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come to feed and play. "This is one of the best ecotourism experiences in the country and is the embodiment of tourism igniting a conservation ethic among guests," says Tony Charters, former president of Ecotourism Australia. Look for koalas feeding and dozing in the treetops, help care for injured and orphaned wildlife, or set out on the 64-mile Great Ocean Walk, with fresh supplies provided daily by the lodge staff. *5 rooms; from \$360, including continental breakfast. www.greatoceanecolodge.com*

SOUTH AFRICA

Bulungula Lodge

A bumpy ride down a long dirt track ends at Bulungula on South Africa's "Wild Coast," where ten whitewashed rondavels (traditional rounded thatched huts), co-owned and managed by Xhosa villagers, use the sun, wind, and rain to provide daily energy needs. Shoestring travelers are welcomed like family to this rustic lodge that also provides economic opportunities for the

rural community. Breakfast? Down a fresh fruit smoothie, then join villagers in activities like brickmaking, beer brewing, and maize stamping. Or set out for a walk across miles of empty beach, listening to the sound track of rolling waves. *10 huts; from \$39. www.bulungula.com*

SOUTH AFRICA

Bushmans Kloof Wilderness Reserve

Each September, the UNESCO-protected Cape Floral Region bursts into living color with some of the greatest concentrations of floral species in the world. Bushmans Kloof, a century-old homestead turned nature reserve, cares for 18,532 acres of this rare habitat—home to endangered Cape mountain zebras and archaeological sites that include 10,000-year-old San rock paintings. "We are dedicated to Bushmans Kloof's enduring legacy, to help protect and preserve its precious heritage through ecotourism, conservation programs, and

community benefit projects," says South African-born Toni Tollman, who oversees the reserve on behalf of her family. Sixteen lavish rooms and a private family villa serve as the base camp for daily outings or unwinding with a glass of the Cape's finest vintages. *16 rooms; from \$420, including full board. www.bushmanskloof.co.za*

INDIA

Orange County, Kabini

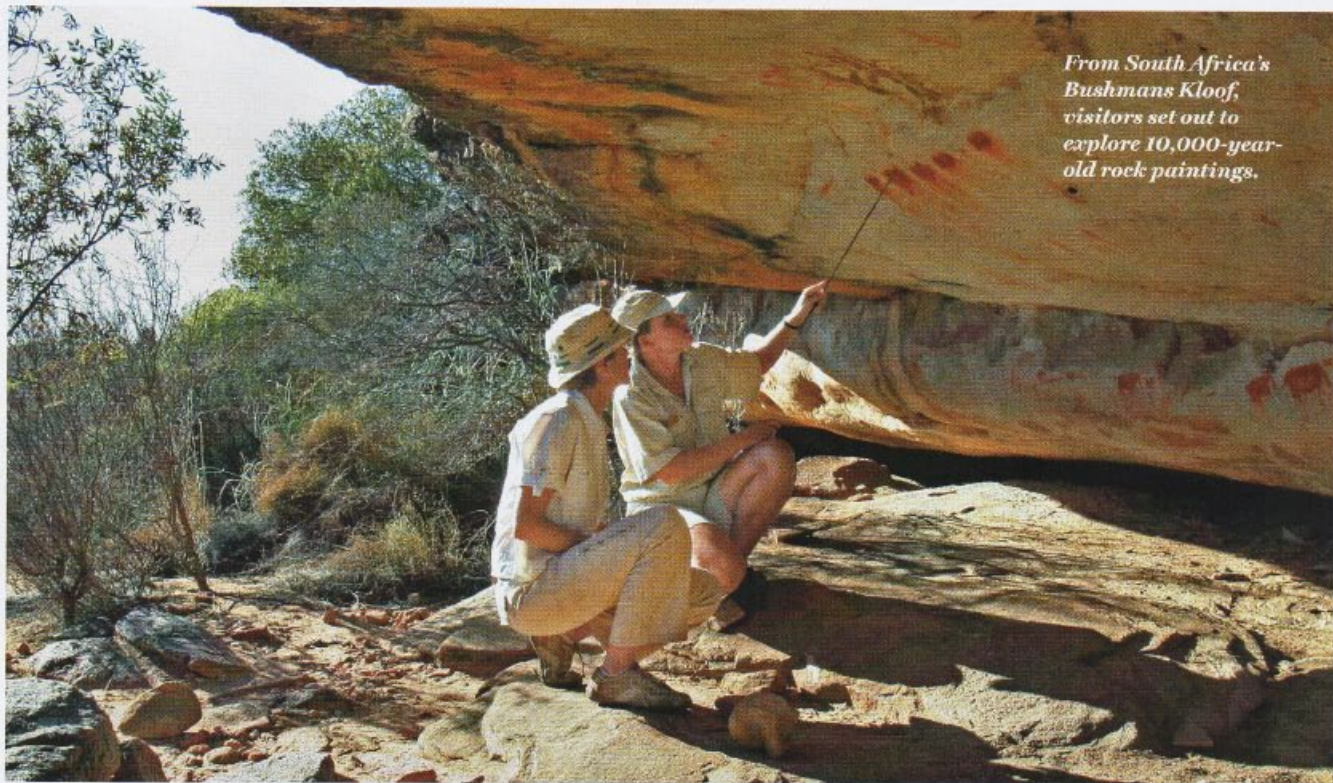
Watching the sky radiate its sunset palette from the riverside tables of Kabini's open-air restaurant brings a tranquil end to active days. Visitors explore Nagarhole National Park in search of the elusive Bengal tiger and India's largest herds of Asian elephants, along with other flagship species (leopard and wild dog). Simple-looking mud-and-thatch huts built in the traditional style of the indigenous Kuruba tribes belie more opulent interiors while also minimizing the environmental footprint (a reverse osmosis system in each

building eliminates the need for imported drinking water). The lodge supports the Kuruba heritage with interactive storytelling sessions, dance performances, and river outings in a handmade coracle. *37 cottages; from \$478, including full board. www.orangecounty.in/kabini-resorts*

BRAZIL

Cristalino Jungle Lodge

A 28,167-acre rain forest reserve in southern Mato Grosso envelops Cristalino's wood-and-tile bungalows, designed to take advantage of cooling breezes and natural light. The languid Cristalino River provides plenty of opportunities for canoeing, swimming, and wildlife viewing—from the rare giant otters playfully at home in the water to the endemic red-nosed bearded saki monkeys traversing the treetops. Climb one of the two 164-foot observation towers to get a look at some of the more than 550 birds that have been identified



From South Africa's Bushmans Kloof, visitors set out to explore 10,000-year-old rock paintings.