

Remote Hideaway

Kokomo Private Island, Fiji

Fiji's latest private island resort is that elusive retreat that allows you to connect with the location while disconnecting from everything else. Once the barefoot pilot drops you off after a 45-minute seaplane flight from Nadi, you could spend the entire trip hiding out in one of the 26 oceanfront villas or hilltop residences, which have sun-soaked living areas, alfresco showers carved from rock, and heavenly infinity pools. But it's equally rewarding to get to know the 56-hectare isle more intimately, by strolling its hibiscus-lined footpaths and trying the kitchen's inventive Pacific Rim cuisine (don't miss chef Caroline Oakley's *kakoda*, Fiji's coconut-inflected version of *poke*). Off Kokomo, even more adventures await: the staff can boat you to the unspoiled Great Astrolabe Reef, one of the world's top dive sites, and to villages on neighboring islands to participate in a kava tea ceremony. kokomoislandfiji.com; villas from \$2,500, all-inclusive. — Chaney Kwak

"I loved walking to the top of Kokomo's 70-meter hill, which has sweeping views of the Kadavu archipelago."

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