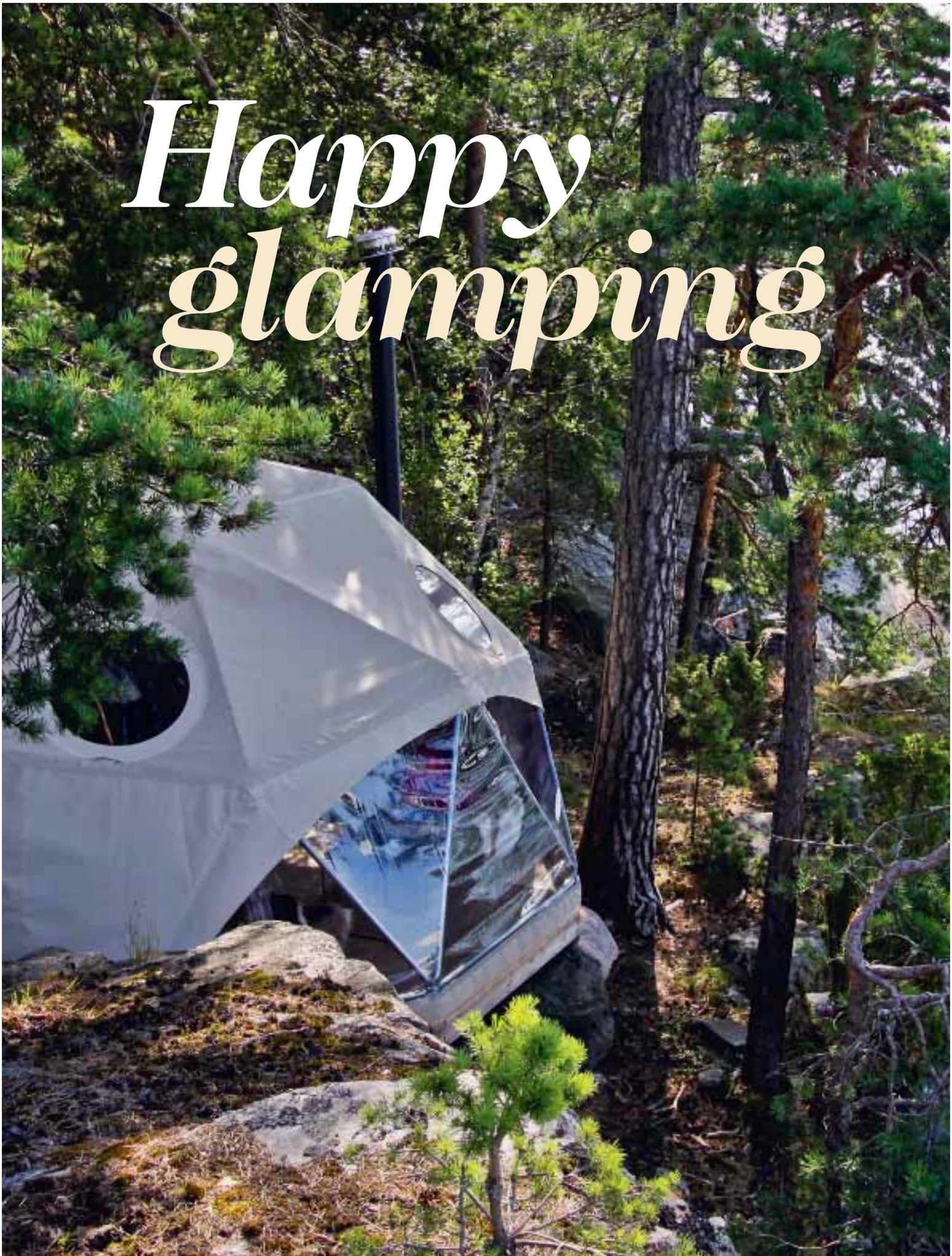


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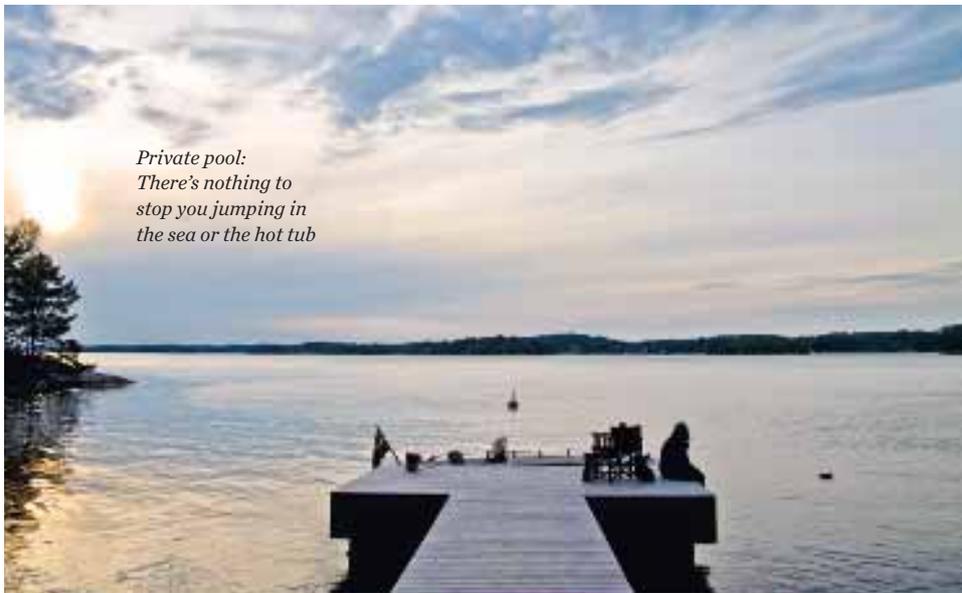
Not exactly roughing it: The tents at Island Lodge don't scrimp on the creature comforts, with feather beds and reindeer skins standard

3 ISLAND HOPPING Take a designer hotel, safari lodge, campsite and remote island in the Stockholm archipelago, roll them all into one concept, and you have the Island Lodge on Bergholmen, a small island once used as a mine and torpedo depot by the Swedish military, 40 minutes by boat from central Stockholm.

In the beautiful pine forest, you find seven luxurious igloo-like tents, with wooden floors, reindeer skins, wood stoves, and twin beds and linens from Sweden's Mille Notti. The tents, spread out for privacy across the island, have panoramic bay windows looking out over the archipelago's islands and waterways. You have the island, two sandy beaches and rocks for swimming all to yourself. On chillier evenings in the early fall, seawater is pumped up to a wood-fired hot tub.

The fresh air and peaceful surroundings do you a power of good, and in no time at all you haven't a care in the world. "There is something about the nature here that just relaxes the shoulders," says