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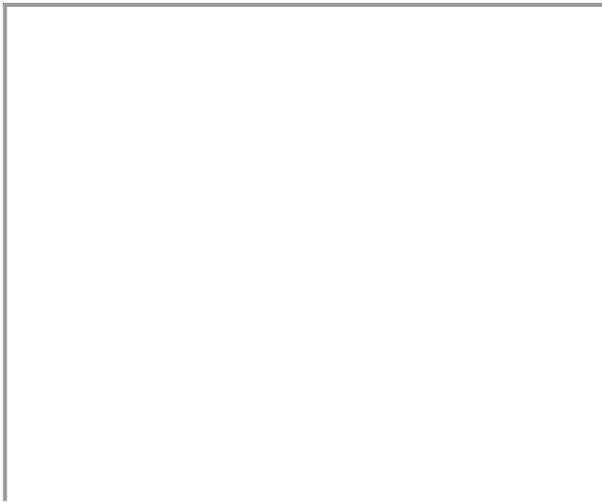
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Most Innovative Glamping Resort: Bay Point Landing, Oregon

are available for rent, have dramatic views of Coos Bay. The centerpiece is several Nordic-inspired cabins that are essentially luxe versions of tiny houses, with kitchenettes and queen beds. There's surfing, whale-watching, steelhead fishing, or hiking the surrounding old-growth forests. Or you can just soak in the indoor saltwater pool or pick up a six-pack of local IPAs and stargaze by the firepit. — *Jen Murphy*

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America's Starriest Skies: Ketchum and Sun Valley, Idaho

More than 80 percent of Americans can't see the stars, thanks to "wasted" light reflecting off streets and buildings. But not in Idaho. Over two decades, local officials collaborated to turn off unused lights and shade street lamps, in the process creating the Central Idaho Dark Sky Reserve, the U.S.'s first gold-tier area for soaking in the cosmos (as designated by the [International Dark Sky Association](#)). It covers 1,416 square miles from Ketchum to Stanley, and encompasses four counties and the Sawtooth National Recreation Area. There's simply no better, bigger place in America to enjoy the universe—and one that has all the tourist amenities, thanks to nearby Sun Valley. To see it in all its glory, drive north along Highway 75 from Sun Valley and pull off on one of the many side roads. The stars will never shine brighter. — *Berne Broudy*





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Our Favorite Hotel Guru: Philippe Kjellgren, Founder of PK's List

Looking for a lodge in Madagascar accessible only by helicopter? Or perhaps you want a villa on Guatemala's Lake Atitlán? In either case, Philippe Kjellgren has you covered. The 52-year-old Swede, who has written seven travel books, recently spent 912 days crossing the globe to vet 1,500 of the 2,100 properties on his latest app, **PK's List**. For \$8 per month, users get the unique guarantee that PK, as he is known, has endorsed each place. It's a personal touch—perhaps the most personal—in an era defined by anonymous crowd-sourced reviews. “Having visited 147 countries,” says Kjellgren, “has allowed me to really hone in on what makes a truly exceptional hotel.” — Alona Martinez



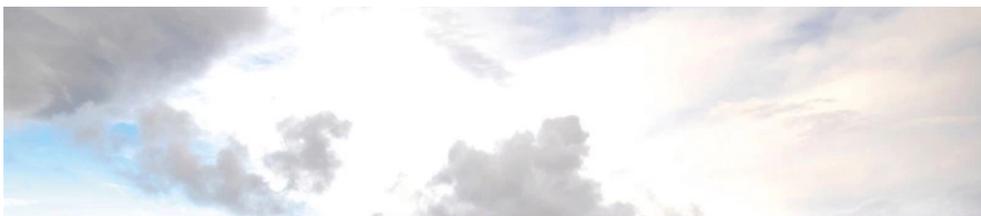


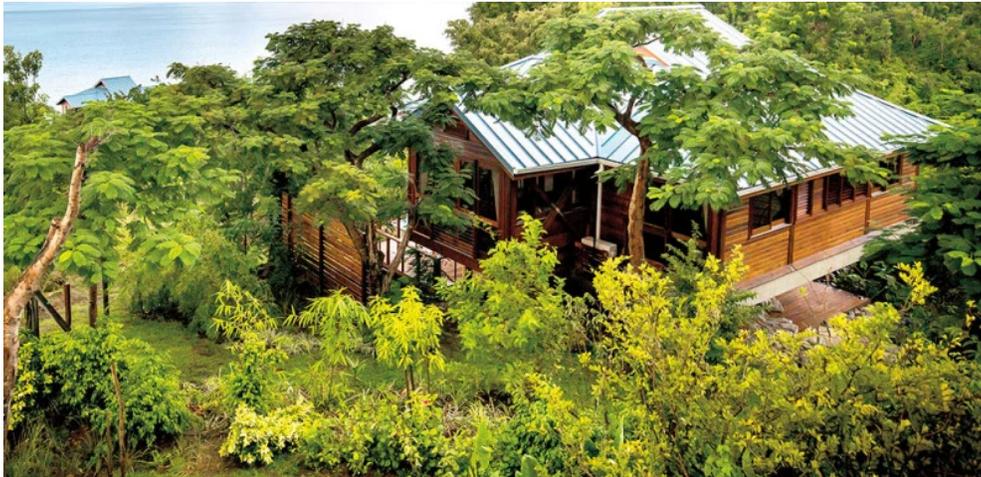
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The Chicest Place to Get Well: Shou Sugi Ban House, New York

This **new Japanese-inspired wellness retreat** 90 miles east of New York City is stocked with everything you need to chill—meditative gardens, a spa, fitness classes in an open-air pavilion, a detoxifying infrared sauna, a transporting sound bath, hydrotherapy sessions. You can even consult with a shaman, if that's your thing. The kitchen is overseen by Noma veteran Mads Refslund and offers mostly plant-based meals served at a communal table just a few feet from the open kitchen. The result: a highly curated but not at all fussy escape from the thrum of daily life. — *Lori Leibovich*





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Dominica: A Caribbean Island Is Reborn

Far from your typical rum-soaked getaway, Dominica is more like the island cousin of Costa Rica, covered in volcanoes, hot springs, rain forests, and cliff-rimmed coastline. In 2017, it was devastated by Hurricane Maria, but Dominica is coming back in a big way. And you can now end a trek along the 115-mile Waitukubuli National Trail at the island's first five-star stay, **Cabrits Resort & Spa Kempinski**, on the border of Cabrits National Park, perhaps the Caribbean's most overlooked ecological treasure. — Jen Murphy





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The Best Backcountry Hut: Thelma Hut, Colorado

One of Colorado's most beloved under-the-radar experiences has long been Opus Hut, set deep in the backcountry of the San Juan Mountains. Last year, its owners began managing a sister property, **Thelma Hut**, with a soaring steel-beam and wood design. The lodge sleeps eight, and you need to leave your car on the Million Dollar Highway for the half-mile hike in. But once there, you have complete solitude, with hiking or backcountry skiing up to 13,000 feet literally right out the front door. "You'd otherwise be snow camping," says Allison Kingsley, who helps run things. All the food is provided, so no need to carry it in. And it's just 11 mountain miles away from Opus Hut, so you can link the two in a multiday epic. — T.W.

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