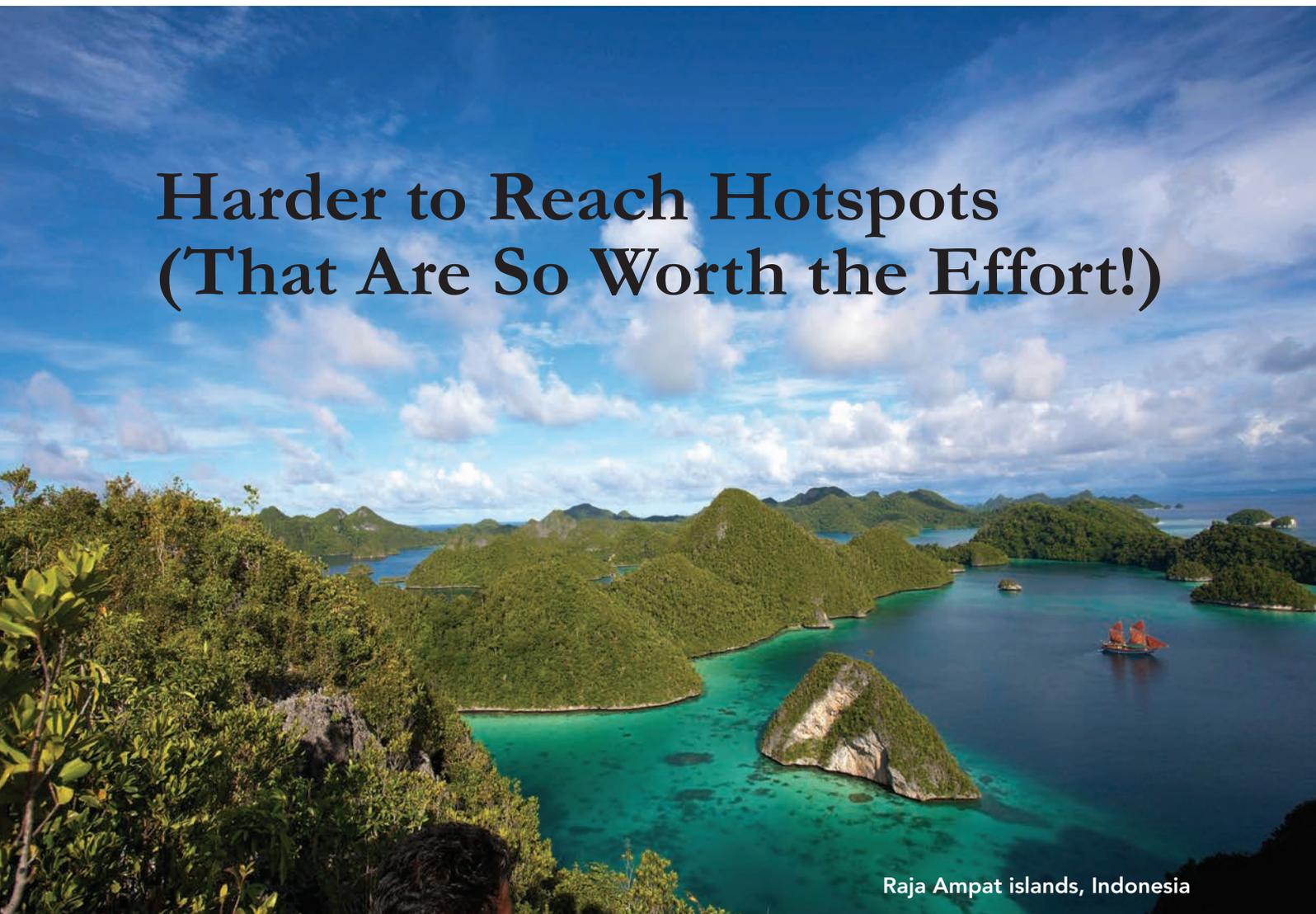


# Harder to Reach Hotspots (That Are So Worth the Effort!)



Raja Ampat islands, Indonesia

**Often, the most incredible destinations require a little bit more effort to get to. Here, we reveal some secluded slices of paradise that are more than worth the journey. – By Lightfoot Travel**

