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# 10 of the Most Epic Stays in the World Right Now

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A farmhouse-style resort in upstate New York, an innovative dining destination in Singapore and a private island on the Great Barrier Reef. Unique and unforgettable, these are 10 of the most extraordinary properties in the world right now.



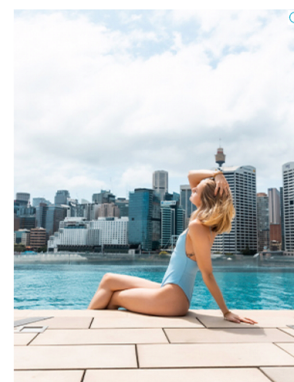
## &Beyond Punakha River Lodge, Bhutan

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In the kingdom of Bhutan, [&Beyond Punakha River Lodge](#) amps up the nation's happiness index. The pioneering conservation safari company known for some of Africa's most admired camps and lodges (Sandibe, Tengile, Grumeti Serengeti) chose the Land of the Thunder Dragon for its first foray into Asia and now confidently stakes its place in the region.

### The property

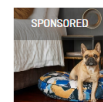
Once the holiday home of a Bhutanese royal, the property has been transformed into an 18-guest sanctuary with 52 staff. The lodge is nestled among the rice paddies and mountains and offers six tented suites, a two-bedroom villa and duplex riverside house. The bulk of its 20 hectares has been handed over to its village neighbours to grow rice and vegetables for lodge guests and for themselves.



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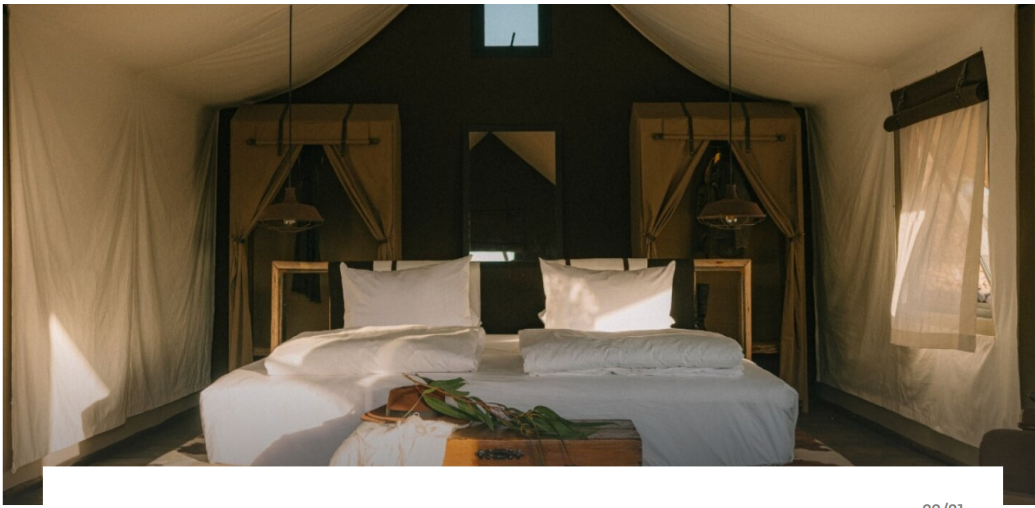
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## Puquio, Yanque, Peru

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This [intimate tented stay](#) in southern [Peru](#) offers a hotel experience quite unlike any other. It's located at an altitude of 3400 metres above sea level (more than 1000 metres higher than anywhere in Australia) and you're likely to spot more alpacas than humans on your journey from Lima.

### The property

There are just four individually appointed safari tents (carpas) and four circular adobe villas (pircas), each overlooking terraced fields of corn and potato that appear to plunge into Colca Canyon, the deepest chasm in the Americas. The lavish lodgings at Puquio evoke a past era of Andean exploration when adventurers, such as American archaeologist Hiram Bingham, went in search of The Lost City of the Incas. Other mood-setting touches include chic canvas camp chairs on every private deck, a hand-drawn canyon map on the desk and a tin mug and thermos for afternoon tea. Decorated with antique Peruvian carpets and safari-style closets and with views across the canyon to the distant Sabancaya Volcano, the tents also boast outdoor tubs where a night-time soak lets you search the skies, as the Incas did, for the starry cobwebs of the Milky Way.



