

# INSPIRE

A photograph of a traditional Moroccan desert camp (giteau) set up in a vast, arid landscape under a dramatic, orange-hued sunset sky. The camp features a large, round, copper-colored pot (djellaba) in the center, surrounded by colorful patterned textiles and various brass and metal vessels. A small fire burns in the foreground, casting a warm glow. In the background, dark, rolling hills are silhouetted against the bright sky.

## **Anantara Sahara Tozeur Resort**

Located in Tunisia, the Anantara Sahara Tozeur Resort is an oasis in the desert. Immerse yourself in the majesty of the Sahara with an unforgettable dining experience. *Page 88*

**Page 88 Top suites** Our annual compilation of the world's best suites has had an upgrade this year — the suites you see on the following pages are not only lavish, but also have a number of impressive initiatives to better the communities in which they reside, the ecosystem and the planet. **Page 120 Top jets** Private jets and sustainability have not always been compatible, but Doug Gollan takes a look at the aviation companies that are making some serious sustainable leaps.

# Top 100 Suites

According to Hotel Industry Statistics (HIS), there are some 700,000 hotels in the world — meaning there are also hundreds of thousands of suites. This makes whittling down our annual list of the Top 100 no easy feat. But this year, our criteria has been more selective than ever. Not just the grandest, most luxurious suites in the world are making the cut, but those that also have a number of inspiring initiatives in place — from employee volunteer programs and community outreach to eco-friendly, sustainable practices.

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## Wild Coast Tented Lodge, Cocoon Pool Suite ▶

YALA, SRI LANKA

Nestled between a rugged stretch of the island's southern coast and Yala National Park, Wild Coast has 28 encased tents that form the shape of a leopard's paw in homage to the park's abundant leopard population. The plush stand-alone Cocoon Pool Suite overlooks the Indian Ocean and features a large deck and private plunge pool. Inside, elevated ceilings and glass walls optimize the views, while the cream canvas walls, teak floors, copper bathtub and sprawling four-poster bed take design inspiration from the bygone days of Ceylon.

**Best feature** The resort has been known to attract the park's resident elephant population, who occasionally stop by to dip their trunks in the pool

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## ▲ Six Senses Yao Noi, The Ocean Retreat

KOH YAO NOI, THAILAND

If you're picturing the ultimate tropical island paradise, Six Senses Yao Noi resort wouldn't be far off the mark. This remote natural playground, featuring thatched-roof villas and panoramic views across Phang Nga Bay, is just 45 minutes by speedboat from Phuket — but a million miles away from the throngs of tourists. There is an extensive emphasis on sustainability at the resort, as well as farm-to-table dining and natural spa treatments; the hotel produces its own water on site and is dedicated to protecting the endangered hornbill that resides in the encompassing lush jungle. The eco-drive continues at The Ocean Retreat, which uses reclaimed driftwood in its lovely decor. The duplex suite champions the beauty of its natural surroundings, with floor-to-ceiling windows and a wealth of private outdoor space. Tranquility can be found overlooking the bay from the expansive infinity pool and sundeck. The villa can also be converted to three bedrooms to become a family-friendly retreat.

**Best feature** A large garden leads directly to a pristine beach  
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## ▲ Anantara Bophut Koh Samui Resort, Anantara Beachfront Pool Suite

KOH SAMUI, THAILAND

Located beyond a private archway, a divine sanctuary awaits within the stylish Beachfront Pool Suite. A bedroom with a canopied four-poster bed leads out onto a private sea-view terrace with a sumptuous daybed and plunge pool. If you can pull yourself away from the terrace, the resort's 32,000-sq-ft, Bill Bensley-designed alfresco spa is a temple of serenity. Take a soak in one of the frangipani-filled sunken tubs, or treat yourself to a side-by-side massage enriched by natural island ingredients. In the evening, opt for dinner on the beach by candlelight as the sun sets over the Gulf of Thailand. The resort is committed to sustainability and has received Green Growth certification from the OECD in recognition of its efforts.

**Best feature** Waking up to the sea view from the king-sized four-poster bed

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## ▲ Zannier Hotels Bãi San Hô, Grand Bay Pool Villa Four-Bedroom

PHU YEN, VIETNAM

Inspired by the traditional thatched Ede longhouses found in the Vietnamese mountains, the four-bedroom Grand Bay Pool Villa offers a generous retreat for modern-day travelers looking for authentic Vietnamese luxury. The hillside villa is constructed over two levels and is bejeweled with outdoor terraces to make the most of the sweeping views over the bay of Bãi San Hô. Encased in flora, the Grand Bay Pool Villa sits near the top of the 245-acre resort — a natural Eden where the jungle meets the South China Sea on a secluded peninsula of the Phú Yên province.

**Best feature** The beautiful interior is dotted with Vietnamese artifacts, paintings and local silk prints

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