



Living in Bahia
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Where? That's probably the first question you'll ask about this lavishly illustrated coffee-table book.

Once you've worked that out, be prepared to fall head-over-heels in love with Bahia, which is one of the states of Brazil and where the tropical-style homes are to swoon over and coconut palms seemingly grow in every garden.

Beckoning hammocks, artfully hung mosquito nets, shady verandas ... a flick of the pages and you'll want to relocate, pronto.

Influenced by the region's three cultures (indigenous, Portuguese and African), the dreamy homes feature plenty of native materials, which gives them a harmony with the local climate and nature.

Money is clearly no object to the owners of many of these places, but humbler homes are also included and draw you in with their simple beauty and heavenly styling.