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The Top 10: Treehouse Hotels

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Chalkley Treehouse, Lion Sands Game Reserve

Treehouse hotels conjure the magic of childhood, with creative layouts, whimsical décor and an elevated view over the treetops. Whether in the heart of [Swedish Lapland](#) or on the coast of [California](#), treehouse hotels offer a unique experience without sacrificing high-touch luxury. Indagare rounds up our 10 favorite treehouse properties worldwide.

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Best for Star-Studded Caché: Treehotel, Swedish Lapland



The Mirrorcube at Treehotel

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[Swedish Lapland](#), in all its pure, undeveloped glory, is home to [Treehotel](#), a seven-room treehouse hotel beloved by celebrities for its iconic Mirrorcube accommodation, a mirror-like box suite cocooned in the treetops. Reflecting the Northern Lights and the surrounding boreal forest, Mirrorcube is ideal for intrepid couples looking to experience this remote part of the country. Although Mirrorcube may be a photographer's dream, Indagare recommends booking the 7th Room or the Dragonfly treehouse instead for the benefit of an en-suite shower. Visitors here will indulge in meals made with the freshest local produce and enjoy excursions such as fat-biking through the taiga, dog sledding and ice-fishing.

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Best for Sweeping Ocean Vistas: Post Ranch Inn, CA



The Treehouse at Post Ranch Inn

[Big Sur's Post Ranch Inn](#) is particularly renowned for its unparalleled views of rolling hills, speckled with trees, that descend dramatically to the waters below. This adults-only playground is quintessential California. The treehouse accommodations are a great base for reconnecting with nature and are tucked away in the forest with floor-to-ceiling glass walls, a unique triangular layout and spacious decks for taking in the leafy landscape. The inn's Sierra Mar restaurant is a delightful spot for locally-sourced, inventive dinners.

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Best for Maritime Magnificence: Hapuku Lodge, New Zealand



Treehouse at Hapuku Lodge

New Zealand's [South Island](#) is the perfect marriage of rugged, stunning landscapes and thrilling activities, and these are best admired from the [Hapuku Lodge](#) and its treehouse accommodations. Nestled into a Kanuka grove, the airy treehouses provide breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains and ocean, and the two-bedroom accommodations are perfect for families. The surrounding area is especially beloved for its varied marine life, such as whales and penguins, and activities like fishing, sea kayaking, surfing and swimming with seals.

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Best for Honeymooners: Lion Sands Game Reserve, South Africa



Tinyeleti Treehouse at Lion Sands

The treehouses at the [Lion Sands Game Reserve](#) are remote, open-air accommodations replete with four-poster beds, luxe furnishings and incredible 360-degree panoramas of the bush. From the magical Chalkley Treehouse in Sabi Sands to Tinyeleti Treehouse at Lion Sands in Kruger National Park, couples will feel at one with nature, as birds flit overhead and elephants lumber by. The nocturnal sense of place here is unparalleled: at dark, the treehouses are illuminated by lanterns and an expanse of stars glitter above.

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Best for First-Time Safari Goers: &Beyond Lake Manyara Tree Lodge, Tanzania



A suite at Lake Manyara Tree Lodge

For first-time safari-goers, [&Beyond Lake Manyara Tree Lodge](#) offers superb game viewing and dreamy accommodations. The lodge is home to ten stilted treehouses on the border of Lake Manyara National Park, which look out into a dusky, mahogany forest. Given the lodge's small capacity, Lake Manyara Tree Lodge is also perfect for a multi-generational trip. Indagare Tip: Do go out on a night safari here—it's unique and rarely offered by other lodges.

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Best for Active Adventurers: Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica, Peru



Canopy Tree House at Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica

At Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica, in [Peru's](#) East Amazon, guests can spend a night in the Canopy Tree House, accessed by a canopy walkway over the jungle. Here, guests are surrounded by the vast beauty of the Amazon, filled with lush flora and fauna. The petite room feels at one with the surrounding greenery and is almost camouflaged with thatched roofing, rattan and weathered bamboo furniture and breezy linen screens.

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Best for Northern Lights Viewing: Arctic Treehouse Hotel, Finnish Lapland



Arctic Treehouse

Located in the Finnish Lapland, the Arctic Treehouse Hotel is just an hour-long flight from Helsinki. The Treehouse Suites are well-appointed with a cozy, rustic aesthetic and boast gorgeous, panoramic views over the snow-covered pine tree forest. For prime Northern Lights viewing, keep your curtains open and watch the sky light up from the comfort of your own bed. The hotel also has a fabulous onsite restaurant, Rakas, that serves unique, Lappish dishes in a contemporary, glass-enclosed setting. Over the holidays, children will love visiting the nearby Santa's Secret Forest for a special, one-on-one meeting with Mr. Claus.

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Best for Outdoorsy Oenophiles: Calistoga Ranch



Calistoga Ranch

[Calistoga Ranch](#), nestled into a wooded, verdant canyon in [Napa Valley](#), offers the best of Northern California living: sunshine, great wine and miles upon miles of extensive hiking trails. Imposing ancient oak trees poke between vast wooden decks, and while not technically tree houses, the Calistoga accommodations are totally ensconced with nature. (For the quintessential treehouse feel, we recommend booking one of the Deluxe Hillside Lodges.) With an onsite wine cave and 300 vineyards within close driving distance, oenophiles will fall in love with this woody retreat. It's a slice of rugged Americana high-touch service and amazing access to California's renowned wine valleys.

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Best for Animal Lovers: Four Seasons Tented Camp, Thailand



Four Seasons Tented Camp at Golden Triangle

Tucked away into the trees, the accommodations at [Four Seasons Tented Camp](#), stationed in [Thailand's](#) Golden Triangle region, offer unfettered views of the Ruak River and the mountains of Laos, all in the company of beautiful, gentle elephants. The airy, stilted treehouses are designed in a lavish safari style by Bill Bensley and boast wooden hot tubs and private balconies. Here guests can spend days feeding, bathing and riding the gentle giants, before retreating to their luxurious accommodations cocooned in the trees.

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Best for Countryside Sophisticates: Chewton Glen



Treehouse at Chewton Glen

[Chewton Glen](#) is the quintessential British countryside estate: a grand, red-brick mansion covered with ivy and surrounded by a well-tended flower garden and croquet green. However, Chewton Glen also has treehouse accommodations, such as The Yews, a newly constructed treehouse that sleeps up to 12 guests. The treehouses are fresh, crisp and contemporary, decorated in muted earth tones. With 130 acres of bucolic countryside to roam about, and a nearby National Park, guests are encouraged to hike, walk, horseback ride and kayak in the surrounding landscape.

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