



Horseback riding at Explora Patagonia, in Chile.

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OFF-THE-GRID HOTELS

Looking for that secluded spot to really get away from it all? Here, five places where you can unplug and explore the great outdoors.

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HIKING

Evergreen Lodge at Yosemite California

This rustic lodge's 66 spacious cabins are just a five-mile trek from Carlon Falls, a secret swimming hole flanked by sky-high ponderosa pines.

33160 Evergreen Rd., Groveland; 800/935-6343; evergreenlodge.com; doubles from \$100.

HORSEBACK RIDING

Explora Patagonia - Hotel Salto Chico Chile

With the jagged Macizo del Paine peaks as a backdrop, saddle up one of the property's 26 horses for a three-hour ride through grasslands where native llamas graze.

Torres del Paine National Park; 866/750-6699; explora.com; doubles from \$5,320 (four-night minimum), all-inclusive.

ARCHAEOLOGY

Bushmans Kloof Wilderness Reserve and Retreat South Africa

The resident archaeologist at this 18,500-acre nature reserve gives guests private tours of the area's

130 Stone Age rock-art sites. *21 miles north of Clanwilliam; 800/735-2478; bushmanskloof.co.za; doubles from \$515, all-inclusive.*

ADVENTURE

Hotel Punta Islita Costa Rica

Keep an eye out for howler monkeys while whizzing through the tropical forest on this eco-resort's legendary

50-foot-high ziplines. *Islita, Guanacaste; 866/446-4053; hotelpuntaislita.com; doubles from \$300.*

ON THE WATER

Huvafen Fushi Maldives

A 30-minute speedboat ride from Malé International Airport, this hotel has a private lagoon with a sandbank for snorkeling and an underwater spa with treatments

like a pearl-and-kelp mud wrap. *North Malé Atoll; 011-960/664-4222; huvafenfushi.com; doubles from \$1,440.*