

# Better Than Burning Man: A Glam Yurt, Treehouse or Dome

Commune with nature's splendor in deluxe outposts too VIP for Instagram: 'Someone at the top of their game in Hollywood doesn't need to share where they travel' By Kathryn Ramsey

estival lodgings have their drawbacks. Despite multimillion-dollar yurts erected for **Elon Musk**, **Katy Perry**, **Jeffrey Katzenberg** and **Mark Zuckerberg** at Burning Man in Nevada's Black Rock City — where the event runs Aug. 27 to Sept. 4 — or air-conditioned Burner Yurts at **Jared Leto's** recent **Thirty Seconds to Mars** microfestival Camp Mars, dust and disorganization can prevail. And let's not forget the epic fail of Fyre Fest's geodesic dome accommodations.

Nature-loving entertainment insiders who crave adventure — but not port-a-potties and dehydration — increasingly are turning to outdoorsy destinations, from beautifully designed treehouses in a Scandinavian forest or on a South Pacific island to yurts and geodesic domes that allow views of, say, the aurora borealis. "People are looking for experiences; that's the trend right now," says travel concierge **Melissa Schwartz** of Destination Happiness. "Their takeaway is beyond a five-star hotel." While

on a break from shooting *Tomb Raider*, **Walton Goggins** glamped in South Africa's Timbavati Game Reserve. "Man, I seek out those experiences! I don't think I've ever stayed in a normal hotel room that I was paying for," he says. "Being out in the space and knowing what's around you is very real."

One reason such accommodations are on the rise but under the radar, says travel expert **Jaclyn Sienna India**: "Privacy is huge." Ninety percent of clients she books in exotic treehouses or domes have private Instagram accounts: "Someone at the top of their game in Hollywood doesn't need to share where exactly they travel." Try one of these luxe outposts for better-than-Burning Man adventures:

## Trending: Treehouses

Treehouses have a certain allure to the industry. **Laura Dern** has said her fantasy is to move into one, while designer **Roderick Romero** has built them

for **Julianne Moore**, **Sting** and **Val Kilmer**. "This trend is so popular," says **Pete Nelson** of Animal Planet's *Treehouse Masters*, who just added a seventh treehouse to his Treehouse Point (\$300/night) outside Seattle, where Seahawks quarterback **Russell Wilson** has stayed, and is building a new resort of 27. Nelson is discussing a structure with **Eddie Vedder** and now is at work on a trio of "out-of-control, beautiful treehouses," worth well into seven figures on a major Seattle corporate campus, where "anybody who works there can disconnect, go out in the woods and get creative."

**Anne Hathaway**, **Taylor Swift** and **Drew Barrymore** have enjoyed Post Ranch Inn resort, which features ultra-high-end treehouses, "built on stilts 9 feet above the forest floor, each with a cozy fireplace and a skylight to see the stars — but no TVs to completely disconnect," says



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Quintessentially Travel's **Kelly Grumbach**. Closed this winter for renovation, the Big Sur icon's just-reopened reclaimed wood, steel, stone and glass structures boast new sound systems and king beds. A fourth treehouse reopens this month (from \$1,375/night). Also in Big Sur is Treebones, which closed for three weeks after the bridge collapse on Highway One. Its Human Nest and treehouses have seen actors **Shay Mitchell** and **Maggie Grace** (*Supergirl*). The newest Twig Hut, handwoven by artist **Jayson Fann**, is BYOSB (bring your own sleeping bag; from \$175/night).

Farther afield in Indonesia is Nih Sumba Island's opulent treehouse compound, Mamole, with two pools and private beach access, which Amazon Studios head of comedy, drama and VR **Joe Lewis** has called a temporary