Exploring Options for Long-Term Living Quarters

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Sometimes a pop-up tent just won’t cut it. Extended bugging-out, summer-long hunting trips or a retreat deep into nature will all require a shelter that can withstand the constant pummeling that occurs when Mother Nature flexes her muscles. In addition, a more complex heating system, extra storage space and a greater number of occupants all require a strong, and for all practical purposes, a permanent shelter to call home.

These long-term abodes can be highly diverse in both size and configuration, as well as being positioned on, off and even below ground. The traditional log cabin, built in ready to occupy condition, is suited for the more traditional outdoorsman or outdoorswoman, while a treehouse can bring out the child in others, and still provide security and practicality. For those preppers or survivalists, full-size, comfortable underground bunkers can be created using your unique specifications and personalized requests to match your accustomed style of living. From simple to extravagant, your choices are great, but all will provide what they are intended to; your home away from home.

HeimPlanet Maverick Tent
MSRP: $6,500
www.HeimPlanet.com

FEATURES

- Intuitive and extremely fast to pitch
- One-pump system for total inflation
- Stable in winds up to 112 mph
- Five additional guy line points for added stability
- Five entrances and five windows
- Multi-chamber safety system maintains stability

This incredible half-sphere, multi-purpose tent is designed to withstand the forces of nature in nearly any environment. Strong, durable and with enough room to hold multiple people, this tent defines extreme-condition living. The Maverick offers five doors and five windows allowing excellent ventilation and a 360-degree view of the outdoors. A single person with a hand pump can inflate the entire tent quickly and easily. From the jungles of South America to the Arctic Circle, no area is off limits to the Maverick.
Sweetwater Bungalows Sonoma Bungalow Kit
MSRP: Starting at $5,600
www.SweetWaterBungalows.com

FEATURES
• Wood frame system
• Assorted hardware included
• White shell and rain fly system
• Platform and deck plans
• Step by step instructions

This incredible bungalow kit offers everything you need to set up a long-term shelter wherever you desire. The Sonoma offers two sizes, 10 by 12 feet and 12 by 14 feet, perfect to suit your personalized needs, all the while providing an abundance of natural light and roomy interior space. Three windows accent the walls allowing even more light into the structure. Designed to resemble a cozy cabin with exposed rafters and the scent of natural wood, this bungalow is perfect for nearly any outdoor use. Platform not included.

Rising S Company Survival Bunker
MSRP: From $39,500
www.RisingSBunkers.com

FEATURES
• Free estimates
• Custom additions
• 150-year-life waterproof coating
• Multiple floor plans available
• Delivery and installation anywhere in the world

The ultimate in underground bunker survival, Rising S will custom create your doomsday abode complete with all the “bells and whistles” you desire. Choose from a simple layout to a multi-room luxury suite, the options are nearly limitless and always based on your specific, personal needs. All construction and options are of the highest quality materials and are built for long-term living. Privacy, attention to detail and countless possible amenities are at the forefront of this company’s core values.

Coleman Galileo 5 Tent
MSRP: $319.00
www.Coleman.com

FEATURES
• Easy to pitch
• Spacious for 1-5 people
• Full standing inside height
• Extra-large windows and two doors
• Waterproof and bug-free construction

Built for extended camping trips or, if needed, a quick bug-out location for one, this tent offers a spacious interior for up to five people without sacrificing quality or durability when erected out in the wild. Its sewn-in groundsheets keeps irritating insects and water out of your tent, while its large full-length windows allow natural light in, virtually eliminating a claustrophobic feeling while inside. The Galileo features pre-bent poles for added stability and fast pitch time. Breathable polyester and no-see-um mesh offers great ventilation throughout the tent.

Imagine a fully collapsible shelter that can be safely elevated and positioned nearly eight feet off the ground. This thought is now a reality with The Outfitter. Available in three convenient sizes, this fully composite-panel-created structure can be your "remote area" shelter, safe from raging rain, blustering snow or searing heat. The unit assembles without any tools, so you will never have to worry about forgetting something back home. Instead, just “snap” together the walls and floor to create a secure lock and you’re good to go.
**Reliable Tent & Tipi Big Horn Wall Tent**

MSRP: Starting at $384.00  
www.ReliableTent.com

**FEATURES**
- Marine and flame resistant fabric choices
- Mildew and water repellency
- Five-foot-tall walls
- Convenient carrying bag
- Frames sold separately

For a true “house” feel, the Big Horn features a traditional tent shape maximizing space and height for numerous occupants. This tent is perfect for long-term outdoor living, a hunting lodge for you and some friends or just a getaway for the family when urban life has you stressed. The unit comes complete with five-foot side walls, sod cloth, stove pipe shield, zippered door, and back window. Ropes, stakes, rope tighteners and a convenient carrying bag all come standard with the package; just add the frame and you’re good to go. Durable, reinforced ends and peaks, and optional flame-resistant fabric will keep you safe and secure.

**Utah Shelter Systems Underground Shelters**

MSRP: From $39,400  
www.UtahShelterSystems.com

**FEATURES**
- Disaster, bomb or storm shelters available
- Concrete or steel designs
- Seven-foot ceilings
- Under-floor storage space
- Countless available options

Don’t be left homeless if disaster strikes. Be prepared well ahead of time with an underground protective shelter. Choose from steel or concrete building material and a variety of floor plans and layouts. Civil engineers, architects, an EMP specialist and a nuclear engineer are all on staff to create the strongest, safest structure for you and your family. From natural disasters, to a nuclear strike, to economic collapse the ways your life could adversely change are numerous. Don’t be left scrambling like others; Utah Shelter Systems has you covered.

**Kwik Kamp Outfitter Tent**

MSRP: Starting at $1079.00  
www.KwikKamp.com

**FEATURES**
- Flame resistant canvas option
- Dozens of sizes and additions
- Five-foot-tall walls
- Handcrafted
- Each structure is personally inspected

Built for commercial outfitters as well as the individual outdoorsman, this wall tent can withstand harsh outdoor conditions while providing roomy, comfortable living inside. Top quality materials and an incredible array of customizable options make choosing a tent that’s just right for you easy and stress-free. Each tent is personally inspected and old world hand-made craftsmanship ensures this tent will last for many years.

**Mountain Canvas Spike III Wall Tent**

MSRP: $1,609.97  
www.MountainCanvas.com

**FEATURES**
- 5-inch stove jack with weather flap
- Sewn-in 10-ounce laminate vinyl floor
- #10 YKK zipper front screen door
- Tent storage bag
- Includes instructional video

Spacious outdoor living comes easily with this durable, yet easy-to-erect wall tent. Constructed of a unique polyester-based fabric, this tent is lightweight, waterproof and strong to handle the elements while keeping you warm and cozy inside. The tent’s entire shell resists the damaging effects of the sun’s ultraviolet rays much better than nylon fabrics, making it perfect for long-term living. With plenty of room inside, the Spike III is the ideal home away from home for your family.