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The newest trend in outdoor fun, “glamping,” or glamorous camping, can satisfy your craving for the outdoors and your penchant for a good meal and a nice glass of wine. Check out these luxury camping accommodations scattered throughout the country and plan yourself a nice little vacation from ramen noodles and stinky sleeping bags.

STEAL

Fourpeaks, Adirondacks, New York

Fourpeaks lies on a 700-acre lot and is home to seven different “camps,” each reminiscent of a nineteenth-century farmhouse. There is no electricity or running water; propane powers these homesteads, and bathing is done with a portable shower. Twenty miles of hiking trails grace the property, as well as endless wildflower viewing and, in the fall, apple picking. Kitchens come stocked with biscuit-making ingredients, and there’s a general store on-site. Camps start at \$375 for three nights, each one sleeping two to eight people. www.4peaks.com

Chattooga River Resort , Georgia

Nestled along South Carolina’s Chattooga River in the Great Smoky Mountains, the Chattooga River Resort offers a mingling of lifestyles with its tent sites and gourmet meals. Bring your tent and sleeping bag, but once you’re there you can order “room service” and have a gourmet dinner delivered to your tent, along with a bottle of wine from an extensive wine list. Hike all day and treat yourself to a massage when you get back to camp—or rent a DVD to watch in your campsite complete with electricity. Though bathrooms are communal, you’d never know it by the marble showers, gold fixtures, and amenities like mouthwash and shaving cream at your disposal. The only downside is you now have no excuse to skip the shower. Tent sites start around \$20 per night. 864.647.1110

Paliuli Luxury Camp, Big Island, Hawaii

Escape the cold this winter and head to Hawaii, where you can play and sleep outdoors year-round. Totally solar powered, Paliuli Luxury Camp sits on 7 acres, where mangoes, papayas, and bananas grow wild for the pickin’. Spend your days hiking, snorkeling, or exploring the many miles of coastline or volcanoes and come home at night to a safari-style tent complete with queen-sized bed and your own private outdoor shower. If you are on a tighter budget, you can still enjoy the jungle with amenities like wireless Internet and gas barbecue grills, but pitch your own tent or, better yet, sleep in one of the army-style tents already set up and ready for you to crawl right in. Luxury tents start at \$100 per night, army-style tents start at \$41 per night, or pitch your own campsite for \$27 per night. www.paliuli.com

SPLURGE

Lakedale Resort , San Juan Island, Washington

These soft-sided cabins set on the lake don’t have running water or electricity, but they do have big cozy beds and private decks. The communal coin-operated showers are complete with Aveda products to up the luxury factor. There is a luxurious lodge and basic tent sites on the 82-acre property. Bring Grandma or your tree-hugger sister. Lakedale has a place to sleep for everyone. Canvas tents start at \$139 per night. www.lakedale.com

Sequoia High Sierra Camp, California

After hiking into the remote Sequoia wilderness, the High Sierra Camp will look like a mirage. Take the adventurous route and park at the Sequoia National Park Visitor Center and then hike 12 miles through the Sierras (your pack will be light as you need no food, bedding, or toiletries!); or take the easy route and park at a nearby trailhead and cruise the 1 mile into camp. Either way you’ll have a view of Kings Canyon as you eat gourmet meals while sharing stories from your day of hiking and fly-fishing with other campers. Simple tent cabins have warm comforters, luxurious towels, and plenty of big windows to blur the line between indoors and out. This is also an excellent home base for a snowshoeing trip in the great Sierra Nevada. Beds, meals, toiletries, and good times are provided. The whole shebang will run you \$250 per person per night. www.sequoiahighsierracamp.com



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