

Travel Intelligence: 8 Ways to Sleep Around

A traveler's field guide to the wild new world of lodging

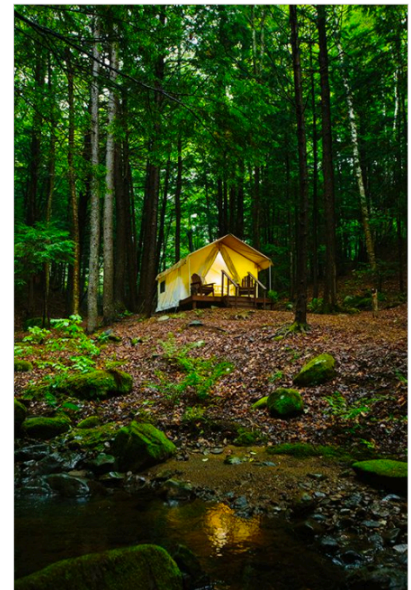
Welcome to the latest wave of lodging standouts, where the most coveted amenity is connection—to locals, nature, technology, culture, and even other travelers.

"For millennials, the thought of staying in a hotel that's exactly like a hotel in another city is a negative, unlike in other generations when it was a selling point," says Bjorn Hanson, a hospitality professor at New York University. And no matter their age, Hanson says, travelers now look to lodging as an extension of the destination, often favoring novelty and cultural relevance over minibars and late checkout. The result is a staggering array of new ways to sleep away from home. In the tradition of National Geographic field guides, here we offer tips and strategies for navigating the evolving lodging landscape:

2. Glamping: Live With Nature, in Comfort

With roots in nomadic yurts and gypsy caravans, "glamping" is basically camping without the gear, hassle, and aching back from sleeping on the ground. In recent years, the term has become a popular catchall covering everything from tricked-out tree houses to canvas tent camps.

WHERE TO FIND Grown-ups who pine for their summer camp days gravitate to **Orenda** (\$190 per person), a collection of safari-like tents in the Adirondacks backcountry where guests hike, canoe, and ride horses by day, and sip cocktails around a fire by night. Dinner is served family style and cooked over an open-flame, but forget franks and beans—we're talking herb-crust chicken and beet salad with pine nuts.



Orenda's furnished canvas cabins make it easy to go back to basics in the Adirondacks of New York.
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