

📍 Philippines

Creatures of comfort

As a range of glamping establishments opens across the Philippines, it's becoming easier to enjoy the luxuries of home while venturing out into nature



When you live in the Philippines, the great outdoors is the place to be. And while the down-and-dirty *Survivor*-style camping experience may not be everyone's cup of tea, travel trends have adapted for a more accessible, cozier al fresco experience. The allure of glamping – which stands for “glamorous camping” – is simple: getting to hold on to your creature comforts while still enjoying the outdoors. And while glamping may deprive you of the satisfaction of setting up your own tent, starting a fire from scratch or truly roughing it out, there's something to be said for the appeal of simply showing up, sitting back and enjoying the view. So while more weathered campers may scoff, glamping has made the great wide open more accessible to homebodies, city dwellers and cautious would-be campers – appealing to travelers who love an extended stay in nature as much as the luxury of a warm bed. – **Nina Unlay**

📍 Bukidnon, Mindanao

1 Ultra Winds Mountain Resort

Resting on a grassy peak, Ultra Winds offers a full view of the gorgeous hills of Baungon, Bukidnon, without the huff and puff of a long trek to get there. For travelers who want to experience camping but feel a little better knowing that a well-staffed resort is right around the corner, Ultra Winds also provides cool safari tents that can fit up to five guests. ultrawindsresort.com

📍 Zambales, Luzon

2 Crystal Beach

A wide beachfront and a setting of pine trees are just two of the features that come with the pocket-friendly glamping package of Crystal Beach. Pavilion-style tents come with ready-made beds and a complimentary breakfast. Their campsite is also a popular surfers' bay, so come prepared to make friends by nighttime bonfires after a day spent out on the water. crystalbeach.com.ph

📍 Sumilon Island, Cebu

3 Bluewater Sumilon
Enjoy the fully serviced island life while glamping at Bluewater Sumilon in Cebu. A stay at the tricked-out resort gives you automatic access to its island camp activities, which means that when you aren't enjoying your personal in-tent mini-bar, you can be swimming with the fish. Complimentary boat transfers from Barangay Bancogon to Sumilon Island are scheduled daily, so getting there is quick and easy. bluewatersumilon.com.ph

📍 Lake Caliraya, Laguna

4 Soloviento
With good food and a homey atmosphere, the charm of Soloviento is a modest one, with the added bonus of a cool lakeside breeze. Situated right in front of the manmade Lake Caliraya, Soloviento offers serviced campers in place of tents. These can accommodate up to four people – typically those whose idea of a perfect day consists of spending long hours lazing under the sun and gazing out at the calm waters. soloviento.ph