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Top 10 Luxury Wilderness Lodges in the USA

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Leave your everyday cares behind and get away from it all at these luxurious wilderness lodges! From the Big Sur coast to the Rocky Mountains, rural Missouri to New York's Adirondacks -- these settings across America will amaze and inspire you. (listings are not in any particular order)

STONEWATER COVE RESORT & CLUB Tranquil, beautiful...Stonewater Cove's luxurious main lodge stands like a beacon on Table Rock Lake amid the natural splendor of Mark Twain National Forest. Discover a piece of Americana at this new member of Small Luxury Hotels of the World in rural southwestern Missouri. You'll be amazed and inspired by the magnificence of this secluded setting that's perfect for family reunions and vacations, weddings, honeymoons and romantic getaways. Stonewater Cove Resort & Club is a private, nearly 500-acre natural playground where you can be as active (or inactive) as you like. Relax, rejuvenate, read and take leisurely hikes. Or...get out on the lake in one of several boats or into the woods where you can explore by ATV and zip lines. After a day of activity or relaxation, enjoy gourmet comfort food in the lodge's dining room overlooking the sunset on the lake. Later, marvel at the starry sky. The resort offers an intimate setting of only 12 rustic, uniquely decorated guest rooms and 6 one- and two-bedroom suites. The closest airports are Branson, MO, Springfield, MO and Northwest Arkansas Regional – all about a one hour and 45 minute scenic drive away. (pictured below left)





POST RANCH INN Nourish yourself with the Ultimate Ocean Escape... Spend quality time replenishing your heart and soul in a stunning ocean view room with someone you love. Experience Big Sur's profound and humbling beauty with breathtaking sunsets, soaring condors and immense starry nights. Savor a four-course dinner for two at Sierra Mar. Refresh you and your partner with their soothing spa treatments. Escape the rest of the world for a couple days and find peace and pleasure at the Post Ranch Inn in Big Sur. More information about the [Ocean Escape](#) package and other getaways. (pictured above right)

AMANGIRI Opened in October 2009 and is located on a 600-acre expanse of wilderness in Canyon Point, Southern Utah, close to the border with Arizona. The resort is tucked into a protected valley with sweeping views over colorful, stratified rock towards the Grand Staircase – Escalante National Monument. Architecturally, the resort has been designed to blend into the landscape with natural hues, materials and textures a feature of the design. Arrival to the resort is via a winding road that descends into the valley and leads to the central Pavilion. Built around the main swimming pool, the Pavilion embraces a dramatic stone escarpment. Within the Pavilion is the Living Room, Gallery, Library, Dining Room, Private Dining Room and Cellar. Two accommodation wings lead from the Pavilion into the desert: 16 suites are located within the Desert Wing and another 18 suites together with the Aman Spa are located within the Mesa Wing. Outward views from the resort look over the untouched valley surrounded by lofty bluffs. (pictured below left)





THE LODGE AT KEYAH GRANDE An exclusive retreat nestled in the heart of Colorado's San Juan Mountains. Over four-thousand acres of pristine beauty and natural wonders await you in this rejuvenating escape from civilization. With a limited occupancy of only 8 guest suites, visitors are assured the attention they deserve. Each suite is adorned with antiques and artifacts collected in the world travels of our proprietors, as well as modern amenities such as satellite TV and broadband. Dining at Keyah Grande is nothing short of spectacular, with favorites prepared daily by their award-winning chef. Explore Keyah Grande, a true Rocky Mountain getaway like no other. (pictured above right)

THE RESORT AT PAWS UP At the crossroads of incomparable Montana luxury resorts and unspoiled wilderness lies The Resort at Paws Up. The Resort at Paws Up offers an enchanting escape into the tranquility and magnificence of Montana's pastoral countryside. This authentic Montana escape is discretely nestled among some of the most breathtaking countryside in the world. Spend a day on horseback, cast a fly in sparkling Montana waters to eager cutthroats, explore the Montana land Lewis and Clark swooned over, or indulge in sumptuous spa treatments. Choose from 28 luxury vacation homes or 12 impeccably appointed luxury camping tents - all featuring an interior landscape rich in rustic elegance. It's first-class adventure in a wilderness sanctuary you'll never forget. (pictured below left)





DUNTON HOT SPRINGS Just across the mountain from Telluride, Dunton Hot Springs is a romantic ghost town, set in an extraordinary alpine valley. The resort offers a variety of day and overnight packages, and the entire town can be rented exclusively for spectacular corporate retreats, family reunions and weddings. Dunton Hot Springs is a small and exclusive resort nestled deep in the San Juan Mountains of the Colorado Rockies. This perfectly restored ghost town thrives on contradictions; hand-hewn log cabins exquisitely furnished, a life-worn saloon serving food of startling quality, invigorating trails followed by pampering massages, sensuous hot springs beneath shimmering snow banks. Free of cell phones, this romantic old mining town still provides high speed wireless internet access and video conferencing to the comforting sound of a tumbling waterfall. (pictured above right)

THE POINT The Point Resort is a unique, private Adirondack estate where you are free to enjoy your special time in splendid circumstances. It's a vibrant and exclusive house party, an elegant hideaway, the essence of rustic splendor, luxury and whimsy amid Adirondack mountain wilderness. Quite simply, it's The Point. Built in the tradition of an Adirondack Great Camp, The Point Resort marries opulent authenticity with luxurious amenities and secluded, relaxing wilderness. (pictured below left)





AMANGANI Amangani is located just outside Jackson, Wyoming. Its location offers access to the great outdoors with truly breathtaking scenery and internationally acclaimed natural features on your doorstep. On the site of a magnificent natural phenomenon, where nature's needs prevail over those of humanity, Amangani has laid its indigenous foundations with environmental integrity rooting itself in the soul of the dramatically unprocessed American Wild West. The resort has a prodigious aspect, in 21st Century comfort, across the raw valley of Jackson Hole where many a wild animal leaves a labyrinthine trail as it wanders up into the spectacular surrounding snow-capped Tetons, the Rockies' youngest and most riveting range. (pictured above right)

SORREL RIVER RANCH Set in an idyllic location on the banks of the Colorado River, lies Sorrel River Ranch Hotel & Spa Resort, Moab Utah's best kept secret - a spectacular finale to conclude your journey on one of the Southwest USA's most scenic byways, Highway 128. Sorrel River Ranch Resort's inviting main lodge and hotel suites provide luxury accommodations within the soothing isolation of red rock cliffs and desert landscape, yet is located just 20 minutes from Moab, Utah - the adventure capital of the Southwest. After an invigorating day spent whitewater river rafting, hiking, horseback riding, mountain biking world famous trails, rock climbing, or exploring the natural beauty of two of Utah's five National Parks, Arches National Park and Canyonlands National Park, guests can return to the ranch to relax, rejuvenate and replenish. (pictured below left)





TRIPLE CREEK RANCH A luxury resort high in the Bitterroot Mountain Range of the Montana Rockies. A member of the prestigious Relais & Châteaux, Triple Creek Ranch offers rustic elegance in a mountain retreat featuring private log cabins and a comfortable lodge. Here, adult travelers enjoy a romantic setting with incomparable scenery, wildlife, outdoor activities year round and a collection of Western inspired art. Relax in world-class accommodations, dine on the freshest contemporary cuisine and sample the world's finest wines while the caring staff pampers you. (pictured above right)