

11 Stunning Hotels You Can Only Reach by Helicopter or Float Plane

If you truly want to escape on your next vacation, you can't get more remote than these destinations

Modern conveniences like Global Entry, TSA PreCheck, and smartphone apps are making flying easier than ever, but some destinations take just a little more effort to get to—and they're so worth the extra air time. You'll have to take a private helicopter or float plane to reach these private islands, cliffside lodges, and lakefront cabins, but, once there, you'll be rewarded with stunning scenery and almost total seclusion. Looking to drop off the grid for a bit? One of these 11 hotels should make the shortlist for your next getaway.

North Island, The Seychelles



No part of the Seychelles, an archipelago of 115 islands off the eastern coast of Africa, would be considered easy to get to, but the North Island (where Prince William and Kate Middleton honeymooned) doesn't even have a landing dock for boats—a 20-minute private helicopter ride from the capital of Mahé is your only transportation option. The 11 thatched-roof villas on Anse d'Est Beach are the ultimate in island luxury, built from local materials but offering modern luxuries like personal plunge pools, sunken baths, and outdoor showers. And with the beach just steps away, you might run into one or two of the island's 100-plus-year-old giant tortoises. north-island.com