

10 Best Beachfront Bungalows for Perfect Views | Skyscanner Australia

Whatever you call them: beachfront bungalows, overwater bungalows, tropical island resort, villas or huts, bed down on the beachfront for a chilled out beach holiday! Skyscanner(<http://www.skyscanner.com.au/>) has compiled a list of the 10 best overwater bungalows- from Malolo island resort to Fiji island resorts.

Beachfront bungalows offer chilled out holidays by the sea. From simple to spectacular and everything in between, check out [Skyscanner](#) for ten of the best beachfront bungalows from around the globe.

1. [Amilla Fushi](#), Maldives



Photo courtesy of Amilla Fushi

Amilla Fushi, which translates as ‘my island home’ is such a dazzlingly new and bright beach resort (opened in March 2015) that few holiday makers even know it exists. Australians though are already on to it, thanks in part to getting high profile Australian chef Luke Mangan onboard. He’s been given the role of ‘island restaurateur’ and promises a ‘foam, gel and smear-free zone, thank goodness.’

It’s a little strange to find a 1,200 square metre pool in a country renowned for dreamy beaches and crystal clear ocean dotted with coral reef. In fact, most of the beachfront residences of Amilla Fushi come with private pools. Shaded by trees that filter gentle sea breezes, the 2-bedroom Beach House is just the kind of

home for sun-dazzled bodies to retreat to. Timeless, elegant and oh so relaxing... there's plenty of indoor and outdoor spaces that easily merge into each other. It's not hard to imagine spending the entire summer bunkered down here, if the budget allows!

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2. [Malolo Island Resort](#), Fiji



Photo courtesy of Malolo Island Resort

Set on the beach facing the sort of sunsets Fiji is famous for, the Malolo Island Resort does beach house style with a hefty dash of Fijian hospitality. The main lodge channels Colonial plantation style with open verandas, white-washed louvred shutters and slowly revolving fans.

Down on the beach, bures are close enough to lapping water that you can lie in bed and drift off to sleep to the tinkling of washed up coral being rolled around by the tide. Hammocks strung between coconut palms tempt book readers to while away hours while the more energetic take to forest-clad hills and hiking trails beyond the beach. The kids club is so good that kids need to be bribed to return to their families.

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3. [Castaway Island](#), Fiji



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Renowned for its north and south facing white sand beaches, Castaway Island was Fiji's first private island beach resort in the Mamanuca Islands group.

Accessible by boat, seaplane or helicopter, crystal clear waters and traditional Fijian design of thatched roofs and vaulted ceilings lined with tapa cloth create beachfront luxury bungalows in understated Fijian style. Cast away your everyday life in the absence of television, radio, not even a digital clock. Days revolve around the rising tide and the setting sun. Shoes are optional and sarongs are regarded as formal wear.

The Family Beachfront Bure sleeps up to 10 guests comfortably, sits atop powdery white beach sand with its thatched roof shaded by coconut palms.

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4. [Pangulasian Island Resort](#), Philippines



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Fronting almost a kilometre of talcum powder-like sand, the waters of Bacuit Bay, Phillipines are a marine sanctuary, making it a scuba diver's dream holiday destination. Check into a Beach Villa with direct access to Pangulasians pristine beach and you'll think you've died and gone to divers' heaven. A member of Small Luxury Hotels, expect uber plushness and impeccable service. For absolute privacy (perfect for honeymooners), book a Kalaw Villa beachfront on a secluded cove at the island's west end. Reopened in Aug 2015 after major refurbishment.

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5. [Aleenta Hua Hin Resort & Spa](#), Thailand

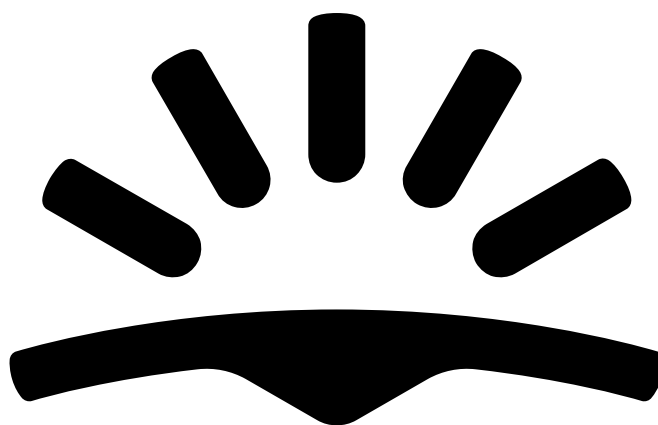


Photo courtesy of Aleenta Hua Hin Resort & Spa

A teeny boutique beach resort with just 22 residences, Aleenta sits beachside overlooking the Gulf of Thailand. Facing west, the beach is ideal for watching the sun dipping below the sea, gin and tonic in hand, loved one by your side.

