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# Best Eco-Lodges Worldwide



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Panama

# Al Natural Resort

Location: Bocas del Toro

Located on Isla Bastimentos, Al Natural Resort is a Caribbean island paradise. Simple, secluded bungalows built using local designs, techniques and materials perch on the edge of a calm, clear and sheltered bay. The open-air construction provides expansive ocean vistas as soon as you open your eyes and begin your day. Options include visiting nearby deserted islands or a local indigenous settlement, snorkeling or diving, hiking in the jungle or just simply relaxing on your terrace and soaking it all in.

www.alnaturalresort.com

Location: Panama City

Panama

Los Cuatro

Tulipanes

Located in the heart of Panama City's colonial district, Casco Viejo, the vacation rentals Los Cuatro Tulipanes offer a classic way to experience this gateway to a stunning country. The beautifully appointed apartments blend historic Panama with a modern styling. While not your typical eco-lodge, Los Cuatro Tulipanes has helped rejuvenate this once decaying quarter by renovating a historic building, employing locals and helping the whole community through business mentorship programs funded through the income made from the apartments.

www.loscuatrotulipanes.com

Location: Puerto Viejo

From its unique hillside location, Samasati offers breathtaking views of the Caribbean Sea. Eighty percent of the 250-acre property that surround the lodge are a private biological reserve. These primary and secondary rainforests are home to a wide array of flora and fauna. The casitas of Samasati are based on the Afro Caribbean construction style that provides great ventilation, shelters you from the heat and humidity and enhances the sights and sounds of the jungle.

#### www.samasati.com

Costa Rica

Samasati

Location: Sulawesi, Pulau Tomia

If you're looking for the perfect dive location, Wakatobi is it. Located on a remote and beautiful island off the coast of little known Sulawesi, it's right in the center of the famous "coral triangle". Thanks to its founder, the reefs around here are now a protected marine park. The resort has an ongoing conservation program that keeps the reefs healthy and full of an enormous variety of marine life and soft and hard corals. Known for its rare pygmy seahorses and amazing array of nudibranchs, this is a dive-lover's paradise.

### www.wakatobi.com

Indonesia

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### Location: Bali

Far away from tourist-crazed Southeastern Bali, Village Above the Clouds is nestled in the central highlands of Munduk Andong Kelod. The area offers pure relaxation and a unique insight into authentic Bali. Perched on the tip of an ancient valley sprinkled with rice terraces, the vistas here are breathtaking. Bicycle or trek through an ancient village, visit a temple, or take a dip in some nearby hot springs. Whatever you do, a trip to Village Above the Clouds is a glorious and peaceful journey back in time.

www.desaatasawan.com

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### Indonesia

# Above the Clouds

## Thailand Thailand Thailand Thailand

### Location: Chiang Mai

Relaxing at Lisu Lodge, you'll feel like you're light years away from the bustling city of Chiang Mai. The four guest bungalows here overlook lush fields, hills and valleys. This peaceful setting will help you recharge your batteries. After you've regained your inner strength, you can venture out and tour the nearby hill tribe village, learn about local customs and culture and find out how tea is grown. Sporty types can go cycling, white water rafting and trekking.

www.asian-oasis.com/product/lisu-lodge-hilltribeadventure-thailand

### Location: Chiang Mai

Thailand

Khum

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Located in a magically remote village of rural Northern Thailand, this large teak house is surrounded by rice fields and orchards. Ringed by tall mountains on three sides, the lodge's exotic charm grabs you from the first moment you arrive. The focus here is on traditional Thai cuisine, which means cooking classes and culinary delights galore. To shed the pounds again grab a bike, tour the village or relax in an herbal steam bath.

www.asian-oasis.com/product/khum-lanna-acountry-retreat-thailand

Nestled high on a hill on the border to Laos, Lanjia Lodge offers dramatic vistas of the Mekong valley. Built in harmony with the lush green environment and local villages, Lanjia Lodge is a great place to unwind. Those seeking to intermingle with the local population will have plenty of opportunities. You can take village tours, meet with shamans, and visit hill tribes. The lodge also offers great biking, trekking and classic batik classes.

Location: Chiang Rai

Thailand

www.asian-oasis.com/product/lanjia-lodgehilltribe-discovery

Location: Gal Oya National Park

Gal Oya Lodge is located in Sri Lanka's remote and less travelled Gal Oya National Park. Rick with elephants, sloth bears, crocodiles, macaques, leopards, water buffalos and much more, this is a nature lover's paradise. You can go on jeep or hiking safaris through forests and lush savannas or take boat safaris on the country's largest lake. And at night, you can kick back in one of the beautifully designed bungalows and dream about swimming elephants — a reality here.

www.galoyalodge.com

Sri Lanka

Egypt Taziny Location: Siwa Oasis

Taziry is located in the Siwa Oasis. You can go on excursions into the Great Sand Sea where they can discover old ruins, petrified forests, meteorites, fossilized sea shells and whale spines. If the desert heat starts to get to you, take a swim in a salt lake or freshwater basin. During the cool desert evenings, let your tired muscles soak in the relaxing, sulfuric hot springs and gaze at the stars in the dark sky above.

www.taziry.com

Location: Mafia Island

Located on a small island off the coast of Tanzania, Pole Pole offers underwater safaris right on its doorsteps in the neighboring marine park. One of the highest bio-diversity marine sites in East Africa, it attracts divers and snorkelers from across the globe. Landlubbers can wander through palm groves past baobabs and mangroves in search of resident hippos, monkeys, antelopes or fruit bats. At the end of the day, you can sail into the sunset in traditional Arabic dhows. Afterwards, relax in your beautifully crafted bungalow and fall asleep to the sounds of nature.

www.polepole.com

Tanzania

### Location: Crete

Greece

Aspros

Potamos

Aspros Potamos is an ancient settlement of 10 houses built of stone and soil. Candles, oil lamps and the lack of electronic outlets let you experience Greece of old (don't panic, you can charge all your devices at the reception). Aspros Potamos is located in southeast Crete, a thousand meters above sea. You can enjoy unparalleled Greek Isle beauty, including unspoiled beaches, traditional picturesque villages and magnificent gorges. The area combines both beaches and mountains with lush pine, olive and citrus trees.

www.asprospotamos.gr

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