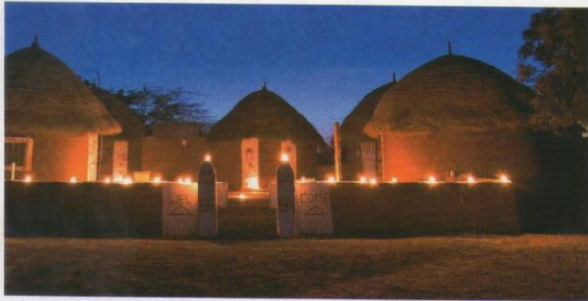
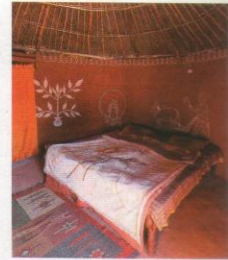


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CHHOTARAM PRAJAPAT'S HOMESTAY SALAWAS



7 A camel safari to Osian and a tour of a Bishnoi village may seem the key attractions of this property—until you arrive at your earthen cot in a rustic courtyard, much like some of the potters' and weavers' homes you might visit in the area. Salawas sits right on the edge of Jodhpur, which makes this a particularly convenient trip to take if roughing it is not your style. The Guda Lake nearby, where the Bishnoi make their home, serves as a watering hole to blackbucks and chinkara, as well as attracting migratory birds in winter. Unlike more cushy resorts, there's not much choice at mealtimes—just the regular



Rajsthani fare dished up by the ladies of the house. But the warm hospitality of the family wins repeat visitors and rave reviews from India and abroad. **TARIFF ₹1,900** per day (including village safari, all meals and pick-up) **CONTACT 9414720724, salawashomestay.com**

8 PUNJABIYAT Amritsar

Accustomed creature comforts meet the realities of contemporary agricultural lifestyle at Punjbiyat, which invites urban ants to revisit their 'native' roots an hour's drive from Amritsar. Sons (and daughters) who have strayed from the soil can take pride in sojourning within four sets of mud-brick walls and eat their ancestral plates of stuffed paratha, even if they retreat occasionally to withdrawing rooms kitted out with contemporary sanitary fittings and supplement their diet with a burra sahib's portion of eggs and breakfast cereal. Still, there is hearty con-

solation in having the yellow mustard fields flowering outside the glass walls of your shower cubicle and being a 50-mile-radius locavore, cycling down to thank the cows in the dairy for the morning milk, greeting the water buffaloes and helming the tractor for a token few minutes. Because there is a nostalgic villager in the secret heart of every city dweller, Punjbiyat is closed in summer (April 16–July 10). **TARIFF ₹7,000–8,000** (including breakfast and taxes); festival offer till Nov. 30: ₹1,000 off all tariffs **CONTACT 9818705508, itmenaanolleges.com**

