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The Turquoise Holiday Company ([turquoiseholidays.co.uk](http://turquoiseholidays.co.uk)) offers seven nights at Gaya Island Resort, B&B in a Bayu villa, from £1,515 per person, and seven nights at Tanjong Jara Resort, B&B in a Bumbung room, from £1,540 per person, both including flights and transfers. To book call the Turquoise team on 01494 678400 or email [enquiries@turquoiseholidays.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@turquoiseholidays.co.uk). *Book your honeymoon before 31 October 2013 and you'll get a free Heidi Klein swimsuit!*

## FOR A HONEYMOON ADVENTURE IN MALAYSIA AND BORNEO, CHOOSE YTL HOTELS

### TODAY, HONEYMOONERS SEEKING

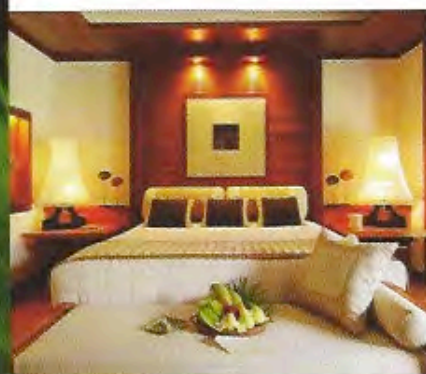
something a little different are spoilt for choice. No more backpacks and basic beds, off-the-beaten-track has gone luxe.

Borneo, home to a variety of exotic wildlife, has become a top choice for adventurous - yet still luxury-loving - honeymooners thanks to the opening of Gaya Island Resort, situated on an island, a 15-minute speedboat ride from Kota Kinabalu, Sabah. Nature is at the heart of the resort with excursions to discover the incredible, wildlife-rich surroundings. Alternatively, explore the house reef and its marine life at your leisure. Nature aside, Gaya Island Resort is a draw in itself, with its Spa Village and stunning villas set into the hillside. It is then just a 90-minute flight from Kota Kinabalu to Sepilok nature reserve where the orangutans abound - there really is nowhere else like it.

Complementing Gaya Island Resort is the equally tempting Tanjong Jara Resort. Located on the east coast of the Malaysian peninsula, it's designed to reflect the elegance and grandeur of 17th century Malay palaces. Explore virgin forests, cascading waterfalls and the seasonal marine life of the region with the resort's host of excursions. Don't miss the traditional Malay spa treatments at the award-winning Spa Village or the cycling tour to the local village, to further enhance your authentic Malay experience.



Above: picturesque views from selected villas at Gaya Island Resort. Left: the pool at Gaya Island Resort. Below: relax on Tanjong Jara Resort's golden beach. Below right: a room at Tanjong Jara Resort



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## Wild heat

### SASAAB, KENYA



A little slice of Morocco comes to Kenya at Sasaab, a safari lodge in the north of the country near the wildlife-plaintful Samburu National Reserve. Nine massive (seriously, they are bigger than our entire London flat) tented suites dot the hillside above the Ewaso Nyiro River, decorated in breezy whites and moody Moorish hues, and – in an extra-luxurious flourish – with their own private pool (pictured). But you're not here just to loaf around your suite (although we have to admit that it is very loaf-able), so peel yourself away from your verandah for game drives, walking safaris, trips to local villages and even camel riding. Compared to the country's famous Masai Mara, the beauty of Sasaab's remoteness is that there isn't a Jeep jostling around every lion, leopard or herd of elephants that you come across. Back at camp, sip sundowners overlooking the scenery before tucking into moreish Moroccan food from the Mess.

**WOW FACTOR** After an early morning game drive head to the SpaSaab, which is built into the cliff overlooking the river and offers ultra-indulgent treatments using Liz Earle products.

**GO** Abercrombie & Kent ([abercrombiekent.co.uk](http://abercrombiekent.co.uk)) offers five nights from £3,828 per person, full board. Includes flights and transfers.



For a novel way to see the varied wildlife of Pench National Park in India, climb on an elephant for a safari with a difference

### BAGHVAN, INDIA



Located in the heart of India, Baghvan is a remote, romantic, rustic safari lodge made up of just 12 individual suites in the jungle. This is *Jungle Book* country – the place that inspired the story of Mowgli, Baloo and Shere Khan.

Surrounded by sugar cane crops and small villages, Baghvan is a pocket of luxury near Pench National Park. The rooms (pictured) have a colonial feel with antique furniture and plenty of private outdoor space as well as a rooftop with a pavilion-style daybed, which you can ask your butler to prepare for a night under the stars. Meals consist of mouth-watering Indian dishes – think butter chicken, home-grown spinach with potatoes and marinated local river fish. Try a cookery lesson followed by dinner by the pool. Safari outings take place in the morning (with breakfast in the park) and afternoon, but morning drives past monkeys, antelope and peacocks (maybe even tigers and leopards) are well worth the pain of rising before the sun.

**WOW FACTOR** Seeing a tiger in the wild (March is the best month for sightings) is an indescribably thrilling experience.

**GO** Enchanting Travels ([enchanting-travels.com](http://enchanting-travels.com)) offers two nights at Taj Safaris Baghvan and two nights at the Taj Mahal Hotel New Delhi from £1,640 per person, full board. Includes flights, transfers, a car and driver.

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