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An insider's guide to the cushy side of camping

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IF YOU LIKE THE IDEA of spending the night in the great outdoors but aren't so wild about sleeping on the ground and wearing the same clothes for days, you may be ready for glamping—yes, that's glamorous camping. Despite its name, the activity doesn't have to be super chichi; at its heart, glamping is about getting closer to nature with a little more comfort and a lot less lugging of stuff. Glamping sites range from a no-frills yurt in Utah to a fully furnished treehouse (with a kitchenette) in California to a deluxe safari tent in Colorado where a hike in the Rockies precedes a dip in the hot springs (sign us up!). We explore the trend:

SO WHAT IS A GLAMPsite, EXACTLY? There's no official definition (yet), but David Twyman, founder of glampinghub.com, looks for these elements:
1. No lobby in sight. Nature is literally right outside your door.
2. A unique structure.
3. The (basic) comfort of a hotel. You might need to bring extra blankets or food, but at the very least, your money will buy you a bed and indoor plumbing.

GLAMPing HAPPILY EVER AFTER:
At his 2012 wedding, Matthew McConaughey turned his Texas ranch into a glampingground—complete with air-conditioned tents for guests.

NOT-SO-HUMBLE ABODES
Types of glamping sites, in descending order of popularity, according to Twyman:
1. Treehouses
2. Safari tents
3. Hobbit houses
4. Yurts
5. Trailers

The year the keyword glamping started to gain traction, according to Google Trends:
2007

TEPES TWO WAYS

LEAST EXPENSIVE
$35
per night
For a four-person yurt in Gunnison, Colorado, offering a propane log fire, a double bed and futon, an electric light, linens, and mountain views.

MOST EXPENSIVE
$1000
per night
For a two-person, hardwood-floor tepee at Mustang Monument Wild Horse Eco-Resort in Wells, Nevada (for the price includes chef-prepared meals—fried chicken and waffles, pork and sausages, and a dessert). The site is set up for comfort, with a cozy couch and two-person tent for outdoor activities.

THE ORIGINAL GLAMPERS
Though its earliest adopters included Gwyneth Paltrow and Blake Lively, glamping rose to new heights during the Ottoman Empire, when extravagant tents, outfitted with silk panels and carpets, were set up as mobile palaces for emperors.

REMEMBER WHEN...
Oprah and Gayle road-tripped to Yosemite for The Oprah Winfrey Show in 2000. Oprah mixed up Moscow mules—in classic copper mugs to boot—for fellow campers and grilled shrimp (sprinkled with truffle salt) before retiring in a top-of-the-line pop-up trailer featuring two beds, a kitchen, and a bathroom.

TAKE IT OUTSIDE
Three chic glamp booking sites:
1. glamping.com
2. glampinghub.com
3. airbnb.com

With king-size beds and heated bathroom floors, the Resort at the Pines is one of the swankiest glampsites in the United States.