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SLEEP UNDER THE TWINKLING STARS OF NYC

Now alfresco accommodation doesn't have to mean a muddy tent in a festival field. New York's original outdoor hotel bedroom is taking glamping to new heights

There are only a few acceptable excuses for falling asleep outside: 1. You're camping while on safari. 2. The stifling heat on your Greek holiday means sleeping out on the balcony is a must. 3. That BBQ

Pimm's has got the better of you and the deckchair looked so inviting. But now a revolutionary new addition to New York's luxury hotel scene has taken the shame out of the outdoor snooze.

This summer, the AKA Central Park hotel is offering its guests the chance to sleep, star-gaze and snuggle up in front of a roaring fire, all under Manhattan's iconic skyline. Located on a 1,000-sq ft terrace wrapped around the 17th floor penthouse, the outdoor room – which

is completely open to the elements – features a queen-size bed, a wood-burning fireplace, a state-of-the-art telescope and a 42-inch TV playing classic NYC films such as *Breakfast At Tiffany's*.

So if you're puzzling over whether to tread the pavements on a whirlwind city break or get away from it all with a bracing 'outdoorsy' escape, this airy retreat, perched high above Manhattan's 58th Street and one block away from Central Park, means you can perfectly

combine the two – and feel very, very indulgent while you're at it.

Guests will also be treated to alfresco dinners, private live music performances, and, as the ultimate midnight feast, 'aphrodisiac-infused' snacks including toasted marshmallows, strawberries and champagne – all served by your own butler, of course. An indulgence, yes. We can but dream...

From £1,288 per night; stayaka.com



EARPLUGS, SLEEPING MASK AND A DECENT BOTTLE OF WINE ARE RECOMMENDED FOR A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP

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LENA DUNHAM CCs YOU IN



READ EMAILS FROM THE CREATOR OF HIT TV SHOW GIRLS

Email has revolutionised the way we communicate. The lack of face-to-face interaction combined with the intimacy of writing means we often expose a side of ourselves we would never normally reveal. Even the most stoic of us find ourselves hiding behind the curtain of email, giggling about a picture of a rabbit that looks disappointed.

And it's this curtain that artist Miranda July is seeking to pull back in her latest project, *We Think Alone*. July approached, among others, Lena Dunham, Kirsten Dunst, Rodarte founders Kate and Laura Mulleavy and photographer Catherine Opie and asked them to send her emails from their outboxes – on a variety of topics. Now she's collated them and is sending them out to anyone who signs up at wethinkalone.com over the course of the next 20 weeks. "None of these emails were originally intended to be read by me (much less you)," says July allowing the project to provide "a glimpse of [them] from their own point of view."

The first email will be sent on 1 July and will be on the subject of 'money', so should make a cerebral diversion from all those cats.

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