Torkild Berglund, a Norwegian with a background in sailing and glacier climbing who runs Island Lodge with Swedish interior designer Kristina Bonde. Bonde grew up in Botswana, where she drew inspiration from the safari camps.

For dinner, we eat entrecôte and potato salad in the glow of kerosene lamps in a ▶



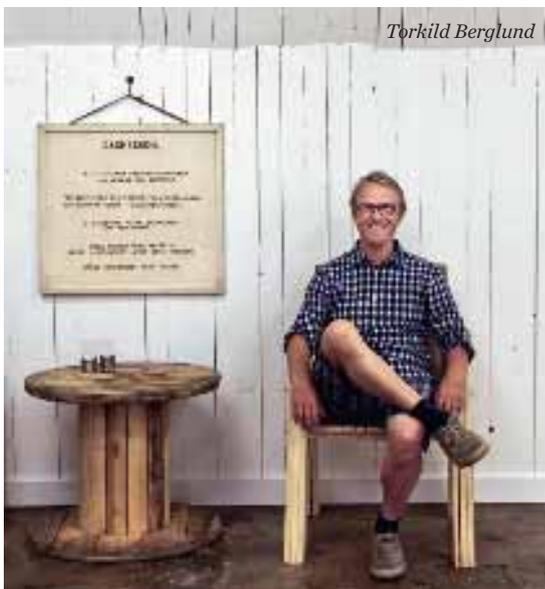
*Private pool:
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Torkild Berglund



bright seafront canvas tent. You may not hear the roar of lions, but if you are lucky you may see a sea eagle or one of the seals that lives nearby. The ingredients come from small producers in the archipelago and Oaxen Skafferi in Stockholm. The breakfast buffet includes ham from Vaddö in the north of the archipelago, freshly baked sourdough bread, and blueberries picked on the island. Lunch is pickled herring or smoked salmon with new potatoes. During the fall, the emphasis is on crayfish and other Swedish shellfish. The house wine is supplied by West Wines in Sonoma, California, the Swedish-owned vineyard whose cabernet sauvignon was served at the Nobel Banquet in 2010. From \$450 per person, including breakfast, lunch and dinner. Group bookings only.

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