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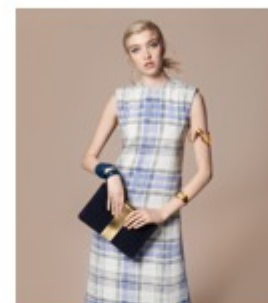
# Great Escape: 9 Luxurious, Remote Hotels Around the World

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When you think of the world's most luxurious hotels, your mind probably drifts to a meticulously appointed French suite with views of the Eiffel Tower, or a pristine, rooftop penthouse overlooking the streets of Manhattan—a jewel box in the middle of it all. And while either stay would be quite enviable, now, more than ever, luxury is often being typified by the opposite: how far away from it all you can possibly get, while still being utterly pampered.

Nowhere is this more evident than in the most pristine, remote lands, where lodges are curating thoughtful design spaces amid vast expanses of nature, taking you further from the connected world and leaving you intimately entwined with the landscape. Whether surrounded by mountains or on a beachside oasis, these are some of world's most beautiful lodges offering big-city amenities in some of the most distant corners of the planet.



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### Pikaia Lodge

Built on a small plateau atop two extinct volcanic craters, Pikaia Lodge on Santa Cruz Island in the Galápagos is a 14-room kingdom on a hill, where sustainability and eco-consciousness are paramount. Villas rest on the slopes between the savannah and lush, steamy forest of the volcanic highlands, offering ethereal views of the surrounding terrain. Spend your day relaxing at the property's infinity pool: You may not be able to tell where the pool ends and the giant tortoise reserve begins. Take an excursion aboard the lodge's 100-foot-plus private yachts and island-hop your way through the Galápagos. Snorkel above hammerheads and whale sharks, observe flamingos hunting for crustaceans in their natural habitat, and swim close enough to see the black polka dots on the local penguins.