

Exclusive Tents

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Greetings all,

Glamping (glamorous camping) is a trend one is seeing more and more often these days. In so many of the travel magazines many of the top destinations being awarded are Glamping resorts where many of our tents can be found.

Mostly this trend towards glamping has been in Europe, Australia and Africa but Glamping is now slowly starting to appear in the USA and other countries. A great website listing some of better large and small glamping sites is [Go Glamping](#). They are also launching a little side project for a new word they have coined '[Camp Bling](#)'. The new site has already got mention in the LA Times even though it hasn't formerly launched yet. It's a showcase for the "uber-upscale" luxury camps as the word glamping has become diluted and the spectrum of what constitutes luxury camping has widened somewhat, so this new term is to distinguish the truly upscale Glamping places. Exclusive Tents truly meets every essence to this term "Camp Bling".

One Glamping site owner with our tents in Italy who has recently gained a lot of publicity, will later this year be opening the first Glamping site on Bali (we will include more info and pictures on this project later this year).

There also appears to be a new trend only starting to develop which seems to be a form of "Urban Glamping" where individuals are setting up tent/s on their properties and renting them out, sometimes inclusive of meals and drinks, an interesting form of micro hospitality.

We were also interviewed recently for an article on Glamping that will be published around mid-year in [Smart Money Magazine](#)



Tent Camp in the Amazon, Brazil

Just recently we were in Panama to visit a wonderful client planning an exclusive tent camp in the Darien Province that will mainly cater to bird watchers. The plan was to do a site evaluation but the day we arrived the Indigenous Indians near Darien started a [huge protest](#) in solidarity with the Indians near the Costa Rica border and blockaded the main road into Darien. The resultant protest got pretty nasty as the police confronted and cracked down on the Indians; this resulted in Panama City turning into chaos with the labor and construction unions blocking all the main city roads, also in solidarity with the plight of the Indians. The bottom line is that we never did get to see the site but made the best out of the situation whilst in the city. We will also update you on this project as it evolves. The Indians got upset when the Government reneged on promises made not to allow copper mining on their land.



Of interest, this same client of ours also owns and operates a number of lodges including the very famous and unique [Canopy Tower](#) which is one of the premier birding ecotourism experiences in the world. The Canopy Tower is a former US radar installation in the old "canal zone", it has an upper exterior platform circling the radar dome at eye level with the upper canopy of the forest. The tower has 8 bedrooms, a kitchen and dining/living room and is quite spectacular and well worth the visit.

Quite often we get the question about sound transmission from the tents and a fine explanation from our Associate and Architect, Mr. Patrice Belle, covers it all: "Sound transmission is a natural concern when one thinks of tents - particularly for those not intimate with high end products. However with Exclusive tents the issue is not as

significant as one might imagine, although care has to be taken in planning tent layouts and in their design & furnishing.

Sound is a mechanical wave that is an oscillation of pressure transmitted through a solid, liquid, or gas, composed of frequencies within the range of hearing and of a level sufficiently strong to be heard, or the sensation stimulated in organs of hearing by such vibrations (<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sound>).

In the field of architecture and design, noise is a term for unwanted sound: Noise will be experienced when sufficient unwanted sound travels through or around a structure. It is therefore important to remember that sound/noise issues need to be addressed on a number of fronts: (For a precise explanation of the principles, and analysis of a given situation an acoustic engineer should be consulted - the field of acoustics is particularly complicated)...

Airborne sound: This is perhaps the most overlooked aspect of any design that subsequently suffers from noise problems.

The first consideration is to establish physical distance between the source and the designated 'quiet' space (interior of the tent) since noise reduces in level at the square of the distance (a source twice as far away will be four times quieter).

External landscaping: Combined with the point above, dense planting will absorb noise, and physical barriers (fences / walls) can reflect or absorb noise.

Sound transmission is not by 'line of sight': No matter how well a space is sound insulated, as soon as a door or window is opened the noise will propagate into the space (although it helps if the opening is facing away from the source of the noise).

With regard to the tents, considerations of noise mean that all doors/windows should be (glazed) solid elements rather than the mesh items offered as standard (a choice that is also beneficial for operational requirements, longevity, & aesthetics).

Sound transmission through the structure: Historically heavy masonry buildings provided the accepted resistance to noise transmission due simply to the sheer mass of building material able to absorb the sound energy. But this had to be tempered against hard surfaces that reflected too much internal sound (hence the use of rugs/carpets/curtains/drapes/etc.) and the inconvenience & cost of such buildings.

