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HONEYMOON IDEAS FOR THE TRIP OF A LIFETIME



YOUR OWN **PRIVATE ISLAND**

PARADISE IS CLOSER THAN YOU THINK. GO OFF THE GRID
AT ONE OF THESE FANTASY RESORTS. BY HEIDI MITCHELL

Beqa Lagoon, which surrounds Royal Davui, offers world-class diving.

ROYAL DAVUI ISLAND RESORT, FIJI

Rising out of the crystal waters of Beqa Lagoon like the most romantic mirage ever, this tiny oasis is exactly what you'd imagine a Fijian private island to be: shrouded by palms, ringed with sand, and encircled by a reef with some of the best snorkeling you will ever encounter. Dense foliage separates each thatch-roofed *vale* (the Fijian word for *house*), providing plenty of privacy for couples taking a dip in their private plunge pools. After the sun sinks into the sea, head to the restaurant to cheer on a hermit-crab race or participate in a traditional *kava* ceremony. Or stay in, open your balcony doors wide, and fall asleep to the sound of the sea. *All-inclusive doubles from \$1,066; royaldavuifiji.com.*

HOW TO GET ALONE TIME IF YOU'RE NOT ON A PRIVATE ISLE

1 THINK SMALL A retreat with fewer than 50 rooms, like Antigua's 25-suite Hermitage Bay or St. Lucia's 29-suite Jade Mountain, will generally feel way more private than a sprawling 375-room property.

2 CONSIDER A VILLA Rent a private house with full staff, a view, and even a pool (you can find romantic options at tripadvisor.com), or upgrade to a cottage- or villa-style accommodation at your resort.

3 GET A ROOM WITH ITS OWN POOL Just be sure to ask how private it really is—will other guests be able to see you?—before you splurge, says Jasmine Folden, a travel advisor at Cadence in Beverly Hills.

4 DO A PRIVATE DINNER If you have a dream and the budget, you can have one thrown anywhere—the beach, the jungle, a museum. The Four Seasons Florence even offers one on a balcony on the Ponte Vecchio!