

HIDDEN AGENDAS/ FOUR ISOLATED ISLANDS, FROM FLORIDA TO INDONESIA, WHERE YOU WON'T HAVE TO MINGLE WITH MOBS



▲ Dry Tortugas National Park, Fla.

When you hit Mile Marker 0 in Key West and feel like you still need to keep going, there is one final frontier remaining in the U. S.—Dry Tortugas National Park. Only reachable by boat or floatplane, this 98% aquatic national park is centered around Fort Jefferson on Garden Key, one of the park's seven tiny islands. Overnight visitors can pitch a tent in one of the park's primitive campsites. [nps.gov/drto/index.htm](https://www.nps.gov/drto/index.htm)

Isle East Indies, Indonesia

About 40 miles off Jakarta, among the Thousand Islands in the Java Sea, you and up to seven friends or family members can have a tropical paradise all to yourself...almost. (The island comes staffed with an island manager, a private chef, an activities organizer and butlers.) Guests can divide themselves up between the main house—an ornately decorated open-timber traditional guesthouse—and a shore-side elevated thatched hut. Getting there is half the fun. You're delivered to the island from Jakarta aboard the Raden Mas, a 60-foot motor sailing yacht. *From \$1,950 per night, 3-night minimum, [isleeastindies.com](https://www.isleeastindies.com)*

▼ Saba, Caribbean

To see the highest point in the Netherlands, you need to go to the Caribbean. There you'll find Mount Scenery, a 2,910-foot-high potentially active volcano, which takes up most of



the 5-square-mile island of Saba. The island is purpose built for adventure—great hiking, stunning scuba diving and an airport guaranteed to get your pulse racing. The 12-minute flight from St Maarten lands on what's said to be the world's shortest commercial runway—1,300 feet, bookended by cliff-edge drops into the ocean. Alternatively, you can just take the ferry from St Maarten. [sabatourism.com](https://www.sabatourism.com)

► Isla Robinson Crusoe, Chile

The name kind of says it all. A little more than 400 miles off the coast of Chile, this is the island where castaway Alexander Selkirk, the inspiration for Robinson Crusoe was ma-



roomed from 1704 to 1709. Conditions have certainly

improved since then. The mountainous island is now a favorite year-round destination for trekking, surfing, diving and fishing for in-the-know travelers. Getting there is still an adventure, however; on the water, the trip can take 30 to 48 hours by cargo ship, and by air, it's about two hours over the Pacific, usually in a small propeller plane from Santiago. [experiencerobinson.com](https://www.experiencerobinson.com)

