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### National Geographic Society Launches Unique Lodges of the World

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The National Geographic Society has announced National Geographic Unique Lodges of the World, a collection of boutique hotels in extraordinary places around the world with a commitment to sustainability, authenticity, and excellence.

The initial collection—numbering 24 properties on six continents—further builds National Geographic’s travel portfolio, which includes National Geographic Expeditions, *Traveler* magazine, travel books, photography courses, and the @NatGeoTravel digital and photography community.

As part of a comprehensive vetting process, every lodge in the collection was judged on a strict basis. The design and character of the property are unique and authentic, and the property provides guests with a sense of place by celebrating the surrounding landscape and cultural heritage. The property demonstrates a commitment to conservation and green operations, actively supports the protection of cultural heritage, and provides tangible benefits to local communities.

“By creating this carefully curated group of hotels, lodges, and retreats that meet internationally recognized sustainable tourism criteria while providing top-notch guest experiences, National Geographic opens a new chapter in the power of travel to protect our planet,” says Costas Christ, a sustainable tourism expert and editor at large for National Geographic *Traveler* magazine, who coordinated an international team to inspect each of the properties. “Travelers can feel confident when they stay in one of these lodges that they are helping to safeguard cultural and natural treasures in some of the world’s most incredible places.”

The Unique Lodges collection ranges from thatched bungalows in the coastal jungles of Costa Rica’s pristine Osa Peninsula to luxury tented suites overlooking Uluru in the Australian outback. All prioritize locally sourced food and provide economic and social benefits to the local community.

National Geographic Unique Lodges of the World charter members are:

Fogo Island Inn, Canada  
Grootbos Private Nature Reserve, South Africa  
Inkaterra Machu Picchu Pueblo Hotel, Peru  
Kapari Natural Resort, Greece  
Kasbah du Toubkal, Morocco  
Lapa Rios Eco Lodge, Costa Rica  
Lizard Island, Australia  
Longitude 131°, Australia  
Mashpi Lodge, Ecuador  
Nimmo Bay Wilderness Resort, Canada  
Pacuare Lodge, Costa Rica  
Rosalie Bay Lodge, Dominica  
Rubondo Island Camp, Tanzania  
Sabi Sabi Earth Lodge, South Africa

Sayari Camp, Tanzania  
Southern Ocean Lodge, Australia  
Sukau Rainforest Lodge, Malaysian Borneo  
The Brando, French Polynesia  
The Ranch at Rock Creek, Montana, United States  
Three Camel Lodge, Mongolia  
Tierra Atacama Hotel & Spa, Chile  
Tierra Patagonia Hotel & Spa, Chile  
Tswalu Kalahari, South Africa  
Zhiwa Ling Hotel, Bhutan

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