom restaurant; we recommend the smoked pork with bamboo shoots. You can also tee off at the Shillong Golf Course, the second oldest in Asia, which is often referred to as the 'Gleneagles of the East'. Rikynjai.com

COOL TIP

Go kayaking on the Umiam lake or have a picnic on its scenic shores.

The resort's architecture is inspired by Khasi thatch huts

◀ THE TAMARA, COORG

Set on a hill, amidst pine and eucalyptus trees, The Tamara is a convenient summer retreat from Bengaluru, with cottages and suites that have the cosy feel of a log cabin. Floor-to-ceiling windows ensure plenty of natural light and uninterrupted views of the lush Western Ghats. Savour Coorgi delicacies (Pandi curry) at The Falls or custom-blend and roast your own coffee at The Verandah. Thetamara.com

COOL TIP

Explore the misty woodlands on a guided bird tour or trek to the cascading Pathi Pole Falls.

The Eden Lotus suite has a private sundeck and secluded Jacuzzi

