

Destination Dreaming: Remote escapes for when we can travel again

With travel plans pushed out thanks to coronavirus, perhaps these images will fuel wanderlust and ideas for your next remote escape.



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There's no denying the world's not exactly in a great place and all fans of travel are getting used to pushing out their travel plans as coronavirus fears take hold and the travel ban implications sink in.

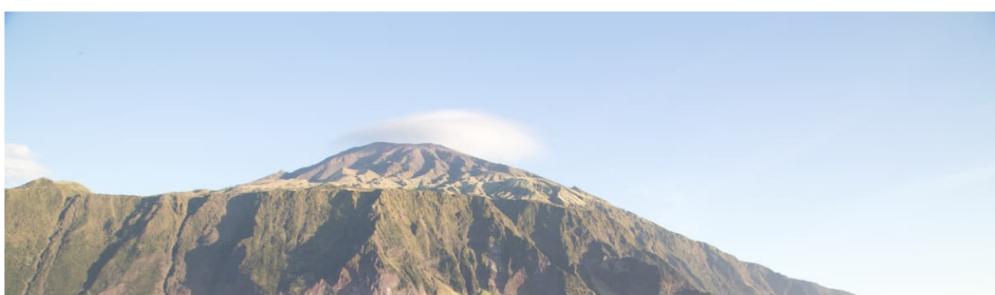
And yet, like all good things, travel and the thought of far-away places gets us through the tough times, the proverbial light at the end of the dark and germ-filled tunnel.

Screen saver or flight credit in hand, we'll be travelling again and until then- we hope the allure of these far-flung, exotic places, with a whole lot less capacity for the masses, help tide us over.

TRISTAN DA CUNHA, ST HELENA

If you're after far-away places, how about the most remote inhabited island in the entire world? With South Africa as its closest coast, you could be one of only hundreds of people living here and soaking up these incredible views.

St Helena sure packs a lot into 120 square kilometres and when you do want to escape it all, there's no better place than Mantis St Helena, the only luxury hotel on the island and one that shares its address with the original East India Company's barracks, dating back to 1774.



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EASTER ISLANDS, CHILE

Shrouded in mystery and allure, Easter islands make for a pretty perfect postcard-backdrop for the family back at home.



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WHITE DESERT WHICHAWAY CAMP, ANTARCTICA

If remote and high-end are what you're after, this camp in Antarctica is pretty much unbeatable. Accessible only by private charter flight, and with space for just 12 guests, this is unsurpassable luxury contrasted with one of the harshest environments on Earth.





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MASHPI LODGE, ECUADOR

Escape to Ecuador, sounds pretty good doesn't it? Especially when the setting is an extraordinary eco-resort like nothing else on earth. Set deep in the Chocó-Andean Cloud Forest, Mashpi Lodge offers complete isolation with lush rainforest surrounds. Sign us up.

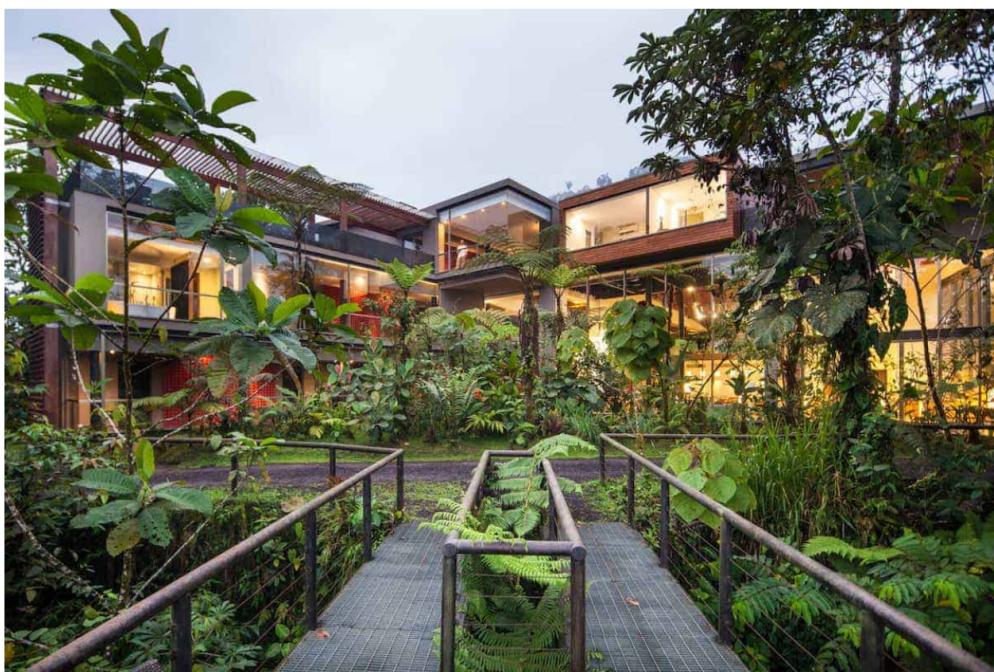


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SONG SAA PRIVATE ISLAND, CAMBODIA

A tiny dot in the Cambodia's secluded Koh Rong Song Saa archipelago, this private haven offers luxury, serenity and a deep connection with the natural surroundings. Get there by boat and enjoy feeling a million miles away from the usual stresses of modern living.



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ISLAS SECAS, PANAMA

Panama's Pacific coast got a serious upgrade with the addition of a privately-owned tropical archipelago made up of 14 islands. Powered entirely by the sun with zero waste and boasting all the green credentials, it's no wonder this place is inspiring some serious wanderlust.



Islas Secas resort in Panama. Photo: Dominique Debay Collection

KWESSI DUNES, NAMIBIA

New to Namibia, Natural Selection's newest lodge Kwessi Dunes, offers the ultimate 15,000 hectares desert hideaway, far from the maddening crowds. Sleep under the stars and enjoy the space and a whole lot less stress. Just one border hop away from SA.



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MANTA RESORT, PEMBA ISLAND TANZANIA

If you're looking for an idyllic island escape, just a few hours from SA shores- you simply can't top the underwater room at Manta Resort. The resort boasts an incredible natural coral reef lying just off its beach and drawing in lots of aquatic friends to help fuel your dreams.





The underwater room at Manta Resort. Photo: Supplied

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