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11 Tiamo, the Bahamas

A luxury Bahamian resort with serious eco credentials, Tiamo, on South Andros island, features 11 chic wooden cottages. Without air conditioning, the buildings are open-sided to encourage a breeze. Showers are fed by solar-heated rainwater. And, with porcelain pans and flush buttons, even the compost toilets are sophisticated rather than scary.

Where from 00 1 242 357 2489;

www.tiamoresorts.com

How much from \$285 (£140) per double, per night, full-board



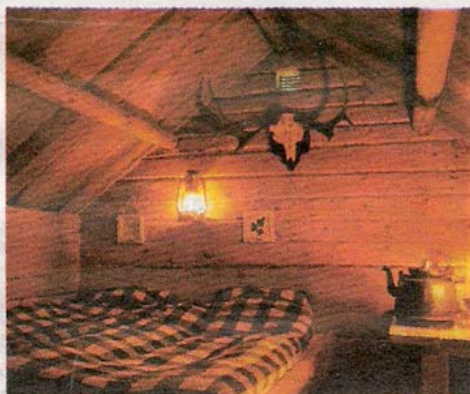
14 Madagascar Made Easy

It might be one of the most luxurious lodges in the country, but the swish Anjavy also offers employment to four remote villages. The hotel is included in Rainbow Tours' Madagascar Made Easy itinerary, which also takes in the rainforest reserves of Périnet and Mantadia and the capital Antananarivo.

Where from 020-7226 1004;

www.rainbowtours.co.uk

How much prices start from £2,070 per person, including flights, full-board accommodation, transport, guides and excursions



12 Romantic Adventure in Cosy Forest Cabin, Sweden

Run by a friendly British-Swedish couple, Nature Travels is the only company in the UK specialising in environmentally responsible outdoor and wildlife holidays in Sweden. One of its most popular packages involves being taken out to a small forest camp in central Sweden and left to fend for yourselves overnight (albeit with Fairtrade chocolate and organic Shiraz to help you on your way).

Where from 01929 463774;

www.naturetravels.co.uk

How much trips cost from £101 per couple per night, including dinner and breakfast



15 Altai Mountains, Central Asia

Biosphere Expeditions is known for its range of "conservation expeditions". If you're looking to volunteer on one next year, consider the project in the Altai Mountains. Not only does it offer the chance to survey snow leopards and mountain sheep but, if you go at the start of August next summer, you should also catch a total solar eclipse.

Where from 0870 446 0801;

www.biosphereexpeditions.org

How much from £1,330 per person for a 12-day trip, not including international transport



13 Daintree Eco Lodge, Australia

This cluster of 15 villas, set in the Greater Daintree Rainforest on the northeast coast of Australia, sells itself on its proximity to nature (along with the luxury accommodation and organic spa). All the resort's water comes from a nearby waterfall. Aboriginal cultural tourism is another major component of the lodge; Kuku Yalanji guides offer instructive rainforest walks.

Where from 00 61 7 4098 6100;

www.daintree-ecolodge.com.au

How much doubles from AUD550 (£239) per night



16 Mocking Bird Hill, Jamaica

This small (10-room) Jamaican hotel leads the way in responsible tourism. Set away from the island's heavily developed beach resorts, on a lush hillside outside Port Antonio, policies here include using homegrown, seasonal produce, recycling, avoiding the use of harmful chemicals, and relying on natural breezes rather than air conditioning.

Where from 00 1 876 993 7267;

www.hotelmockingbirdhill.com

How much doubles from \$125 (£61) per night, room only