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# Unplugged in South America



A fire blazes at dusk in front of the main house at Fazenda Catuçaba, an organic coffee farm in eastern Brazil, where guests enjoy horseback riding, birding, and river rafting.

## GALÁPAGOS SAFARI

**CAMP** With nine furnished tents in the highlands of Santa Cruz Island, this lodge inverts the usual model of tourism here. Instead of sleeping on a boat and making forays onto land, guests stay at a private farm where they can gaze at the distant Pacific and watch tortoises amble past their canvas rooms, and make day-trips to the water (about 30 minutes away).

■ SANTA CRUZ, ECUADOR; FROM \$500, INCLUDING MEALS AND EXCURSIONS



## FAZENDA CATUÇABA

At this country retreat in the rolling hills east of São Paulo, the only sounds are birdsong and the laughter of local staff. Guests come for the charms of an 1850s farmhouse and the peace of a technology-free setting. Between homemade meals—everything from *cachaça* liquor to coffee cake is made on-site—visitors can explore the adjacent Serro do Mar state park.

■ CATUÇABA, BRAZIL (3 HOURS FROM SÃO PAULO); FROM \$420, INCLUDING MEALS AND ACTIVITIES



## CANDELARIA DEL

**MONTE** The Argentine pampas is the stuff of dreams—a place where meals take hours and siestas are mandatory. Nowhere is this more evident than at Candelaria del Monte, a colonial-style estancia where owner (and de facto gaucho) Sebastián Goñi encourages guests to go horseback riding, herd cattle, harvest from the organic garden, or watch a polo match.

■ SAN MIGUEL DEL MONTE, ARGENTINA; FROM \$220 PER PERSON, INCLUDING MEALS AND ACTIVITIES

