

## Get the Look of Anderson Cooper's Trancoso Escape

Colorful, rustic touches fill the star journalist's inviting Brazilian retreat

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In the dining area, an assortment of Brazilian devotional oratories and an antique confessional chair are arrayed against a turquoise wall; the ceiling lights and dining chairs are by Uxua Casa, the table is vintage, and the floor is waxed concrete.

When Anderson Cooper divulged his desire to build a home in the remote town of Trancoso, Brazil, his partner, nightclub mogul Benjamin Maisani, and their friend, TV personality Andy Cohen, thought Cooper had lost his mind. The town, located on the Atlantic coast in the state of Bahia, takes a not-at-all-convenient 14-hour trek to get to. But the romance of the rainforest and the inviting nature of the residents beckoned. Before long, Cooper was working with local developer and hotelier Wilbert Das on an out-of-the-way compound that would become the ultimate escape for the news anchor. For the interiors, Das sourced reclaimed materials, gathered vintage items, and employed the talents of regional craftsmen. “I like to feel rooted wherever I happen to be,” Cooper says, “so I prefer pieces that reflect something about the local history and style.” Discover the beautifully simple pieces that made Cooper’s tropical shelter feel just like home.



Photo: Courtesy of L'aviva Home



Nothing says tropical escape like a cheerful napping spot. Handwoven Bolivian hammock; \$535.  
[lavivahome.com](http://lavivahome.com)



Photo: Courtesy of Serena & Lily



Hanging lights with woven shades illuminate the compound's dining room. Santa Barbara pendant lamp in natural; \$195. [serenaandlily.com](http://serenaandlily.com)

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“I surround myself with things that have stories,” says Cooper, who collects pottery by local craftsmen. Blue and White Oxide porcelain bud vase by Frances Palmer; \$425. [francespalmerpottery.com](http://francespalmerpottery.com)



Photos, from left: Josephine Schiele (3), Simon Upton



Open shelves are lined with striking black kitchenware. From top: Azmaya's ceramic Flat Japanese teapot (\$75) and Crane's cast-iron casserole (\$225) and sauté pan (\$175). [nalatanalata.com](http://nalatanalata.com) and [marchsf.com](http://marchsf.com)\*\*



Photo: Courtesy of Grange



"We tried to use furniture with authentic patina—no lacquered wood, no plastic," says designer Das. Country Chic console by Grange; \$3,685. [grange.fr](http://grange.fr)





Photos, from top: Wilbert Das, Tuca Reinés



Visitors to Trancoso can stay in one of Uxua Casa Hotel & Spa's 11 bungalows, adjacent to the town square. (The one-bedroom Seu Irênio is shown above.) Guests can even take home some of the property's distinctive artisan-made furnishings, such as these indigo-dyed pillows. [uxuacasa.com](http://uxuacasa.com)





Photo: Courtesy of **Espasso**



**Espasso**—with outposts in New York, Los Angeles, Miami, and London—specializes in Brazilian design. Couro ipe-wood-and-leather bench by Zanini de Zanine (\$42,250). [espasso.com](http://espasso.com)



Photo: Stuart Tyson



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