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No, you're not dreaming—a beach escape as serene as Fiji really is possible.

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TRAVEL + LEISURE READERS have named Fiji among their top 10 island destinations in our World's Best Awards for the second year in a row (page 116)—and while the South Pacific archipelago feels blissfully remote, it's easier to reach than most U.S. travelers realize. Fiji Airways operates nonstop routes from Dallas, Honolulu, Los Angeles, and San Francisco to Nadi International Airport on the main island of Fiji. Here are four of the nation's most spectacular resorts, for every type of traveler.

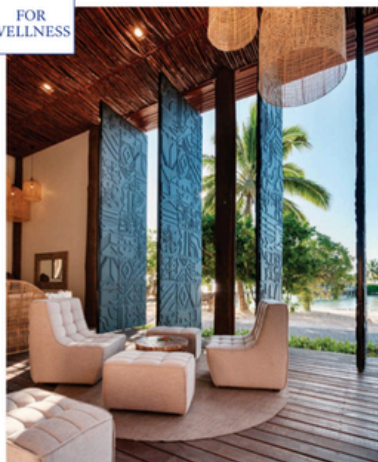


FOR ADVENTURE

Kokomo Private Island Fiji

This aquatic playground is surrounded by the Great Astrolabe Reef—the world's fourth-largest. The resort has a private seaplane and nine marine vessels, including a new 51-foot Leopard catamaran; a 63-foot Hatteras yacht, one of the largest deep-sea sportfishing boats in Fiji; and a luxury dive boat. Guests have access to exclusive dive sites and game fishing. Between April and October, there's the rare chance to swim with giant manta rays. *Doubles from \$2,500.*

FOR WELLNESS



Likuliku Lagoon Resort Fiji

Likuliku means “calm waters” in a local dialect of Fijian—fitting for this adults-only resort with overwater cabins, called *bures*, set above a lagoon off Malolo Island. At its Tatadra Spa, deep-tissue massages and facials incorporate Pure Fiji products, made with ingredients like cold-pressed coconut milk, macadamia oil, and finger lime. The island has gentle trails for walking meditations; active travelers can also summit Mount Uluisilo on a four-hour hike, surf some of the world's most famous breaks, paddleboard, windsurf, and kayak. *Doubles from \$1,317.*

FOR FAMILIES



Six Senses Fiji

This kid-friendly Malolo Island property is a breeze to reach from the main island via 24-hour speedboat service or a 10-minute helicopter ride. Its Grow with Six Senses program introduces young travelers to sustainability and local culture through activities like learning about endangered crested iguanas and making traditional grass skirts. The resort's three-to-six-bedroom residences have private pools, full kitchens, and indoor-outdoor dining spaces, making them ideal for multigenerational retreats. *Doubles from \$1,176.*

FOR COUPLES



Turtle Island Fiji

After *The Blue Lagoon*, starring Brooke Shields and Christopher Atkins, filmed here, owner Richard Evanson saw the private island's romantic potential and opened it to guests in 1980. It's been the site of countless love stories ever since. Privacy is guaranteed—every afternoon, each of its 12 secluded beaches is reserved for one couple, with a picnic lunch and wine in tow. Candlelit dinners can also be arranged on floating pontoons. For the most enchanting vantage point, book the clifftop Vonu Point *bure*, where cinematic sunsets are best viewed from the sunken hot tub. *Doubles from \$2,500.*

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