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Off the beaten path

Sometimes you just need to get away from it all, take a break from the fast pace of daily life and embrace a more gentle ebb and flow. These unique accommodations are as far away from the hustle and bustle as you can get — some are only accessible via helicopter or boat. Expect magnificent scenery, top-notch cuisine, fun activities and lavish amenities in total seclusion.

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Grettir Suite

DEPLAR FARM, ÓLAFSFJÖRDUR, ICELAND

In the mystical land of fire and ice, there's only one place you should consider staying: Deplar Farm. This 18th-century sheep farm turned über-luxe retreat is situated away from the tourist traps and is completely isolated. Deep in Northern Iceland's Troll Peninsula, Deplar Farm is enveloped by soaring peaks (some reaching 3,000 ft) covered in snow in winter and lush greenery in summer. From the outside, you'd be forgiven for thinking this unassuming building is still a working farm — when it was transformed into a retreat, the original facade was kept. There's even traditional Icelandic 'turf' roofing (it helps with insulation through the notoriously harsh winters). Inside is a glorious hideaway with 13 bedrooms; chic dining room with an exposed brick wall, cozy reindeer-skin rugs and large fireplace; delightful library; cool bar (have the bartender rustle up an Artisan — hard Icelandic liquor, lemon juice, simple syrup and cucumber); and games area with a pool table and binoculars, plus a media room. The interiors are pure Nordic chic; think *hygge* touches like the aforementioned reindeer-skin rugs (they're everywhere), hardwood furniture, industrialist sleek lines and floor-to-ceiling windows. The cuisine is just as Nordic and celebrates the sea — freshly caught salmon, Arctic char and cod are highlights. On the subterranean level, there is a fully equipped gym and modern yoga studio, and an incredible spa with a geothermally heated swimming pool that flows from the indoors out. If you swim outside, head straight to the semi-underground bar built into a small hill. There's also a sunken outdoor hot tub, which is an utterly sublime spot to unwind in and, if you're lucky, watch the northern lights glowing green above. The farm is owned and operated by Eleven Experience, so it is an adventurer's paradise. There's a great deal to do: Whale watching, heli-skiing (the farm has two heli pads), snowboarding, kayaking, hiking and mountain biking can all be arranged and led by an expert guide.

Off grid

Join Eleven Experience's creative director, Alex Fenlon, for a six-day photography retreat. It's suited for all levels of experience; you will learn techniques and skills in this magical setting, including night photography — handy if the aurora borealis makes an appearance. You'll also head on a scenic flight to Lake Mývatn, go whale watching, tour the fjords by boat and enjoy all the outdoor activities you can imagine.

Rate \$50,000 per night for exclusive use, Grettir Suite from \$4,100 per night

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