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Paradise preserved

### 11. CHUMBE ISLAND CORAL PARK

**Tanzania** Chumbe's seven bungalows, outfitted with solar-heated showers, are fit for Robinson Crusoe. The lodge was founded in conjunction with Zanzibar's first marine park and now trains local rangers. Spot the rare coconut crab, the largest on land, then snorkel with dolphins and hawksbill turtles. From R1 710 per person; [www.chumbeisland.com](http://www.chumbeisland.com)

### 12. CONCORDIA ECOTENTS

**US Virgin Islands** Concordia's solar-powered tents are decidedly rustic (yup, composting toilets) but their location on St John's is five-star: they're set on a hillside next to Virgin Islands National Park. Snorkelling and scuba diving are *de rigueur*, as is a visit to Maho Bay's Trash to Treasures, where guests make art from recycled glass. Doubles from R1 060; [www.maho.org](http://www.maho.org)

**13. KOSRAE VILLAGE ECOLODGE & DIVE RESORT** **Micronesia** Located east of Palau, the jumble of steep

jade mountains known as Kosrae Island is further than most tourists venture. That's why Kosrae Village, the island's one and only ecolodge, feels like such an authentic slice of South Pacific life. Dive for a coral-monitoring project, learn to weave at a local village and dine on coconut-smoked wahoo. Doubles from R940; [www.kosraevillage.com](http://www.kosraevillage.com)

### 14. NIHIWATU

**Indonesia** Nihiwatu has a consistent break right off its 2.5km-long beach, but this biodiesel-fueled resort is more than a surf nirvana. Do yoga in the thatch pavilion, find bliss in the spa and mountain bike to remote villages. Thanks in part to the resort, thousands of villagers now have access to clean water and health clinics. Doubles from R3 450, minimum stay seven nights; [www.nihiwatu.com](http://www.nihiwatu.com)

### 15. RANWELI HOLIDAY VILLAGE

**Sri Lanka** A stay at Ranweli's thatch bungalows, modelled after a traditional village, is just short of complete Sri Lankan immersion. Locals demonstrate weaving and cooking techniques, an on-site fruit stall sells medicinal drinks and an ayurvedic centre offers herbal oil massages. Doubles from R580; [www.ranweli.com](http://www.ranweli.com)

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## VAMIZI ISLAND

**Mozambique**

The real attraction of the 10-villa Vamizi Island resort in the Quirimbas Archipelago – a subtropical paradise – lies in the water. Explore some of the world's most pristine coral reefs, sail dhows, then head offshore to search for migrating whales. Doubles from R11 500; [www.vamizi.com](http://www.vamizi.com)

### 17. ROSALIE FOREST ECO LODGE

**Dominica**

Volcanoes and virgin jungle cover Dominica, a Caribbean isle. A 25-minute hike into the vines and heliconia, Rosalie's tree houses and cabins feature wind-powered lights and rainwater showers. After waterfall hikes, eat organic meals with owner Jem Winston, a London taxi driver turned sustainable-living guru. Doubles from R410; [www.rosalieforest.com](http://www.rosalieforest.com)

### 18. SONEVA FUSHI BY SIX SENSES

**Maldives**

'No news, no shoes,' is the philosophy at Soneva Fushi. Kick back, dive, windsurf, take a wine-tasting tutorial with the sommelier or dine on your own private beach. Behind its elegant facade, this 65-suite resort has committed to zero carbon emissions with innovations like deep-ocean water cooling. Doubles from R5 800; [www.soneva.com](http://www.soneva.com)

### 19. TIAMO RESORT

**Bahamas**

Remote South Andros Island is blissfully development free. To preserve the pristine area, Tiamo's owners hid their 11 airy wooden bungalows in the jungle and built a field of solar panels to power them. Cast for bonefish in world-renowned flats or snorkel one of the planet's largest reefs. Doubles from R6 700; [www.tiamoresorts.com](http://www.tiamoresorts.com)

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## NORTH ISLAND *Seychelles* 🌴 🏠 🐢

When you take in the uninterrupted views of the turquoise sea from a villa handcrafted by local Seychellois carpenters, it's easy to mistake this as your own private island. Harder to believe is that the isle was once ravaged by invasive species. All credit to Wilderness Safaris, who rehabilitated the land by reintroducing endemic tortoises, birds and plants, and building 11 no-expense-spared villas, a spa and a dive centre. Doubles from R36 800; [www.north-island.com](http://www.north-island.com)