

## The 15 Best Luxury Beach Resorts in the World

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*The world's best beach resorts put cultural and environmental preservation front and center.*

There's nothing quite like sinking your toes in the sand while listening to the sound of waves crashing on a beach. Ocean retreats are sanctuaries for many travelers, who often come home inspired to protect the marine settings that brought them so much joy and tranquility.

The best luxury beach resorts in the world don't just deliver ocean views, picturesque beaches, standout design, and activities on the water. They're also working every day to become better custodians of the ocean through their environmental and cultural stewardship. [Learn more about this trend](#), and read on for the 15 best beach resorts around the world—in no particular order—that are going the extra mile to protect the marine habitats that inspire us all.



The resort pools at Four Seasons Hualalai use eco-friendly salt technology rather than chlorine. Courtesy of Four Seasons

# 1. Four Seasons Hualalai

- **Location:** Kailua-Kona, Island of Hawai'i
- **Book now**

Set on close to 900 sandy coastal acres on the western coast of the Island of Hawai'i, the Four Seasons Hualalai pulls out all the stops on luxury. The 243 spacious guest rooms and suites are clad in dark wood, with open plans that face the ocean. For multigenerational groups, the villas—with their wide verandas, multibedroom setups, and direct beach access—feel like private residences. The spa's lengthy menu of treatments showcase Hawaiian ingredients, such as local volcanic mud.

The resort is **going to great lengths** to embrace sustainability. More than 75 percent of all food served in the on-site restaurants, including the seasonally inspired 'Ulu Ocean Grill, comes from local purveyors, and food waste gets diverted from landfills to farmers for pig feed. There's a bottling and purification plant on site for the resort's water needs, for everything from pools to laundry. The resort also monitors the biodiversity of the marine reserve it sits next to in partnership with the Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources. Eco-conscious guests can book one of the resort's carbon-neutral villas, which offset emissions through a tree-planting program in partnership with the Hawaiian Legacy Reforestation Initiative, and participate in a beach cleanup.