

Undercover Caribbean



WHALE WATCHERS sailing along the sheltered bays of northwestern Dominica often pass just within earshot of **Secret Bay** (secretbay.dm)—but they never know it. More than a name, the eco-luxury resort is a hidden oasis on the West Indies isle, its eight villas and bungalows (two of which debuted last October) burrowed within a rain-forest-covered promontory. This isn't a resort in the typical sense: There are no restaurants, swimming pools, or other communal spaces, save for a perfect slice of white-sand beach. Rather, guests are secluded in their retreats, lounging by their private pools on Guyanese timber decks and summoning the services of Secret Bay's chefs, yogis, and massage therapists whenever desired. This year, the resort begins work on an ambitious addition, creating 42 new villa residences tucked within a neighboring valley and ridge. (The units are currently on the market, priced from \$850,000 to \$3.2 million.) There will also be a restaurant and a small spa, but with more than 40 acres of forested land earmarked for the entire project, all is sure to remain blissfully hidden from even the most prying eyes.

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Isles Away

WHEN IT comes to tropical-island resorts, the most extraordinary destinations are often the most difficult to reach. In Cambodia's remote Koh Rong archipelago, **Song Saa** (songsaa.com) is a private-island resort that strikes just the right balance between *Robinson Crusoe* and tropical opulence. The densely jungled 17-acre property features 27 villas, some stilted above the sparkling sea, others perched on the edge of a powdery white beach. On India's Havelock Island, located between the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal, the pristine coastline has evaded reef damage thanks to its

isolation. **Jalakara** (jalakara.info) is a high-design hideaway in the midst of the island's rain forest, with just six sleek rooms and villas. And in French Polynesia, the far-flung Tetiaroa might have stayed forever a secret if not for Marlon Brando, who purchased the 12-island atoll 50 years ago. In 2014, a decade after the actor's death, his dream of creating one of the world's most distinct island getaways came true with the opening of the **Brando** (thebrando.com), an extravagant eco-resort with 35 villas, two Guy Martin restaurants, and a naturalist's laboratory. —JENNIFER ASHTON RYAN 

