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THE MACHAN Lonavla, Maharashtra

Wake up about 55 ft up from the forest floor to all-round views of the Western Ghats from the glass-pannelled, hardwood Forest Machan (the best of the four houses in this luxury tree house resort). Meals are simple yet vital and use local produce; water is recycled and solar power harnessed so even your karma points are accounted for. There is little or no phone connectivity here – you'll have to make do with scenic gambolling during the day and gazing at an unobstructed, star-spangled sky by night.

Tip: Go just after the monsoon, when the on-location dam doubles as a natural swimming pool.

₹ 9,300 onwards. Themachan.com

PAROS BY AMARYA Morjim, Goa

Manic Morjim has an oasis of quiet in this seafront property by the Amarya group. Sitting on the secluded Turtle Beach, the luxury tents bear the chain's signature ethnic Indian motifs, handcrafted wood furniture and parquet flooring. A four-bedroom villa ups the ante with a private barbecue and garden.

ELLE loves: The elevated al fresco restaurant which offers expansive views of the Arabian sea. ₹ 6,200 onwards.

Amaryagroup.com



MANGO LIBAUG HOUSE Mango Libaug, Maharashtra

Swish rooms and bathrooms are good for a relaxing stay but the tree-lined pool is the prettiest spot here. Say hello to the chef with home-cooked local specialties (including prawns!) at every meal. It's just a few minutes to reach Awas beach where you can relax at the Mango Spa. ₹ 6,000 onwards. Mangolibaug.com



VIVENDA DOS PALHACOS Majorda, Goa



This century-old South Goa property sitting on a bucolic village cul-de-sac is worth ditching the beach for. Surrounding coconut-tree groves, clucking livestock and clanging church knells will really bring home the rural life. The rooms are named after cities the owners have lived and loved in and take their décor cues from them (Madras is red-walled and Alipore is littered with antiques). At the Lorry Bar (made from the back of a Tata lorry), you're encouraged to drink like a trucker. But make sure to line those intestines with the tender suckling pig first.

ELLE loves: The pool set in a lush tropical garden and cleaned with ozone instead of chlorine so it feels like you're frolicking in spring water. ₹ 4,400 onwards. Vivendagoa.com

RANN RIDERS Kutch, Gujarat

The blinding vastness of the Little Rann of Kutch is offset by the intimate, ethnic loveliness of this eco resort set in a eucalyptus plantation. Modelled after a Kutchi village, the cottages are embellished with mud plaster on the outside and exquisite mirror work and hand-dyed upholstery on the inside. Hammocks dot the property and you can cool off by the Nawa Talao lake.

Tip: Get your blood up and running with a horse safari across the desert plains where you'll spot the rare Indian wild ass and countless bird species that visit these parts.

₹ 6,000 onwards. Rannriders.com