Acoustic absorption is that property of any material that changes the acoustic energy of sound waves into another form, often heat, which it to some extent retains, as opposed to that sound energy the material reflects or conducts. More absorbent materials either absorb the sound energy by their sheer mass (masonry) or by their layered flexibility (Porous insulative materials such as mineral wool or glass wool are effective sound



absorbers compared with strong conductors such as metals).
Multi layered canvas

Exclusive Tents are fabricated from heavy weight canvases, and for the luxury hotel installations will be insulated - i.e., the tent bodies can be composed of two layers of heavy weight canvas with a high performance thermal insulation layer sandwiched in-between. Thus the tents have considerably more resistance to sound transmission than might at first be assumed - although they will not by any means provide a complete barrier to sound transmission, but nor will anything else short of a specialist (and impractical) acoustic deadening construction (we have all heard the arguing couple on the other side of a brick/block wall....).

Sound absorption can be improved by opting for heavier curtains (even a heavier ceiling liner), but also by a judicious choice of furniture fixtures & fittings (e.g., heavy furniture, floor rugs, leather surfaces, heavy absorbent headboards to the beds, etc). The advantage of a tent structure is that it will not transmit any significant impact noise, unlike masonry or timber walls.



Single layered canvas

Also, individual tents will not share deck structures therefore footfall impact noise will not be transmitted from suite to suite.

Note: Exclusive Tents have 6 layers of material above the internal volume (ceiling liner, insulated tent body, rain fly, shade fly), and 4 layers of material to the sides of the internal volume (curtains, insulated tent body) providing multi-layered weight and flexible absorption.

Note: The tent body is securely fastened to the deck with a square steel bar threaded through the base which is bolted every 12" to the deck. Once the internal floor finish is in place this also provides a good solid seal." It should be noted that being able to also hear all the sounds of nature outside of a tent is imperative to the experience of living the moment under canvas.

Albeit that they are a little on the pricey side, one always pays for what one gets and this applies to the new and stunning [Haiku Ceiling Fans](#) that are to be released in May this year.

Most of our clients use ceiling fans in our tents and in our own experience not many of the fans out there have any aesthetics nor do they perform effectively for the energy that they use. Haiku Fans accomplish all of this and a lot more. For information on their larger Isis fans, you can see more of these stunning creations at [Big Ass Fans](#).



Haiku Fan

These Haiku airfoils are individually handcrafted of Moso bamboo, five thin sheets of bamboo are bonded in a hot forming press, then cut and sanded by hand to create airfoils that meet the strictest quality standards. They are also made from a Matrix Composite Finish, this glass filled composite has an automotive grade finish that will not dull indoors or outdoors. The composite material ensures durability and timeless rigidity.

Here are some features

- 80% more efficient than traditional alternating current fan motors
- Totally enclosed, non-ventilated design for clean and quiet operation
- 7 speeds
- Smooth operation with no vibration and no noise.

One Haiku fan is adequate for a 18' X 18' closed area (four walls and a ceiling).

For more contact [Jami](#) at Haiku Fans.



Isis Fan

Exciting news is that we at Exclusive Tents now have our own [Mambrrr Tent](#) in production that will be travelling together with the [Shilowa Tent](#) going to [Sanctuary Belize](#) in a very short while. We are on the process of purchasing a beautifully forested property near the Pine Ridge area in Belize where we will be setting up our Mambrrr tent in which Paul and Angelika Zway will be living for the next few years before it will eventually become an Exclusive Tents guest tent. The tent will however also act as a showcase for our clients to come and visit.

The tent will be totally off grid and power will come from a diesel generator (with batteries as backup) and will be setup on a hardwood platform of around 260 sqm (2,800 sq ft). We plan is on using a wooden cabin in the back for a kitchen/laundry and a Bateleur Tent Roof close by for use as an open dining & social area.

Water will be pumped from the creek bordering the property.

Australia's Getaway Travel Channel just recently travelled to the very unique [4 Rivers Floating Lodge](#) in Cambodia and recorded this video (a must see): [Click here or on the image below](#) to view.



After and long, frustrating time to try and assist in the convoluted process for the permissions to set up the tents for [Saving Americas Mustangs](#), we are finally seeing some light and hope that we can start setting up these tents in May. This project when done will be showcase like none other as it will also include a version of the massive Futsu Tent as well as the Stanley Tent in all wood pole frames. Once the county has approved all permissions we along with our carpenter will be heading out to Nevada for the setup - lots of fun ahead for us all :)



[Night scene at 4 Rivers Floating Lodge](#)



This Serengeti tent above was a wedding gift for a couple who recently got married on an island in the South Pacific - all of the items that can be seen inside the tent were also all wedding gifts for the newlywed couple. Getting this tent to the island in time for the wedding was incredibly challenging for us all and the wedding was almost cancelled because of a cyclone bearing down on them - like any good story, this one had a good ending and we wish the couple all the blessings for a wonderful marriage.



[Bububu Tent at Sinya on Lone Man Creek - near Austin, Texas](#)

For those of you travelling to the Indaba Show in Durban, South Africa on May 12th - 15th and would like to make an appointment to visit with us, please email [Paul Zway](mailto:Paul.Zway) to make arrangements.



An incredibly beautiful hand crafted door installed in a Kingfisher Tent at [Sanctuary Belize](#)



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Young Paul Zway with a Cheetah (named Taga)

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