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Our curated list of the world's top hotels, resorts, lodges and yachts,
with the Indagare stamp of approval



WELCOME TO THE INDAGARE INDEX

INDAGARE BEGAN WITH A SIMPLE GOAL. When I launched the company, I wanted us to become the leading information resource on luxury travel. In the 15 years since, we have produced dozens of magazines, created a website with thousands of destination reports and hotel reviews, developed such products as our Future of Travel Summit, our Global Conversations and Classroom series and our podcasts—and sent our members on tens of thousands of trips all over the world (122 countries in 2019). The world has changed in that time, and luxury travel has changed along with it. But Indagare’s goal remains the same, because I believe that sharing information—knowledge, insights and advice, all based on first-hand experience and sometimes hard-won expertise—makes us not just better travelers, but better people. People who can, I hope, make the world a better place for all who live within it.

The book you hold in your hand is one reflection of that hope—our celebration of quality and excellence in hospitality at 159 hotels, resorts, lodges and retreats in 50 countries on six continents. In some ways, hospitality is an undefinable thing. It is a product of setting, materials, labor, taste, training, standards and more, all infused by a spirit of welcome and caring. It does not require 2,000-thread-count sheets (but they don’t hurt!). It does require a deep and abiding commitment to providing the best possible experience of a place, as delivered by the people who created it and the people who work there. You can’t necessarily see true hospitality, but you know it when you feel it.

The properties in this inaugural edition of *The Indagare Index* reflect both my team’s and our members’ favorites. They are places that we recommend the most often and places that our members enjoy the most fully. They are properties (and a few boats, too) that always delight, amaze and deliver, in ways both small and large, and whose highlights, taken together, create moments to remember. We are thrilled to introduce you, our community, to this curated list and hope it will inspire dreams of your next journeys, whenever those may be.

INDAGARE FOUNDER & CEO

The Brando

THE LATE MARLON BRANDO'S ULTRA-LUXE PRIVATE island resort on its own atoll in the South Pacific, just 33 miles from Tahiti, is a breathtaking backdrop for a 21st-century Robinson Crusoe fantasy, with white-sand beaches and shallow turquoise water as far as the eye can see. The 30 stylish one-bedroom villas, five two- and three-bedroom villas and one residence are set on the beach and were designed to maximize their prime location: those on the sunset side feature a coral garden great for snorkeling, while those on Mermaid Bay are best for swimming. A sophisticated aesthetic melds indigenous materials and traditional Polynesian techniques, and generously sized villas come with plunge pools and gardens. The solar-powered, LEED-certified resort takes its commitment to the environment and regenerative tourism seriously. Tetiaroa Society, its own nonprofit, is dedicated to preserving and researching local flora and fauna. Whether you decide to head out on the water or stay to embrace private island life, the local staff will attend to every need.

Fast Facts

Location: Tetiaroa Private Island, Arue Tahiti, French Polynesia

The Vibe: Secluded, private island, all-inclusive

Best For: Those seeking the ultimate private island experience

The Standout: The resort's low-impact, regenerative focus, which doesn't sacrifice on luxury

Don't Miss: A private boat trip with stops at a bird sanctuary, a primitive forest and a shark nursery



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The spacious and stylish villas, each with a private plunge pool and garden • The all-inclusive approach means that top-shelf alcohol, vintage wines and gourmet cuisine are all included and delicious dining options are available on-demand. • The environmental programs, which inform (and sustain) many aspects of the resort