



# The world's most beautiful island hotels

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**(CNN)** — From Australia to the Caribbean, there's no shortage of beautiful island hotels around the world.

Whether you're after a glitzy private island getaway or a low-key tropical escape, we've picked 15 of the world's most stunning island hotels.



## Photos:

**Soneva Jani (Maldives):** One of the world's most beautiful hotels, Soneva Jani features over-water villas with retractable roof, slides to transport guests to the lagoon, an observatory and an outdoor floating cinema.

# Soneva Jani (Maldives)

With 24 over-water villas and one sprawling island villa set on a private lagoon in the Maldives, the newest [Soneva resort](#) is one of the world's most beautiful hotels, period.

Each of the resort's multi-level water villas -- made out of renewable plantation wood -- has its own private pool and a retractable roof that allows guests to sleep beneath the stars.

Many villas also have slides that transport guests directly from the top level into the lagoon below.

Other hotel highlights include an observatory -- home to the largest telescope in the Indian Ocean -- and an outdoor floating cinema.

*Soneva Jani, Medhufaru Island, Noonu Atoll, Republic of Maldives; +960 656 6666*

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