This chic tented camp has been voted one of the world's best
CONDÉ NAST TRAVELLER
India, February 2013

The look of an East African safari camp with that of a Raj-era hunting lodge, the 11 tents come with Victorian-style interiors, en-suite bathrooms, and deck leopard-print accents. The concierge has also come up with innovative ways to experience the forest, including safari river trips and elephant rides.

This year, even the unlikely setting of the Mahan Kumbh Mela bears luxury tented accommodations. Saharan

Kute (www.saharanabe.com) is a set of pop-up tents pitched near the confluence of the Yamuna and Ganga rivers. They feature the kind of facilities and design more commonly associated with a boutique hotel: heated tents, private verandas, and, of course, en-suite bathrooms. Tents offer a 15

relations manager who can set up interactions with locals. There’s even a pachyderm spa on the premises, and all food is prepared using organic ingredients.

When it comes to camping in style, Ranthambhore’s numerous luxury camps are the trend. The state’s newest set of upscale tents can be found at Kumbhalgarh Lodge (doubles from INR 16,999, 12km outside Jodhpur). Located along the edge of the Sarnika Tiger Reserve, Kumbhalgarh is just a three-hour drive from New Delhi. A heritage site, originally built in the early 1960s by Maharaja Jee Singh of Alwar, it is now renovated and offers 12 air-conditioned luxury tents with attached verandas. Besides going on nature walks and enjoying gourmet meals, there are horse-riding facilities, a large pool and a well-stocked bar.

Suján Luxury Hotels