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'We're in Barcelona in a room where Picasso painted some of his early works'

Alex O'Connell on a new hotel at Picasso's first studio



Europe's 20 best glamping sites

From a plush Mongolian yurt in Tuscany to a lakeside safari tent in Slovenia, **Liz Bird** picks the top spots for chic camping

Italy

1 Camping Ca'Savio Cavallino, near Venice

This popular, well-established campsite, a 30-minute ferry ride from Venice, is the first to rent Airstream vans in Italy. Each of the retro caravans has a double bed with a pull-out bed ideal for two children. There's a gas cooker, storage, a private awning and decking with garden furniture. An on-site supermarket stocks

local cheese and salami and there's a restaurant, pool, kids' club and, in peak season, entertainment. If you ever fire of the "City of Bridges", visit Treviso or explore the Prosecco vineyards. **Details** One night for four is from €95 (pitchup.com)

2 Agriturismo Fattoria La Prugnola Tuscany

There are five luxurious Mongolian yurts at this charming agriturismo overlooking

the sea and close to a choice of excellent sandy beaches. The yurts are built on wooden platforms and have ventilation holes to allow a pleasant breeze. Each comes with a shower room and decent-sized double bed with fresh sheets, plus there's a table for al fresco dining. They sleep up to five people. **Details** One night for two is from €47; there's a seven-night minimum stay (goglamping.net)



Casa Barthel Treehouse, Florence (3)

3 Casa Barthel Treehouse near Florence

Artist and architect Elena Barthel designed this sleek treehouse in the grounds of the family home, a 20-minute drive from Florence airport. There's art, a queen-size canopy bed, woodburner and small kitchen. A large shower and separate WC are behind the bedroom. A tennis court, pool and dining porch with wood-fired oven are in the grounds. Shop for food in the farmers' market in Galluzzo.

Details Two nights for two is from £570, a week is from £1,090 (0117 04 7830. canopyandstars.co.uk) ▶