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A laid-back sort of luxe is on offer in Brazil, where Emmanuel Rengade, owner of Paraty's perennially cool Pousada Picinguaba, is opening his 1,100-acre coffee estate in the Paraitinga mountains, halfway between Picinguaba and São Paulo, to guests. Fazenda Catuçaba (www.picinguaba.com; from £234) has one suite in the original villa (Panamas and Stetsons hang at the ready on the foyer's hat stand) plus a further two suites and seven rooms tucked into the three farmhouses scattered around the vast lawn that fronts the property.

Saddle up one of the warmbloods and hack deep into the littoral forest, or simply languish about (as at Picinguaba, there are no televisions or phones on the premises) in the organic gardens or in a hammock on the veranda, and do some very authentic unwinding.

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