

# 10 islands for every type of traveler

Somewhere there's an island just for you.

## 1. Millionaires: Musha Cay, Bahamas



[Musha Cay](#) is a millionaire's playground. Millionaires such as Oprah Winfrey and Bill Gates reportedly vacationed here.

Musha Cay spans 60 hectares, but there are only five villas on the main island accommodating a total of 25 guests. Each villa comes with a private beach. There's a coral reef near the shore to satisfy snorkelers, and championship tennis courts and an outdoor theater on shore for those who prefer to stay dry.

## 2. Nudists: Rab, Croatia



The Croatian island of Rab claims to be the birthplace of modern skinny dipping. In 1936, King Edward VIII and Wallis Simpson obtained permission from city authorities to bathe naked and people have been doing the same on the island's beaches ever since.

The Lopar peninsula alone has three beaches that are clothing-optional. [Sahara beach](#), a sandy shore fringed by shrubs, is perhaps the most famous. The other two nudist beaches are Stolac and Ciganka. Tourists who are done with exposing themselves for the day love to stroll around in the [medieval old town](#), where four ancient bell towers and a cluster of monasteries and churches beckon.

## 3. Couples: Lizard Island, Australia



Few things kill romance faster than the company of other people. Australia's Lizard Island resort makes sure that couples stay happy, with 24 private beaches to ensure maximum privacy for occupants of their 40 villas. Lizard Island is located at the northern end of the Great Barrier Reef, but here you'll find none of the sun-seeking masses that crowd other parts of the reef.

Spend the day getting up close and personal with the potato cod, giant clown fish and stingrays that can be found at dive site Cod Hole, which is located near the resort. At night, recharge with torch-lit dinners at any one of the resort's beaches. [Lizard Island](#) is such a favorite among couples that it's even got an in-house wedding planner.

#### 4. Environmentalists: Sark



The Channel Island of [Sark](#) has been designated the world's first "dark sky island," as millions of stars can be seen at night with the naked eye. This is thanks to the island's tradition of prohibiting street lights and motor vehicles. Instead, the island's 600-strong population gets by with bikes and torches.

On a clear night, the Milky Way and the belt and sword of Orion the Hunter are visible. Up to 100 meteor showers an hour can be seen on late nights in November. During the day you can go on a boat trip around the 64-kilometer coastline or explore the island on rented bikes.

#### 5. Loners: Ogasawara Islands, Japan



If you don't like people, chances are you'll want to jump on a ferry to Ogasawara Islands and never leave. The islands' English name, Bonin Islands, is derived from an archaic Japanese term that means "no people."

The Ogasawara archipelago consists of three islands inhabited by just 2,300 residents. The islands' only link to the rest of the world is a ferry service that runs approximately five times a month from Tokyo to the main Ogasawara island of Chichijima.

Apart from world-class scuba diving, the islands also offer other me-time activities including free-diving, humpback whale watching and dolphin spotting.

## 6. Families: Oahu, Hawaii



This Hawaii island is made for young families. A trip 30 meters underwater on the Atlantis submarine will give kids something to talk about for years. The younger ones will delight in petting dolphins at [Sea Life Park](#). [Dole Plantation](#), home to the world's largest maze, is another kid magnet.

## 7. Shoppers: Hong Kong Island



The fact that millions of Mainland Chinese tourists stream into Hong Kong to shop every year is testament to its status as a mecca for shopping.

True, Hong Kong's shopping landscape is increasingly dominated by luxury chains (with no tax, luxury items sell for much cheaper here than on the Chinese mainland), but the city has a good collection of offbeat stores as well.

Our [guide to vintage shopping in Hong Kong](#) provides tips on where to hunt down pre-loved items on Hong Kong Island and beyond. We love [Island Beverly](#) in Causeway Bay for picking up locally designed, fashion-forward items.

## 8. Party animals: Ibiza, Spain



Millions of summer ravers pour into picturesque Ibiza town every year to dance to the head-pumping trance of its nightclubs. Since the 1950s and 1960s, artists and musicians from The Beatles to The Rolling Stones to Nico have been hanging out on Ibiza's sunny shores. Parties on the island still draw the supercool, including Kate Moss, Elle Macpherson and star photographers Patrick Demarchelier and Mario Testino.

[Privilege](#) claims to be the biggest nightclub in the world and even if it isn't, it comes pretty damn close. [Space](#) is regularly featured on "best club in the world" lists, but the most enduring of them all is probably [Pacha](#), which has branches in 17 other cities.

## 9. Paparazzi: St. Barts, French West Indies



[Beyoncé and Jay-Z](#) have been spotted at least twice on St. Barts. There have also been sightings of Paul McCartney and Usher. We think you get the idea. You're likely to spot as many celebs on St Barts as you do in a gossip magazine, especially around New Year's Eve, when Russian billionaire Roman Abramovich regularly hosts star-studded parties on the island. We may not all be rock stars, but to feel like one, check into [Eden Rock](#) at St. Jean Bay, a glitzy resort with 32 beachfront villas and suites. Their humungous Villa Rockstar even has its own professional studio for guests to record their own soundtrack, should their creative urges overcome them.

## 10. Gourmands: Sicily, Italy



Cuisine from Sicily is in a class of its own. It is Italian food influenced by the Arabs, Greeks, Romans, Spanish, French, Germans and Normans, among others. The result is a wonderfully complex food culture that inspired people to call Sicily "God's Kitchen."

Palermo, the capital and the island's liveliest town, heaves with restaurants serving everything from Pasta alla Norma to saffron spiced rice balls filled with ragu. The ancient fish market at Catania is one of the most colorful in the Mediterranean.

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