

Condé Nast Traveller

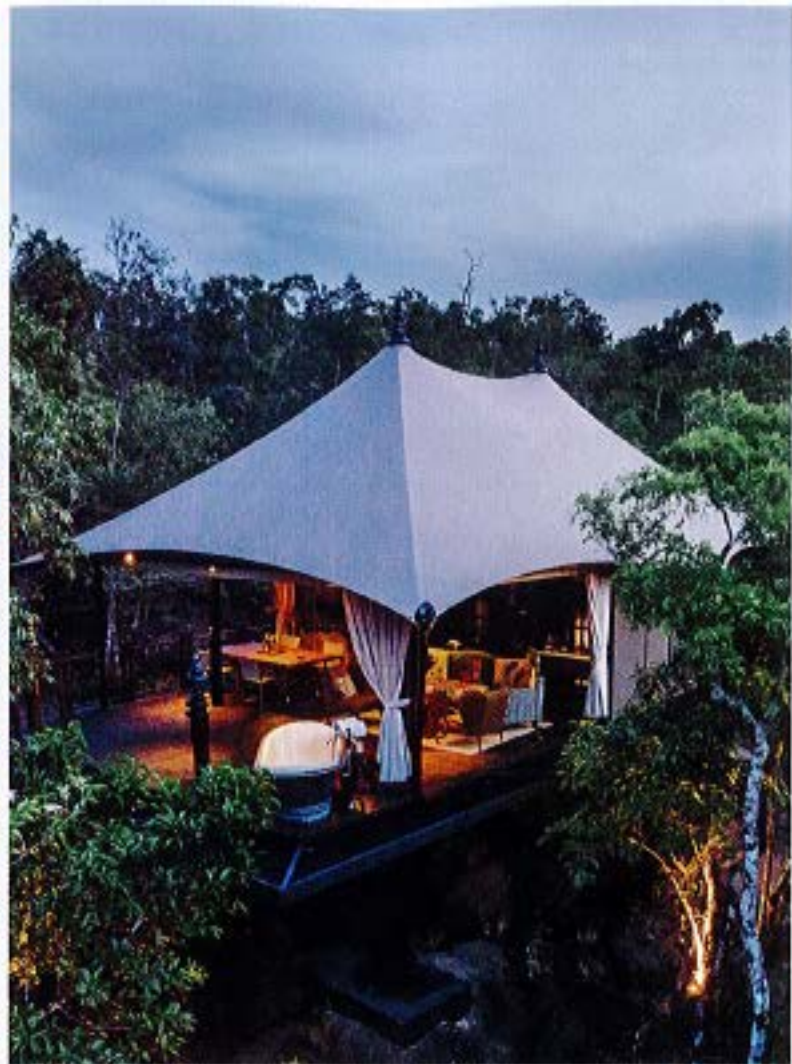
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NEW HOTELS

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CAMBODIA SHINTA MANI WILD

Suddenly there is a very big reason to stay in Cambodia after seeing the temples at Angkor. About half-way between the capital Phnom Penh and the south coast are 850 acres of protected private land hosting a flamboyant new camp – and one of the hottest openings in Asia this year. Opt to arrive by zipline, landing next to a waterfall with huge double sun-loungers in vivid greens and yellows, driftwood statues of life-sized elephants and 15 tented rooms, some with roll-top bathtubs on the riverside deck. It's signature Bill Bensley, the daring designer renowned across South-east Asia for his playful flourishes and lush gardens. He has partnered with hotelier Sokoun Chanpreda before on three delightful properties in Siem Reap (branded Shinta Mani). The powerhouse pair's main motivation is conservation. While staying here, join anti-poaching patrols, or explore the hardwood forest between the Southern Cardamom and Kirirom National Parks by mountain bike and kayak. There are seemingly unlimited spa treatments, a sensational 100ft-long bathtub-shaped pool and a daily-changing menu under brilliant chef Patricia Yeo who uses foraged greens, mushrooms and fruits from the forest. Shinta Mani Wild opens up an entire region to the jet set, with style and a firm focus on the hottest aspect of all: the environment it now helps us all get to. **FLASH POINT** Charm the camp manager Sanjay Choegyal into taking you on a forest walk; he grew up at Tiger Tops lodge in Nepal and is an excellent birder. +855 63 964 123; shintamani.com. Tents from about £1,790 full board (minimum three-night stay)

