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## After-Dark Adventures: Best Vacations for Night Owls

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*At these 10 destinations, the real excitement begins as the daylight vanishes.*

“Night, the beloved,” Antoine de Saint-Exupéry once wrote. “Night, when words fade and things come alive.”

At nightfall everything looks different, and in an unfamiliar place, even the simple act of walking outdoors can feel like an adventure. Winter makes such experiences even more magical—whether you’re watching the swirling northern lights in the Arctic Circle or spotting lunar rainbows in a Brazilian waterfall.

Around the world, plenty of tour operators and hotels offer special experiences just for night owls with a sense of adventure. From looking for constellations in a Chilean desert to slaloming down an illuminated alpine slope, here are ten nocturnal adventures that will make you see the world anew.



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## Rainforest by Night Tour, Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica, Peru

On this two-hour walk through southern Peru's Inkaterra, you'll get a surreal introduction to the Amazonian ecosystem as the rainforest awakens at night. This 35-cabaña ecolodge is located at the edge of the Tambopata Reserve in the Amazon rainforest, home to 20,000 types of plant life, a thousand different kinds of butterflies and a thousand-plus species of birds. But some of the rainforest's most interesting (and noisiest) residents—such as caiman alligators, owls, nightjar birds and howler monkeys—come out at night. The ecolodge also features a stunning, 90-foot-high canopy walk, from which you can survey the surrounding forestry. *Two-night, all-inclusive package starts at \$541 per person; 800-442-5042; [inkaterra.com](http://inkaterra.com).*

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