

We travel to taste the exotic spices of foreign lands and feel the sun-kissed warmth on our skin, to awakens our sense and quench our thirst for adventure. For the act of exploring new horizons, we discover not only the world, but also ourselves.

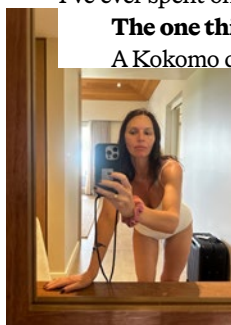




KOKOMO PRIVATE ISLAND  
PACIFIC ISLE, FIJI



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### Designed and curated by...

This private island was the visionary work and passion project of the late developer Lang Walker. You have to see it to understand how he was struck by its natural beauty and I have the deepest respect for how lightly it was built with an emphasis on regeneration and sustainability.

### I stay here because...

It's a true escape from the material world as we know it. True luxury, to me, is not being sold to and at Kokomo, there is not a brand in sight. It is sustainable travel at its best and you can witness their commitment to supporting local communities; through their mangrove restoration, marine biologists on site and sustainable sourcing systems. I took a behind the scenes tour of the island and was blown away by the infrastructure that had been set up so the island could be self-sustaining, right down to a workshop for manually repairing anything that broke.

### My last visit was...

A family stay for a special birthday. There is a familial feeling to the island and most people you meet there see it as a place for cross-generational love. The villas are perfect for couples and small family get aways while the residences lend so well to big groups and special occasions.

### What I love about the room...

We stayed in a residence that had every luxury but was also incredibly low-key. Nothing is ornamental or over-designed and spaces provide a personalised experience so you can focus on simple healthy living if you wish. Less really is more.

### Amenities worth a mention...

Fiji and this island especially have so many natural healing powers, but the spa is the most calming sanctuary and health club here has incredible views.

### It's the details that count...

The gentle and discrete service is what makes this such an intimate experience. Like magic, bags are unpacked and pool towels are replaced so the tempo around flow and enjoyment is never compromised. They really understand time is our most valuable commodity.

### Room service order...

Catering in the residences is to order with a focus on island and locally sourced produce, but I especially loved the street food-style menu at Walker d'Plank. The cocktail bar there is straight out of a Beach Boys album and the sundown is magic.

### What to expect in the mini bar...

Anything you like but we especially enjoyed all the fresh juices. One of my guilty secrets is my love of pina colada's when on island and I can confirm they make the best of all.

### Places nearby worth frequenting...

There's no need to leave – and actually the only way is via a 45 minute seaplane transfer but we did opt for a day visit to a deserted island nearby where we were dropped by boat – complete with a walkie talkie, snorkels and a picnic and it really was one of the most ideal days I've ever spent on a holiday.

### The one thing I returned home with....

A Kokomo duffle bag. It's the ultimate IYKYK..

