

Valle de Vida Andalusia, Spain

Amid olive groves with panoramic mountain views, the tepee camp at Valle de Vida in Andalusia combines nature and mod-cons, with osteopathy, acupuncture and reflexology all available. Retreats run throughout the year, too. *Valle de Vida* (+34 951 238614; www.valledevida.com), from £450 a person a week.

Whitepod Les Cerniers, Switzerland

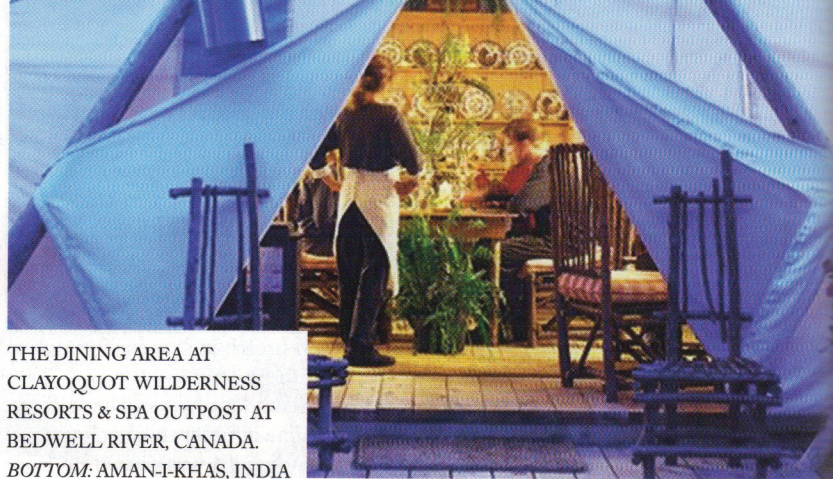
Designed for zero-impact eco-tourism, Whitepod's 12 two-man tents or 'pods' in the Alps offer a unique mountain experience. *Whitepod* (+41 79 744 6219; www.whitepod.com), from £140 a pod a night.

Tanzania Under Canvas Tanzania

Abercrombie & Kent first pioneered the safari-under-canvas trend and tented camps can now be found across Africa. One of the most exciting to open this year is CC Africa's Tanzania Under Canvas, a new concept pitching guests into the Serengeti with tents that follow the annual migration, to give exceptional game-viewing in remote wilderness. *Tanzania Under Canvas* (+27 11 809 4300; www.ccafrica.com), from about £95 a person a night.

Aman-i-Khas Rajasthan, India

On the edge of Ranthambore National Park



THE DINING AREA AT
CLAYOQUOT WILDERNESS
RESORTS & SPA OUTPOST AT
BEDWELL RIVER, CANADA.

BOTTOM: AMAN-I-KHAS, INDIA

in Rajasthan, Aman-i-Khas' six tents offer all the luxury and sophistication you would expect from Amanresorts, inspired in equal measure by the Mughals and the Raj.

Aman-i-Khas (+65 6887 3337; www.amanresorts.com), from £396 a tent a night (sleeps two).

Shakti Uttaranchal, India

For an altogether more remote Indian experience, try one of the two tents at the new Shakti camp in the Himalayas, with stunning mountain views and four-poster beds. These tents promise to match the levels of luxury and service offered by the Aman and Oberoi tented resorts in the southern national parks. *Cazenove + Loyd* (020 7384 2332; www.cazloyd.com) offers a seven-night itinerary from £1,882 a person full board, including three nights at Shakti and flights.

Tuli Tiger Resort Madhya Pradesh, India

Opened in the spring, the Tuli Tiger Resort in the heart of Kanha (the inspiration for Kipling's *Jungle Book*) boasts eight safari-style tents. Go tiger-tracking by elephant in the dense forest and come across bison, barking deer, sloth bear, monkey and leopard. *Colours of India* (020 8343 3446; www.colours-of-india.co.uk) offers 16-night itineraries, including three nights B&B at Tuli Tiger Resort, flights, transfers and game drives, from £3,422 a person.

Longitude 131 Northern Territory, Australia

Under the clear skies of a national park, 15 tents at Longitude 131 are palatial could be more romantic than waking the sacred Uluru bathed in early morning sun? Or looking up into an inky black scattered with twinkling stars? *Longitude* (+612 8296 8010; www.longitude131.com.au), from £364 a person a night full board.

Tent City Montana, US

Tent City at the Resort at Paws Up in the Rockies boasts six luxury tents with haunting scenery (think of those epic shots in *Brokeback Mountain*) and a pine-fringed hillside spa tent, too. *Tent City* (+1 406 244 5200; www.slwpawsup.com), from \$450 a tent a night.

Clayoquot Wilderness Resorts & Spa Outpost at Bedwell River Vancouver, Canada

Clayoquot Wilderness Resort comprises tents (complete with wood-burning huge beds and antique dressers) along water's edge, composting loos, hot-water eco-showers and steaming hot tubs on shore. *Clayoquot Wilderness Resorts & Outpost at Bedwell River* (+1 250 726 2222; www.wildretreat.com), from £300 a person a night full board. ELEANOR SOUTHALLO

