

ELLE *notes*



GREEN PEACE

Escape the desert heat at this lush and idyllic retreat, set on 110 acres of an *amla* orchard, just outside the golden city of Jaisalmer. **LUXURIOUS TENTS** and cottages are handcrafted with local materials – all designed to recreate the Rajasthani way of life.



R & R

Dive into the colourful pool, decorated with local Jaisalmer stone tiles, overlooking infinite sand dunes. Recharge your batteries at the traditional Indian **HERBAL SPA**. Or, enjoy live folk music and dance, whilst dining on authentic Rajasthani food.

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HIP GETAWAY

HOT STAY

MIRVANA
NATURE RESORT

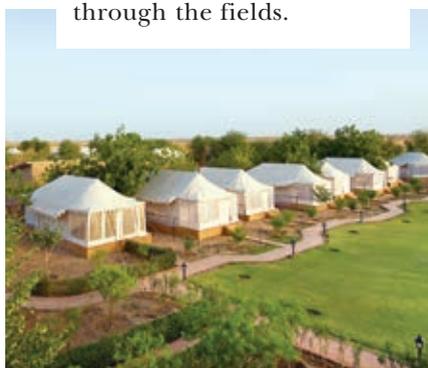
*Take a breather at this
OASIS in the desert*

DAY TRIPPER

Take a tour of Jaisalmer, and enjoy the sights of 12th century **JAISALMER FORT**, picturesque havelis, lakes and Jain temples. Or walk around a traditional Rajasthani village to experience a slice of local village life.

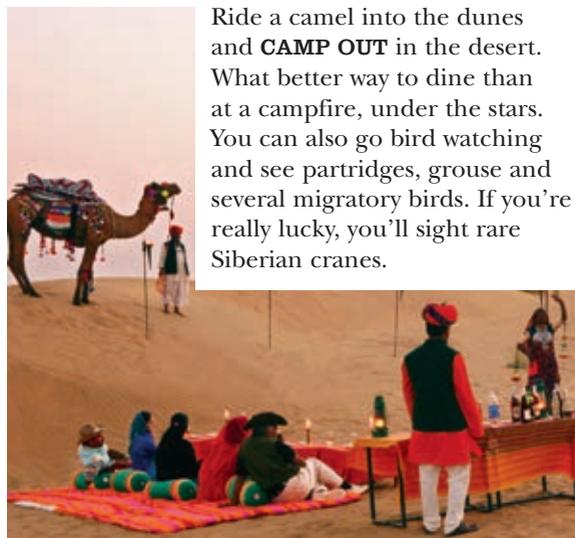
FARMVILLE

Mirvana has dairy and organic farms, with over 7,000 plants. Nature lovers can milk cows and goats, **PLANT A TREE**, pluck fruits and vegetables, or even ride a tractor through the fields.



OUT AND ABOUT

Ride a camel into the dunes and **CAMP OUT** in the desert. What better way to dine than at a campfire, under the stars. You can also go bird watching and see partridges, grouse and several migratory birds. If you're really lucky, you'll sight rare Siberian cranes.



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WHAT TO PACK



Metal sunglasses, from DSquared2



Woven leather pumps, from Vanilla Moon



Leather bag, from Marc Cain

N ° 3 MUST VISIT



INAIDE PLANTE

ROMANTIC GETAWAY

If you're looking for a holiday haven where time stands still, head straight to the newly-opened Ishavilas in Goa. This **STUNNING** Portuguese-colonial house in Siolim is part of the Neembrana group's private homes – it has four lovely bedrooms, a sprawling dining salon and a terrace suite. A lush touch is the beautiful garden with stone statues. You'll find yourself spending hours sunning yourself on a lounge by the **PRIVATE POOL**.

www.ishavilas.com