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IMAGINE SLEEPING UNDER THE STARS IN A SOLAR-POWERED TENT, AND FEASTING AROUND A ROARING FIRE. EXPERIENCE CAMPING AT THESE RESORTS DESIGNED TO GIVE YOU A TASTE OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS WITH A TOUCH OF LUXURY.





TANZANIA, AFRICA

NDUARA LOLIONDO

Tanzania. www.nomad-tanzania.com

This seasonal camp is based in Piyaya, southern Loliondo, between December and May. It is located on Maasai private land, and thanks to an agreement between the Maasai people and the resort, guests enjoy freedom and exclusivity. The campsite is made up of six large, traditional Meru-style tents, furnished with bright textiles, sheepskin and leather. The tents all feature ensuite bathrooms with eco-flush toilets and bucket showers. The Yurt-designed lounge and dining tents reflect the nomadic culture of the Maasai.

To the east of the campsite is the Great Rift Valley above Lake Natron and to the south, the volcanic hills of Ngorongoro; to the north are Kenya's Loita Hills, while to the west is the Serengeti National Park. Amid rolling hills and mountain ranges, wildlife roam freely and the Maasai people go about their daily life. Guests can take leisurely walks, go on game drives, have picnics out in the bush, or join their Maasai neighbours as they fetch water with the donkeys. The brave can watch the Maasai draw blood from their cattle for the traditional *orpul* goat ceremony, which includes a drink of blood and milk.

Room rates A nine-night North Tanzania package starts from US\$10,599 (S\$14,890) per person

3 Designed as individual suites, Whitepod's igloo-like pods are luxuriously furnished.

4 Hotel Whitepod houses an elegant restaurant and bar.

5 Nduara Loliondo's lounge and dining tents make the most of the surrounding panoramic views.

6 At Nduara Loliondo, experience the daily life of the Maasai people.

7 Clayouquot Wilderness Resort offers spa treatments alongside areas for yoga and games.

8 At the Clayouquot Wilderness Resort, enjoy kayak cruising to private inlets and coves.

CANADA, NORTH AMERICA

CLAYOQUOT WILDERNESS RESORT

British Columbia. www.wildretreat.com

Located on Vancouver Island, this five-star resort is set in a UNESCO biosphere reserve, surrounded by wilderness. The site is made up of 20 luxury guest tents, dedicated tents for dining, spa treatments, and recreational activities. Guests can choose from two types of accommodation: Luxury Ensuite Bathroom or Deluxe Outpost. The latter, of which there are five, are built on raised wooden platforms, and are hidden under a rainforest canopy along the water's edge, or perched, "Swiss Family Robinson" style, among the hillside trees.

The resort offers a menu based on produce sourced from the Cascadian region, which includes the south-east coast of Alaska and British Columbia. Activities are plentiful, from hiking and kayaking to horseback riding. A wildlife-viewing excursion brings guests close to black bears and whales. As part of its commitment to sustainability, the resort is self-sufficient: Comprehensive recycling governs food and beverage service, organic gardens reduce commercial dependency, and high-efficiency wood furnaces create domestic hot water and heat hot tubs.

Room rates Starts from CAD\$4,750 (S\$4,820) per person for a three-night package.