

# True isolation

Thanks to the outbreak of COVID-19, the world is now familiar with the term social distancing. But for many businesspeople, it means isolation and endless Zoom calls inside four walls. We head into the wilderness to get some isolation with a little inspiration in British Columbia, Tahiti, Vietnam, Panama, Grenadine and Thailand

The world changed in 2020. No longer will we take global travel for granted. But when the world does re-open for business, it's essential we get back out there to support businesses who go out on a limb to bring the very best in customer experience. It's also essential we get back out there to rediscover equilibrium in body and mind after a very challenging moment in time.

Here, we scour the Americas, Asia and Oceania for the most isolated luxury escapes.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA

For the past 40 years, Canada's Nimmo Bay Resort has been a special place where guests from all corners of the world travel to access the wild. Due to the secluded, natural setting in the Great Bear Rainforest on the wild shores of the Pacific Ocean, the resort can function as a personal private escape to peacefully and safely retreat to. As of July 2020, Nimmo Bay started offering a limited number of 'paradisolation' opportunities to book out the entire resort for the exclusive use of a group of up to 14 people. With packages beginning at one week, all the

way up to one-month stays, Nimmo Bay offers a fully-staffed, luxurious wilderness sanctuary for individuals, families and friends.

From humpback and orca whales cruising local waters, to bear cubs learning to forage along the shoreline, culinary excellences, customized helicopter adventures, fly fishing, 10,000-year-old glacier hikes, floated sauna meditation and Pacific Ocean plunge pools. [nimmobay.com](http://nimmobay.com)

## TAHITI

Motu Teta, short for Motu Tetaraire, is a small, pristine island available exclusively for private rentals. Located approximately 90 minutes by boat from the airport in Tahiti's Rangiroa, this distant retreat exists only for those

**Pictured: The road to wilderness and paradise in British Columbia is one longed for across the globe during these times**



in search of unparalleled privacy and seclusion. The main villa and guest house can accommodate up to six adults or a maximum of ten people, including children.

Motu Teta is the perfect Polynesian oasis. The guestrooms are constructed in a classic Tahitian style with rich hardwood floors and wide-open windows that allow the South Pacific breeze into the house. In addition to having full access to all water sports equipment, you will also have your own private chef and an excursion guide to arrange your daily activities, which can include anything from snorkeling and boating to kayaking and windsurfing. [tahiti.com/hotels](http://tahiti.com/hotels)

## VIETNAM

Separated from the world by miles of pristine national park, Amanoi Resort overlooks the protected waters of Vinh Hy Bay, on Vietnam's 'secret' southeastern shores. Meaning 'place of peace', the off-the-grid property designed by Jean-Michel Gathy positively

**Top: A private villa pool at Islas Secas in Panama Above: Afternoon High Tea at the Amanoi Resort in Vietnam**



encourages calm contemplation, whether lounging by the cliffside pool or at the elegant beach club, or surrendering to the tranquillity of the Aman Spa – set by a lotus-filled lake with a floating yoga pavilion.

Combining traditional Vietnamese influences with natural materials, Amanoi's Pavilions and Villas feature private pools, elegant open-plan layouts leading to outdoor decks, while Residences in a range of sizes offer consummate privacy for couples, families or groups.

A unique microclimate makes this lush corner of Vietnam one

of the world's most biodiverse regions, with a rich variety of life to be discovered in both land and sea. Beside a protected wilderness hugging 32km of coastline, the resort's private beach slopes towards forests of colourful coral, offering limitless opportunities for outdoor activities. Amanoi's atmosphere of tranquil seclusion enhances the wellness offering of the Aman Spa and its pioneering duo of Wellness Villas, which invite immersive holistic retreats amid the natural wonders of this unique and special place. [aman.com/resorts/amanoi](http://aman.com/resorts/amanoi)

## PANAMA

Snuggled deep in the the Pacific Coast of Panama is one of Central America's best kept treasures and the hotly anticipated Islas Secas reopening follows a redesign of all public areas, restaurant and existing Casitas, including the addition of a new elemental spa. Three additional Tented Casitas also launched in March 2020, for a true 'under the stars' accommodation experience; combining exceptional marine wildlife, wild fauna and flora, and a little-known, Jurassic Park-style setting.

The privately-owned archipelago of 14 stunning islands in the Gulf of Chiriquí, first launched as a full-service resort in December 2019. New accommodation invites nature in, with canvas canopied roofs and louvered natural wooden doors. Four-poster beds look out onto the spectacular jungle landscape, and large outdoor hammocks are perfect for stargazing.

Islas Secas has a raw beauty and natural energy, making the resort the perfect springboard for a holistic wellness experience. In line with its rugged, wild setting, The Spa at Islas Secas celebrates the islands' time-stood-still ➤



appeal, where authentic simplicity becomes the ultimate indulgence. Two luxury couples' treatment tents are set within lush jungle foliage that creates a sense of seclusion and serenity, open to the elements and immersed in the jungle.

In keeping with the resort's eco-conscious ethos, products are ethical, organic where possible and natural, taking inspiration from plants endemic to the island such as coconuts, wild jasmine and ylang ylang.

[islassecas.com](http://islassecas.com)

#### GRENADINES

Set to reopen on 1 November, Petit St Vincent Resort is located in the southern tip of the Grenadines, to the west of Barbados. The lush 115-acre tropical island is home to 22 spacious one-bedroom cottages and two-bedroom beach villas; all with gorgeous views of the Caribbean Sea. With no mobile network, wifi or television, this is a real digital detox.



The resort's signature flag system is a simple, but effective way to communicate with attentive staff and there are two restaurants, one hillside and one beachside, where gourmet chefs offer a variety of creative cuisine

**Top: Spa at the remote luxury tent Four Seasons Golden Triangle Resort in northern Thailand**  
**Above: Private dining Petit St Vincent in the Caribbean**  
**Right: A luxury room at Islas Secas in Panama**

inspired by locally-caught seafood and organic island-grown fruit and vegetables. During sunset, weekly beach barbecues with great local music make for a romantic dinner under the starlit skies. With two yoga pavilions, a Balinese-run luxury spa and wellness center, and an array of land and water sports there is plenty to do, and boat charters are available for day excursions to the nearby Tobago Cays marine reserve.  
[petitstvincent.com](http://petitstvincent.com)



#### THAILAND

Set to reopen on 1 September 2020, Four Seasons Golden Triangle Resort is a truly adventurous escape in luxury tent camping. Set in the natural surroundings of northern Thailand, bordering Myanmar and Laos, guests can interact with rescued elephants, explore spectacular mountain trails or bamboo jungles and unwind in luxury tents. Each Superior Tent features unique, themed décor that reflects the culture of Northern Thailand, with rustic wooden furnishings and a refreshing outdoor shower.

Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts has entered into a consulting agreement with Johns Hopkins Medicine International, the global division of health care and research leader Johns Hopkins Medicine, to inform Four Seasons' health and safety decisions during the evolving COVID-19 pandemic. Grounded in the principles of care, trust and service, the Lead With Care program has been implemented by dedicated teams at Four Seasons properties around the world.  
[fourseasons.com/goldentriangle](http://fourseasons.com/goldentriangle)