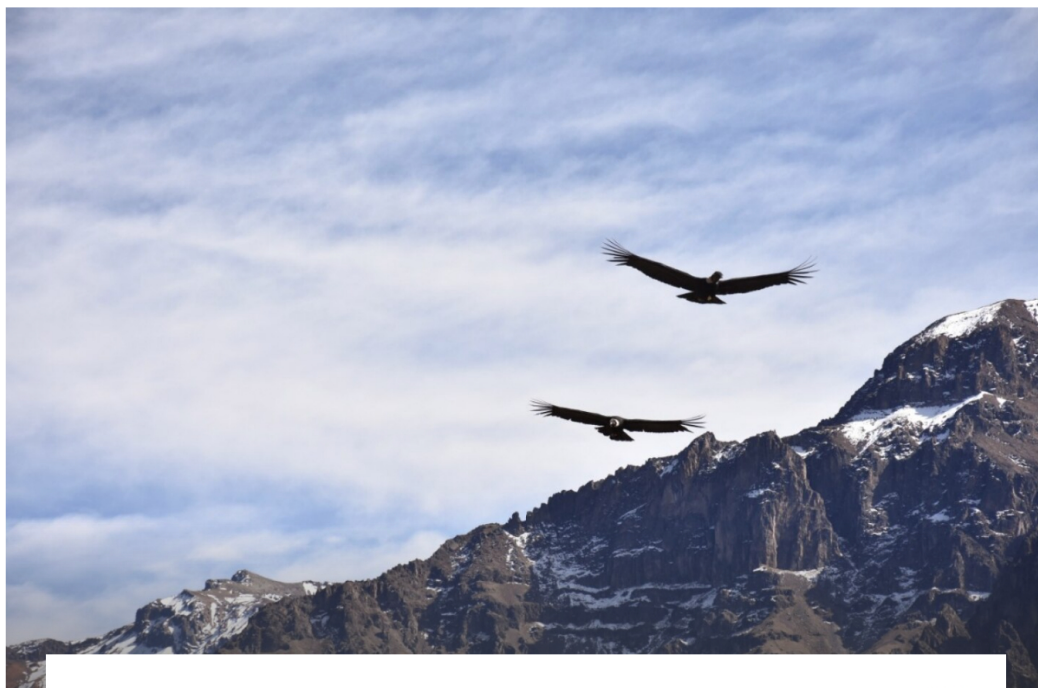
### The service

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Staff outnumber the maximum of 18 guests and anticipate every need. For example, should a cold front blow through the area, it's expertly managed by the delivery of an alpaca wool beanie (on the house) and logs crackling in the fireplace as night sets in. When the sun plunges behind the Andes each evening, staff appear on the boardwalks, candle lanterns aloft, lighting the way to and from the restaurant. "We want guests to feel like they're at home," chef Roli Jara Antaurco explains. "In the restaurant, that means sharing plates." He



prepares family-style dishes in cast-iron skillets, using fire and a traditional clay oven to whip up elaborate five-course tasting menus with themes such as “Andean lake fish” and “An homage to quinoa”. These indulgent meals – along with the paired wines from Chile and Argentina – are all included in the rate, as is the transfer from Arequipa, which is just over three hours away via a high-altitude mountain pass (and a 90-minute flight from Lima).



## The experience

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Explore pre-Inca ruins, geothermal baths and hair-raising Colca cliffs where condors surf thermal waves up canyon walls. You'll have a knowledgeable guide and affable driver at your side – all included in the price of your stay.

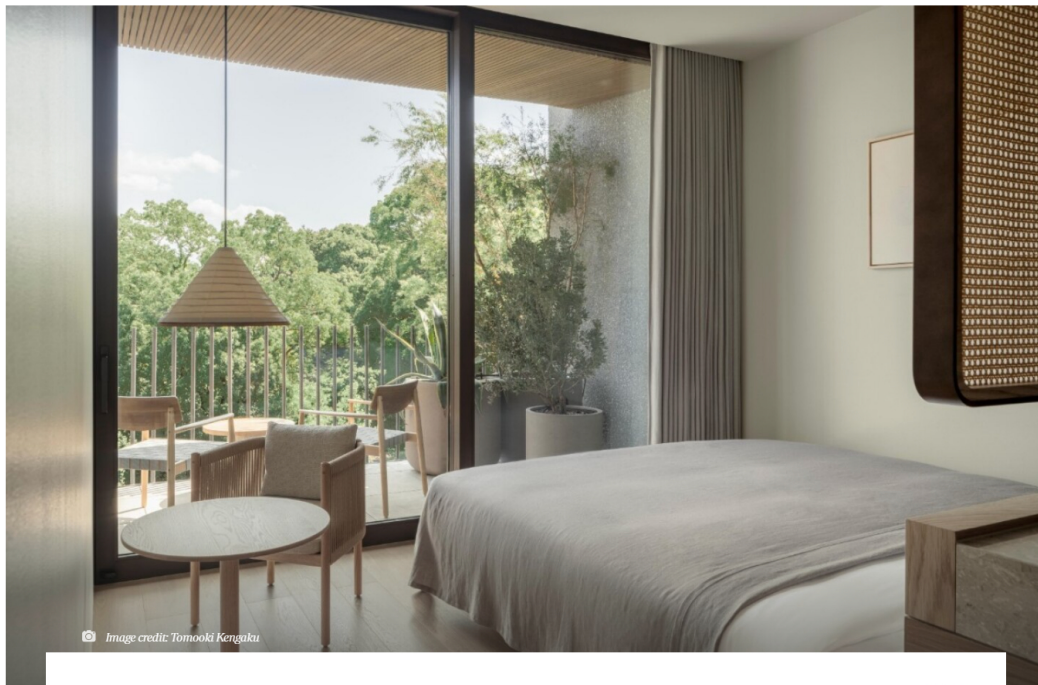


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## Trunk (Hotel) Yoyogi Park, Tokyo, Japan

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Tranquil isn't a word usually associated with [Tokyo](#), a city better known for its bustling street crossings, moody underground clubs and slick bars atop skyscrapers. But at Tomigaya's new [Trunk \(Hotel\) Yoyogi Park](#), things are done a little differently.

## The property

With just 20 guestrooms and five suites, the hotel feels intimate. Despite being close to energetic Shibuya and Harajuku's teen tribe crowds, the property is gloriously peaceful, thanks to its location on the fringe of Yoyogi Park, hidden behind a seven-storey façade of