If you're craving a trip that takes you away from the crowds, offers pristine scenery, and introduces you to a tourist-trail-less-travelled, there are plenty of options available. The catch? They can sometimes be a little harder to reach than the usual desirable holiday destinations. "Convenience and ease is always appealing when it comes to planning a luxury escape," says Lucy Jackson, co-founder and director of Lightfoot Travel, "but if you're willing and able to put in a little more effort to reach somewhere, you'll be rewarded with a break that feels indulgent, exclusive, wonderfully unique, and entirely your own." So, embrace that longer journey, extra connecting flight or private boat transfer, and find yourself somewhere like here...

## **The Brando, French Polynesia**

French Polynesia may be the getaway of dreams. Located in the South Pacific Ocean, halfway between California and Australia, you'll need to touch down in New Zealand or Fiji before catching sight of its sandy shores. Slipping into some serious castaway luxe at The Brando a resort located on Marlon Brando's private atoll of Tetiaroa, will help you to overcome the long journey. Enjoy romantic sunset cruises, private helicopter flights over the islands, or simply soak up the region's 'mana' from your overwater villa.

## **Wa Ale Resort, Myanmar**

After flying into Bangkok and being driven over

the border to Myanmar, guests then embark on a three-hour boat ride – via private yacht so no moaning at the back – to Wa Ale. Set on pristine white-sand, eco-friendly Wa Ale comprises 11 family-sized tented beach villas and three treetop villas with a boho-feel. As well as chilling out, practicing yoga and sumptuous dining, you can explore the emerald waters, visit a local Moken fishing community, or trek through the rainforest. What's more, stay here and you'll be directly contributing to the resort's initiative supporting conservation projects and the local community.

