

# Treetop Cabins for a Norwegian Woodland Setting

PAN Treetop Cabins by Espen Surnevik  
Finnskogen, Norway

Invited to create two identical rental cabins in Norway's Finnskogen forest, architect Espen Surnevik's primary concern was twofold: how could he immerse guests in the raw beauty of the ancient forest with the least possible impact on the natural surroundings? His answer was the PAN Treetop Cabins, whose slender, prismatic design makes it seem to float in the treetops. The cabins are not attached to

the trees but are built on elegant steel structures that are anchored in solid rock. Guests gain access via an external staircase and walkway attached to each cabin. Inside, the 430-square-foot (40-square-meter) space provides accommodation for up to six people. In the words of the architect, it "gives the atmosphere of living intimately together in a tent, but with the comfortable qualities of a hotel." Each cabin is positioned to make maximum use of the sun as it travels across the sky—not only in terms of natural light, but also as a means of heating the living spaces, thus further minimizing the cabins' impact on the environment.

