

# Remote Retreats

Six sybaritic spots where you can really get away from it all. **By TERESA RODRIGUEZ**

**I**t's said that anything worth having is worth waiting for. That's certainly true of the destinations we visit this month. They are far away and hard to get to, but are some of the most secluded, opulent places on the planet. You'll need private planes, helicopters and speedboats to get to these hidden gems.

## MISOOL ECO RESORT, WEST PAPUA

When the manager of a resort tells you that you need to be on a remote beach by 8 a.m. because the only boat off the island departs once a day, then you know you're somewhere very distant. Misool Eco Resort is located on a once-deserted island in the middle of the Raja Ampat archipelago in the province of West Papua, Indonesia—105 miles from the nearest port. The location is considered one of the best diving spots in the world. And although the resort is way off the grid, you'll still get many creature comforts you enjoy when traveling first class.

Villa Kalanme is the most secluded villa on the property, just steps from the soft sand. Access to this villa is either by water taxi (on call and reachable by radio), or by a scenic but steep paved path. Prices for Villa Kalanme start at \$500 per night. Visit [secret-retreats.com](http://secret-retreats.com) /misool or contact the concierge at [dream@secret-retreats.com](mailto:dream@secret-retreats.com) to arrange your travel plans.

## NORTH ISLAND, SEYCHELLES

For many jetsetters, this tiny island off the coast of Africa is the ultimate paradise, with luminous white beaches so pristine they look like they've been Photoshopped. This is where the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge spent their honeymoon, so you can rest assured your stay here will be both private and up to royal standards.

The island is only accessible by private boat or helicopter. You can book the whole place for yourself, just like the royals. If so, you will have the entire staff at your beck and call. And if you need a massage after all that sunbathing, stroll up to the spa perched on the lush cliffs, overlooking the turquoise waters. Prices start at \$24,763 per night for the entire island. Contact Brown + Hudson at [brownandhudson.com](http://brownandhudson.com) or [enquiries@brownandhudson.com](mailto:enquiries@brownandhudson.com), and they will take care of all the details for you, including air travel.

## STEAMBOAT BAY FISHING CLUB, ALASKA

At the southeast corner of Alaska is the Alexander Archipelago, a craggy gang of 1,100 islands that form a dramatic backdrop just ripe for a mystery novel. Hidden among the deep waters and fjords is Noyes Island, home of the luxurious Steamboat Bay Fishing Club—which happens to be the only lodge on the island.

You can get lost in the wilderness searching for bald eagles and bears, or go saltwater fishing for trophy-size king salmon, silver salmon, halibut, lingcod and yelloweye rockfish, which your private chef can cook up for dinner. After a rewarding day exploring, relax in the sauna, then cozy up in front of a roaring fire while the staff quenches your thirst with warm libations and fills your belly with locally sourced cuisine.

To get there, fly to Ketchikan, Alaska, where your pilot will meet you and take you to the resort via private floatplane. All-inclusive rates for a three-night package start at \$5,823 per person; visit [steamboatbay.com](http://steamboatbay.com) for details.