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out of this world

THE WANDERLIST

Jawai Leopard Camp, Rajasthan, India

Set in the Aravalli Hills, in the middle of the rural Rajasthan countryside, with its dry riverbeds and acacia trees, is the luxury Jawai Leopard Camp. It sits secluded on the edge of a dam, where more than 60 leopards reside in the rocky granite hillocks that rise above the bush. The latest creation of owners Anjali and Jaisal Singh (of the Suján luxury wilderness lodges), the camp redefines the concept of an Indian safari as both a sanctuary of glamorous refinement and a model for eco-tourism and big cat conservation. It's also a charity providing veterinary care for the livestock of the red-turbaned Rabari herdsmen and supporting educational projects in the local villages.

While there may only be 10 tents, there's nothing rustic or simple here; the tents are luxurious – there's a family suite and one Royal Tent – and the camp is curiously elegant for a place so wild. Think Tom Ford does safari chic with slick lacquer interiors decorated with tasseled cushions, lanterns and 1930s vintage tin trunks salvaged from Indian railways. There are also black slate infinity pools and even a spa, all set in an extraordinary landscape surrounded by towering boulders, tribal villages and cave temples.

At night, the camp's outdoor lounge is transformed with a myriad of butter lamps, and feels like one big house party as guests and guides feast on thalis around the fire. Although you can't guarantee seeing a leopard, staying at Jawai is probably the best way of ensuring a sighting (we saw seven in two days) and is certainly a stylish way of trying. *DK*
From \$1,342 per person per night; indiateat.co.uk



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EXPLORE

Bring your aviators for a ride in the vintage Jeep Safari to the white marble Jain Temple at Ranakpur before enjoying a pilgrim's lunch in the bush.

RELAX

Unwind with a sunset vinyasa class in the camp's yoga tent, followed by an Ayurvedic massage in the spa where you can sink into relax mode.

EXPERIENCE

Hunt down leopards at the Kumbhalgarh Fort walk and pay a visit to the monkey temple – if you're lucky you'll see the priests feeding them.

HIKE

Take a dawn hike guided by the Rabari tribesmen who are wildlife experts and can introduce you to the local villages and communities.

EAT

Relax round the fire with cocktails and canapés, and if you tire of Indian food, enjoy the camp's signature pizzas cooked in wood-fired ovens.