

## PIKAIA LODGE

SANTA CRUZ, THE GALAPAGOS



**Natural habitat** Wildlife boffins rejoice! Now you can visit the Galapagos without being stuck on a boat, so you can 'do' the archipelago with a supersized, super-soft bed to collapse into each night.

**Nocturnal activity** A shrine to beautiful, sustainable modernism, with 14 monochrome rooms featuring marble bathrooms and vast, glass walls that bring the wild volcanic landscape right to the foot of your bed.

**Grrr factor** Pink flamingo? Check. Blue-footed booby, frigate bird, Galapagos penguin, sea lion, marine iguana, giant tortoise... check, check, check.

**Distinctive markings** Whizz to all the main sites on a 100ft yacht. You'll have your own stateroom to snooze or shower off in after kayaking, snorkelling and hiking, followed by a talk from one of the charming guides.

**Grazing** Evolution restaurant is strong on stuff they've hauled in from the sea – moreish octopus carpaccio, say.

**Leader of the pack** Paulina is as clever and chatty-chatty as they come, merrily explaining the origin of species.



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## SINGITA BOULDERS LODGE

SABI SAND RESERVE, SOUTH AFRICA



**Natural habitat** Spread along the banks of the Sand River, this lodge is ethnic chic to the max: rough-stone walls, animal-hide rugs, wafy fabrics and scatter cushions.

**Nocturnal activity** Each set of guest rooms is bigger than your average Mayfair pad, with four-poster beds, his-and-hers sinks and plunge pools.

**Grrr factor** They have a knack for getting the big five – lion, elephant, buffalo, leopard and rhinoceros – to appear as if on command, but the real triumph is spotting the ever-elusive wild dog.

**Distinctive markings** Head to the Bush Spa for its utterly zonk-out-worthy Monkey Orange massage.

**Grazing** You'll eat not once, not twice but SIX times a day. Expect lots of exotic game meat. And weight gain.

**Leader of the pack** There are daily bumpity-bumps out into the bush with personal guides, as well as romantic starlit night safaris. If you're bored (what is WRONG with you?), you can swap four wheels for a spot of mountain-biking or archery.