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10 GREAT ESCAPES

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The BOLD List of what to pack, no matter where you go next

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The Brando, a French Polynesian island hideaway resort that has Hollywood legends, not just scenery, in its DNA.



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WHERE WE'RE EXPLORING NEXT

GODFATHER IN

Paradise

For those who don't simply want to check the South Pacific off their bucket list, there's an island hideaway resort that has Hollywood legends, not just scenery, in its DNA.

Located on the tropical Tetiaroa atoll in French Polynesia, The Brando is named after none other than Marlon Brando, who first visited the region in the early 1960s while filming the Oscar-nominated 1962 film *Mutiny on the Bounty*. In 1966, Brando returned to buy the Tetiaroa atoll, composed of a dozen small motus (small islands) surrounding a lagoon, as his personal retreat where he could escape the paparazzi. >>

In 1999, near the end of his life, Brando met with hotelier Richard H. Bailey to talk about maintaining his dream of an island paradise. Bailey, CEO of Pacific Beachcomber, is the man behind four InterContinental resorts in French Polynesia, as well as three other South Pacific luxury properties. And he saw something very special in Brando's idea of maintaining the atoll as an ecological haven. Polynesian five-star luxury, yes, with one-, two-, and three-bedroom villas (four new residences, each situated on about a half hectare of property, have just been added to its roster of 35 villas), as well as a spa.

But with a deeply embedded sustainable ethos—the goal is to be the world's first resort with a near-zero carbon emission. Electricity is generated from solar panels and coconut oil biofuel, while wastewater is used for irrigation. "Each of the Brando residences will feature five-star services and amenities powered by the same zero-carbon emission technology that has established The Brando as a pillar of sustainable hospitality," said Bailey. "The residences will be strategically located on the resort's primary *motu* of Onetahi, allowing us to provide new accommodations for guests while preserving the biodiversity of Tetiaroa."

The combined allure of exclusivity and privacy has paid off so far—Beyoncé and the Obamas have been among the guests since The Brando opened in 2014. thebrando.com



The fall colours in the Laurentides
Saint-Sauveur-des-Monts.

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE

Heading to Les Laurentides to take in some fall foliage or, later in the year, some schussing? Bustling Mont-Tremblant is not the only show in the region. Bike along the sandy beaches of Lac de Sables in Sainte-Agathe-des-Monts, which is also a stop on the Le Ptit Train du Nord Linear Park, a 232-kilometre recreational trail along an old railroad between Bois-des-Filion and Mont-Laurier. Or spend an afternoon at the Finnish-style Amerispa sauna in Morin Heights, a charming town that also hosts a spring festival dedicated to wellness and spirituality. laurentides.com; amerispa.ca; festival-morin.com; ptittraindunord.com