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COOL LODGES TREE HUGGERS

If you've ever had a treehouse, you'll remember the excitement of climbing up to your secret hideaway. Recapture that sense of adventure in these treehouse-style resorts updated with romantic touches like wood-burning fireplaces and Jacuzzi tubs.

LODGE KURA HULANDA, CURACAO Perched high on a cliff overlooking Kalki Beach, this sister property of Willemstad's Hotel Kura Hulanda has 74 West Indies-style rooms and one Treehouse Mansion. Climb the spiral staircase to reach this two-bedroom, octagon-shaped villa built atop wooden stilts and decorated with African masks and cowhide rugs. Nibble on Bahamian conch fritters and sip rum punches on the shaded, thatched-roof deck before retiring to a muslin-draped, four-poster Balinese bed. *From \$1,200.*

KANOPI HOUSE, JAMAICA This exclusive new eco-friendly getaway is located near sleepy Port Antonio on the island's northeastern coast. Tucked amid ancient, vine-covered banyan and bamboo trees are four treehouse-

style bungalows with hand-carved four-poster beds, beamed ceilings and animal sculptures from Jamaican artists — and no TVs to disturb the sounds of nature. While each treehouse is linked through a jungle pathway, you can also mingle with fellow guests over a frosty Red Stripe in the Great House, while swimming in the on-property lagoon, or by having staff-arranged picnics on river-rafting excursions on the Rio Grande. *From \$300 per person, all-inclusive.*

TREE HOUSE LODGE, COSTA RICA Swing lazily on a hammock in **one of four individual houses** at this Caribbean **coast retreat located within the** Gandoca-Manzanillo Wildlife Refuge. Fashioned from fallen trees and using solar heat and electricity, the Tree House cottage has a full kitchen, a hardwood deck, and an indoor/outdoor shower built around a 100-year-old sangrillo tree. Activities include swimming at Punta Uva Beach and taking canopy rainforest tours in Puerto Viejo. All tours booked through the lodge benefit the reptilian locals of the Green Iguana Foundation. *From \$300.*

TSALA TREETOP LODGE & VILLAS, SOUTH AFRICA

There's no roughing it at this forest retreat — couples staying in one of the 10 treehouse suites (connected via elevated boardwalks) or the six treehouse villas can expect to be pampered. The wood-and-stone structures feature ceramic fireplaces, local artwork and rich leather furnishings. After a day of exploring the famed Garden Route, enjoy a glass of Pinotage as you cool off in your private plunge pool surrounded by yellowwood trees, where you might spot African wood owls. *From \$370.*

WINVIAN, CONNECTICUT All 18 cottages at this tony Litchfield Hills resort are designed around a different theme; there's the Library, Music and Helicopter suites, but none can match the playfulness of the Treehouse, a two-story cottage perched 35 feet off the ground in a cluster of maple trees. Bright colors and whimsical accents like a fireplace adorned with old license plates are coupled with a Jacuzzi tub and French doors opening out onto the treetops. There's also a spa, plenty of hiking trails and a gourmet restaurant. *From \$1,199, including breakfast. — Jill Fergus* ■

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