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CasAnus

Westakker, Belgium

WHAT: Add a little quirk to your holiday album and squeeze in a night in a colossal colon. Reminiscent of an oversized slug, this distal digestive tract is plonked on an island in the 30-acre Verbeke Foundation Sculpture Park. Windows illuminate the anatomically correct intestine, while the puckered rear boasts a porthole view. The bowels of the polyester apartment house a double bed, shower and toilet, as well as a heater to keep you toasty warm. If you're feeling social the onsite bar-cum-café is full of art lovers looking for a gasbag.

WHY: While other accommodation options might give you the arse, we've got a great gut feeling about this place.

HOW: AU\$150 per night for two people.

www.verbekefoundation.com



Photo: Nomad Tanzania

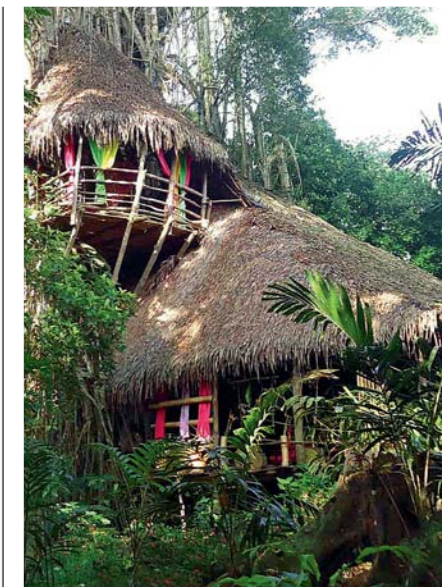


Photo: Nomad Tanzania



Greystoke Mahale

Mahale National Park, Tanzania

WHAT: Hop on a wooden dhow and cruise to this secluded camp, worlds away from dusty safaris, shops or even a road. You'll find it nestled between verdant mountains and the clear waters of Lake Tanganyika, the second-largest lake in the world. Built from old boats gathered from the shore, with thatched roofs woven from palms, the six *bandas* open into the forest. Spot chimpanzees creeping down the mountain, and trek high into the hills after a storm washes away the summer haze. Kayak, snorkel and fish in the lake, or laze in the dhow at sunset and enjoy sashimi and a sundowner as hippos lope by.

WHY: Goodbye jeep, hello bohemian beachside safari.

HOW: Four-night safari costs from AU\$3790. www.nomad-tanzania.com

Jessie the Narrowboat

London, England

WHAT: Ratty of *Wind in the Willows* fame was right – there's nothing like messing about in boats. Commandeer your own in the heart of central London for a quirky city stay that (literally) rocks. Jessie the 57-foot narrowboat packs charm and character aplenty in her small confines. Snuggle up by the cosy wood fire and enjoy the sights of London from a unique vantage point on the water. Jessie can be rented purely for accommodation on her moorings, or why not book a five-day cruise and explore Ye Olde London Town with your own private skipper?

WHY: Quirky accommodation that will really float your boat.

HOW: Stationary accommodation costs AU\$192 per night for up to four people. Skippered packages are available. www.jessiethenarrowboat.com

La Maison du Banian

Efate, Vanuatu

WHAT: Robinson Crusoe eat your heart out. This enchanting tree house, 10km from Vanuatu's capital, Port Vila, is an architectural wonder that seamlessly blends island living with the natural environment. The house is built in and around a giant banyan tree and is furnished with home comforts made exclusively from natural materials and fibre. Take a swing in a hanging bamboo chair and climb a ladder to the loft bedroom, where you'll wake to birdsong under a canopy of natangora leaf. Feast on a breakfast smorgasbord of fruit and freshly laid eggs, courtesy of the rainforest garden and its resident chickens.

WHY: Tree-house treat even the birds envy.

HOW: The tree house costs AU\$141 for two people per night, including breakfast. www.lamaisondubanian.com