

Harper's BAZZAAR

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TRAVEL GUIDE

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360° Leti, Uttaranchal, India

The Journey is part of the experience: the overnight train from Delhi, followed by a nine-hour drive through the Himalayan foothills, with optional overnights en route at village houses. And then comes the really exciting bit: a 90-minute trek along a scenic mule track - the only access to 360°. You arrive to find your luggage has magically preceded you. The 'room' is, in fact, a simple but stylish cottage (there are only four). There are no fancy gadgets, no butlers and no hairdryers. What you get is tranquility and seclusion, in a place the 21st-century can't penetrate.

Who goes Nothing Hill adventurers looking for a good story for their next dinner party.

Top tip Alcohol goes a long way at 8,000 feet.

Must do Sit by your own pot fire and admire the sunset.

Downside There are no phones, ,mobiles, emails or TV - but that's the whole point. Three nights (minimum stay), from £1,300 a room full board, including drinks, with Caxenove + Loyd (020 7384 2332; www.cazloyd.com)