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# Exotic escapes

Live out your castaway fantasies at Francis Ford Coppola's luxury retreat or try deserted white-sand beaches in the Amazon

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## 1 — The Andaman Islands, India



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This remote archipelago in the Bay of Bengal is most people's idea of a tropical paradise, with coral-ringed beaches, mangrove creeks and crystal-clear waters, yet it has stayed under the radar due to poor flight connections and a lack of luxury accommodation. That's all set to change with the recent expansion of flights to the islands' main gateway Port Blair (from Delhi, Mumbai, Hyderabad, Chennai and Kolkata) and the opening last month of a Taj Exotica Resort & Spa on the island of Havelock. Surrounded by jungle (the owners boast that not a single tree was felled during construction) and overlooking Radhanagar beach, the resort has 72 villas, which pay homage to the style of the indigenous Jarawa tribe's pitch-roofed stilted huts. Butlers are on hand to arrange island excursions, snorkelling, scuba diving and kayaking through the mangroves.

*One week from £3,196 per person, including flights from London and transfers, with Ampersand Travel; [ampersandtravel.com](http://ampersandtravel.com). May to September is monsoon season, so wait until October for the best conditions*



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