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5 Of The Most Extravagant And Luxurious Dining Experiences Across The Globe

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If you're too adventurous for traditional dining, these five experiences are just what you need.



Treepod Dining at Soneva Kiri/Koh Kood, Thailand

Photo Credit: Soneva Kiri

Soneva Kiri sits on **Thailand's** fourth largest, but least populated island, **Koh Kood**. The resort offers an unrivaled combination of luxury, an integral environmental approach, authentic Thai experiences, mouth-watering organic food, 36 vast pool villas on beach level, hillsides or cliff tops, all overlooking the Gulf of Thailand. Their most unique dining experience is their Treepod Dining, during which guests are seated in a bamboo pod and hoisted high up into the tropical foliage of Koh Kood's ancient rainforest. Guests have an ocean view from the treepod, as they savor gourmet meals and fine wines delivered via the zip-line acrobatics of a personal waiter.

Floating Champagne Brunch at The Villas at AYANA, Bali



Photo Credit: AYANA Hotels

Guests at **The Villas at AYANA, Bali**, a collection of 78 one- to three-bedroom luxurious villas located on the 225-acre property on Bali's southeastern coast, can enjoy the resort's famous floating champagne brunch in their own private pool. This unforgettable breakfast experience is served on a floating tray in the pool where the guests' butler will 'set sail' to this three-course gourmet breakfast accompanied by plunger coffee, tea, juice and a chilled bottle of Champagne.

Canopy Walkway and Canopy Tree House at Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica



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Set in the **Peruvian Amazon, Inkaterra Reserva Amazonica** is an eco-luxury lodge in front of the **Madre de Dios River** in the lush **Tambopata** region made up of 35 cabins deep in the heart of the **Amazon Jungle**. The property offers a varied selection of à-la-carte excursions, the most exhilarating being a tour along the **Inkaterra Canopy Walkway**, a bridge system suspended 98 feet above the ground where guests can observe a range of wild animal species that are not usually visible from the ground, and listen to the amazing jungle sounds.

Nestled among the treetops and only accessible via the Canopy Walkway is the **Inkaterra Canopy Tree House**, a remote cabin built on a private platform and adjoining the famous Inkaterra Canopy Walkway at 73 feet above the lush floor below.

With 24 hour notice, the hotel will transform the Canopy Tree House in to a luxury cabana with a full working bathroom and will also prepare a meal to be enjoyed at a beautifully set table on a separate suspended platform nearby. Just in case guests get spooked, there's a cabana already set up for them on the ground and a guide, butler and driver on-site at their service for the night.

Farm-to-table lunch in the Maasai Mara, Kenya



Photo Credit: Maasai Mara

Earlier this year, **Angama Mara**, the award-winning luxury safari lodge in Kenya's famed Maasai Mara, announced the completion of The Shamba (Swahili for vegetable garden). The 'Shamba' is built with environmentally friendly construction methods, and is divided into five zones for different produce. The lodge offers private Shamba-to-table lunches in the garden under romantic towering shade trees. Guests can pick their own ingredients, which are then washed and readied for the freshest possible salad. Angama Mara's butlers prepare a wicker basket filled with loaves of bread, local Kenyan cheeses and chilled rosé wine to accompany the salad.

So Starstruck & Full Moon Dinner at Soneva Jani, Maldives



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