The double story two-bedroom beach house at Aleenta is a fabulous option for groups of friends or families holidaying together (children under 12 years will need to stay elsewhere as this is for grown-up families). If chilling out on the beach becomes tiresome, retreat to a private rooftop deck with sun lounges and outdoor shower. Downstairs, the main bedroom has a plunge pool between the king bed and the beach to add to holiday dilemmas of how and where to cool down.

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6. [Villa Semarapura](#), Bali



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Admittedly Villa Semarapura, Bali is not your average beachfront bungalow given its lofty dimensions and vast landscaped grounds. No shrinking violet in the 'look at me' stakes, it overlooks a mysterious sea temple sitting atop dramatic volcanic rock. It's the sort of place you'd hire along with ten of your besties for a significant celebration. There's enough nooks and crannies for everyone to find a private spot, or to mingle convivially as a group around the 20m pool, by the bar, in the pavilion or beneath a shady tree on manicured lawns.

Naturally, there's a team of staff on hand to mix the Margaritas, fire up the wok when hunger pangs set in, or soothe weary bodies when a massage seems the only solution to holiday blues. World-class surfing beaches are nearby, but really, why would you bother leaving this secluded piece of paradise?

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7. [Necker Island](#), British Virgin Islands



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A private Caribbean retreat, Necker Island is a haven for wildlife such as pink flamingos, lemurs, tortoises and iguanas. But so too is it a haven for harried celebrities escaping the limelight. Small enough to walk around, the island's coastline is dotted with sweeping strips of sandy beach interrupted with intimate rocky coves. Seclusion is assured.

The Beach House snuggles easily between two tennis courts left and right with the Caribbean Sea out front. An oversized 8-metre long sofa provides ample lounging comfort for beach babies slipping between the beach and private bar. Upstairs, there's an open-sided dining room overlooking the sea that seats up to 40 of your nearest and dearest. As you'd expect with Richard Branson at the helm, everything is top notch with finite attention to detail.

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8. [Aore Island Resort](#), Vanuatu



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Tucked well away from mainstream tourism on a small island off the island of Espirtu Santo, 15 minutes by boat from Luganville, in Vanuatu's north lies a very special holiday gem. Aore Island. The Aore Island Resort offers the sort of chilled out, no-fuss beach resort holiday that many promise but few deliver. An open-sided traditionally crafted central lodge on the beach is the hub of Aore. Guests gather for meals, to chat with staff or other guests or for a quiet drink at the end of the day. It's friendly and simple, promising total beachfront relaxation.

Beachfront bungalows are a few measly steps from gin-clear water loaded with coral bombies pulsing with colourful tropical fish. Snorkelers will find plenty to keep themselves amused while further afield, some of Vanuatu's most famous dive site are reachable by boat.

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9. [Sanctuary Saadani Lodge](#), Tanzania



Photo courtesy of Sanctuary Saadani Lodge

Always wanted to combine an African safari experience with a relaxed beachside holiday? You can in Tanzania's Sanctuary Saadani Safari Lodge, perched on beach sand kissed by the Indian Ocean.

Located within Saadani National Park, the lodge offers all the bells and whistles of a safari with game drives within the national park for wildlife spotting. Between forays into the wilderness guests relax in a handful of beachfront suites. Their Siri Suite is a plush private bungalow with its own bar and pool, perfect for those who crave intimate privacy. Nearby activities include snorkelling, beach walking or turtle spotting. But perhaps their most exciting offering is a sand bank picnic where the occasional pride of lions joins the party.

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10. Garewa Beachfront Village, Papua New Guinea



Photo courtesy of PNG Tourism Promotion Authority

Papua New Guinea in the southwestern Pacific is not usually the first place holidaymakers think of when looking for chilled-out beachfront bungalows – which is actually part of the attraction for the few that do venture to Papua New Guinea’s jungle-clad coastline. Far flung and remote, Garewa Beachfront Village on PNG’s northeast coast is for hardy travellers for whom the journey is every bit as important as the destination.

Concocted from a humble collaboration of twigs, twine and thatch, the beachfront hut has few concessions for western travellers. Located within a village not far from (divers’ favourite) Tufi Resort (who also handle bookings), there is no electricity nor running water. Meals are prepared by village hosts and are simple fare. If you can call lobster poached in coconut milk over an open fire simple. Root vegetables like taro and yam are plentiful too.

What’s the attraction? The location, with snorkelling, canoeing and waterfall hikes within easy reach. But the genuine cultural immersion is a major attraction as well. It rarely gets more authentic than this.

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