“6 of the sexiest tented camps outside southern Africa”

The rugged wilderness has always been a natural calling to mankind – after all, mankind was shaped by it before by inventing agriculture, creating cities and discovering civilization. But the adventurer has found a way to escape the chaos of civilization by roughing it out and camping in nature. Luxury travellers have always prized accommodation that are at one with nature, but these have primarily been encountered within southern Africa by way of safari lodges and tented camps. Tented camps, often referred to as glamping, typically offer all the modern comforts of hotel rooms, suites or villas, but in unique accommodation that offers a glimpse of the power of the wild. Some arise to experience wildlife, but tented camps have a history dating back millennia to the nomadic and nomadic tribes. However, a mix in the need for nature has resulted in a selection of tented camp resorts outside Africa, some along traditional nomadic routes, offering a mix of raw nature and cultural experiences with luxury.

The Sarai, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan, India

One of the very first Relais&Châteaux-accredited properties in India, this tented camp sits on the outskirts of Jaisalmer draws inspiration from the royal camel cities of the Rajputs. Away from the chaos of Jaisalmer, the retro is a throwback to a colonial age. Aside from excursions to Jaisalmer and Jaisalmer Fort, one of the key highlights here are the evenings, where the silence of the calm night is punctuated by haunting folk songs by the local Rajasthani Kangarai singers.