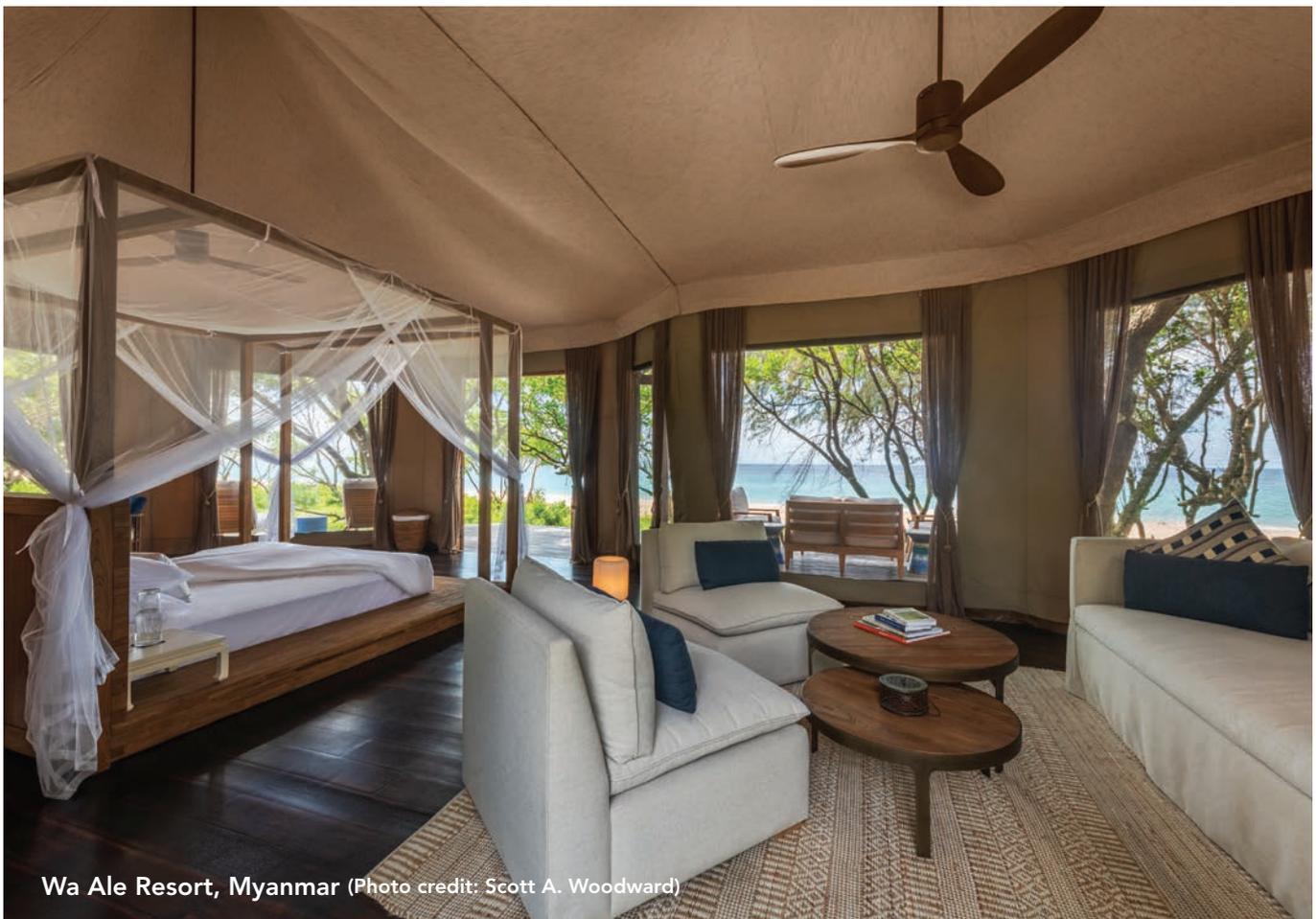
### **Soneva Kiri, Thailand**

Before laying back and clutching a cocktail at this resort on Koh Kood, international guests are met on arrival at Bangkok's airport and transferred to Soneva Kiri on an hour's flight via the resort's own



**The Brando, French Polynesia**

airplane. Here you'll find a world that merges bliss with brilliant fun. Beachfront and hillside villas offer big living spaces, breezy interiors and laid-back décor. There's also a spa, four restaurants, an ice cream shop, a cheese room and cool treepod dining. Activities for children at The Den go above and beyond; little ones can learn how to DJ, paint, build Lego, cook, and more.



**Wa Ale Resort, Myanmar** (Photo credit: Scott A. Woodward)



Four Seasons Resort Lanai, Hawaii



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**Four Seasons Resort Lanai, Hawaii**

Pack a good book and extra snacks for your journey to Hawaii as your journey to paradise involves three flights (HK – Guam – Honolulu – Lanai) to get to there. However, the moment you feast your eyes on the Four Seasons Resort Lanai, all memories of plane seats and iPad marathons will swiftly disappear. Sprawling and exclusive, and low-key and lovely, all rooms come with private lanais and the grounds are dotted with waterfalls, gardens, streams and ponds. You'll also find alluring pools, nine restaurants, a spa, an 18-hole golf course, and a host of water sports available.

**Raja Ampat Islands, Indonesia**

Guests fly to Jakarta and join a connecting flight to Sorong in West Papua to reach the Raja Ampat islands off the northwest tip of West Papua. Upon arrival, it's tricky to tear your eyes away from the sublime scenery which includes turquoise waters, secret lagoons, thick forest and white sand beaches. Experience the region in style with Rascal Charters – a fleet of swish sailing yachts that feature infinity roof decks, night time cinemas, attentive staff, and



**Rascal Charters, Raja Ampat islands, Indonesia**



**Four Seasons Resort Lanai, Hawaii**

**Soneva Kiri, Thailand**



bespoke food and music menus. Spend your days kayaking, surfing and snorkelling, and pitch up in the evening to witness the Instagram-perfect sunsets. 

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