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Floating hotels: four of the best



River Kwai Jungle Rafts

Kanchanaburi, Thailand

With no electricity and its location on a wild, remote stretch of the river, the magical River Kwai Jungle Rafts, which was first opened in 1978, is an escape in the truest sense. Not for those of a Four Seasons or Ritz Carlton persuasion, accommodation is in two floating wings built in the local Mon style, each housing 55 spacious, bamboo-walled twin rooms naturally cooled by the river passing underneath and lit at night by simple oil lamps. A long wooden terrace wraps around each and is dotted with armchairs, hammocks and sun loungers. There is also a floating restaurant serving authentic Thai as well as international food and a jungle bar. The resort adheres to eco-principles by using its own sewage treatment system to ensure nothing is dumped in the river, and employing local people. It also offers excellent elephant trekking, waterfall hikes, rafting, fishing trips and more. Watch this space for the 10-room Float House, Jungle Raft's floating sister hotel two miles away, due to open at the end of the year.

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